

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

# REVIVING THE SUNNAH

*In the footsteps of  
our Nabi  
Muhammad ﷺ*



**BAITUL ILM WAL AMAL**  
CLASSES FOR SISTERS



# THE CORE OF 'ĪMĀN

**Believing that  
Muḥammad ﷺ is  
Allāh's servant and  
final Messenger.**

**TAWḤĪD  
Believing in  
one Allāh.**



Allāh ﷻ sent Nabī ﷺ to  
convey Allāh's message  
and teach us how to obey  
and please Allāh ﷻ .



يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٤٥﴾

وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا ﴿٤٦﴾

**O Prophet, indeed We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner. And one who invites to Allāh, by His permission, and an illuminating lamp.**

{Sūrah Ahzāb: 45, 46}



**Coupled with believing and testifying that  
Muḥammad ﷺ is the final Messenger,  
being a true Muslim entails:**



**Loving Nabī ﷺ.**



**Obeying him and adhering to his  
teachings.**



**Emulating his way of life, the *Sunnah*.**





**The *Sunnah* serves as a practical application of the Qur'ān, guiding believers on how to lead a righteous and virtuous life.**



**The *Sunnah* encompasses all aspects of his ﷺ life, providing a role model for Muslims to follow.**



# SUNNAH IN ISLĀM

Emphasized Method and Style of Our Beloved Nabī ﷺ

## Sunnah Mu'akkadah

🕌 To act on it is emphasized and rewarding, in fact our salvation from the Hell-Fire depends on it.

- 🕌 It complements our *Dīn* (*farḍ* and *wājib* acts).
- 🕌 Leaving it out once, without a valid *shar'ī* excuse, is blameworthy and the person will be admonished.
- 🕌 The one who constantly leaves it out is sinning and may even be deprived of the special intercession of our Nabī ﷺ.



# SUNNAH IN ISLĀM

Habitual Ways of Our Beloved Nabī ﷺ

## Sunnah Ghayr-Mu'akkadah

- 🕌 To act on it is rewarding and an expression of our love for the Nabī ﷺ.
- 🕌 Leaving it out is not a sin, though it deprives one of much good.
- 🕌 It is above *mustahab* in status but below *sunnah mu'akkadah*.





# SIGNIFICANCE & IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING & REVIVING THE SUNNAH



# 1. ALLĀH'S ﷺ COMMAND

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ  
وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ ۖ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ  
إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ ۚ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ ۚ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ۚ



# 1. ALLĀH'S COMMAND

“O you who have believed, **obey Allāh and obey the Messenger** and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, **refer it to Allāh and the Messenger**, if you should believe in Allāh and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.” {*Sūrah Nisā*’: 59}



# 1. ALLĀH'S ﷻ COMMAND

﴿ وَمَا آتَاكُمْ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ ﴾

﴿ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا ﴾.



# 1. ALLĀH'S ﷻ COMMAND

**“And whatever the Messenger  
has given you - take;  
and what he has forbidden  
you - refrain from.”**

{Sūrah Ḥashr: 7}



## 2. OBEYING NABĪ ﷺ IS OBEYING ALLĀH ﷻ

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ  
فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ.



## 2. OBEYING NABĪ ﷺ IS OBEYING ALLĀH ﷻ

**“He who obeys the  
Messenger has  
obeyed Allāh.”**

{*Sūrah Nisā'*: 80}



### 3. EMULATING NABĪ ﷺ IS A SIGN OF ONE'S LOVE FOR ALLĀH ﷻ

﴿قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي﴾

“Say, [O Muḥammad],

‘If you love Allāh, then follow me.’”

{Āl 'Imrān: 31}





# 4. EMULATING NABĪ ﷺ IS THE KEY TO ATTAINING ALLĀH'S ﷻ LOVE & FORGIVENESS

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﴿يُحِبِّكُمْ اللَّهُ﴾

﴿وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ﴾



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[so] Allāh will love you and  
forgive you your sins.’”**

{Āl 'Imrān: 31}



# 5. NABĪ ﷺ IS THE PERFECT ROLE MODEL

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ ﴿٢١﴾

“There has certainly been for you  
in the Messenger of Allāh an  
excellent role model.”

{Al 'Aḥzāb: 21}



“Nabī ﷺ is not only a perfect example as far as ṣalāh, zakāh, ḥajj and fasting are concerned. Rather, he is the perfect example in every facet of human life and activity even in his manner of talking, laughing, smiling and administration of the affairs of the 'ummah. The Qur'ān does not restrict or qualify the term 'uswah'. This implies that Nabī ﷺ is the perfect example in every sphere of human activity and he should be emulated in all matters.”

Mawlānā Badr Ālam Mirti ﷺ



# 6. THE SUNNAH IS A MEANS OF PROTECTION FROM INNOVATIONS

**“Hold on firmly to my *Sunnah* and the *Sunnah* of the rightly guided *khulafā*’. Hold on to it with your teeth. Beware of introducing new things into the religion. Surely, every innovation is misguidance.”**

[*Sunan 'Abī Dāwūd* #4607]



# 7. THE SUNNAH IS THE SOURCE OF ULTIMATE GUIDANCE & PROTECTION FROM GOING ASTRAY

**Nabī ﷺ said:**

**“I leave behind me two things. If you hold onto them, you will never go astray-, the Qur’ān and the *Sunnah* of His Prophet (ﷺ).”**

[*Mustadrak Hākim* 1/93]



# 8. FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH IS A SIGN OF LOVE FOR NABĪ ﷺ

**Nabī ﷺ said:**

**“Whoever revives my *Sunnah*,  
then he has indeed loved me. And  
whoever loved me, he shall be  
with me in Paradise.”**

[Jāmi‘ Tirmidhī #2678]



# 9. ATTAINING JANNAH THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO NABĪ ﷺ

**Nabī ﷺ said:**

**“All of my *Ummah* shall enter Paradise except those who reject.” He was asked: “O Messenger of Allāh! Who are those who reject?” He replied: “**Those who obey me shall enter Paradise** and those who disobey me reject.”** [Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī #7280]





# 10. MERIT & REWARDS FOR REVIVING & FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH

**Nabī ﷺ said:**

**“Indeed, whoever revives a *Sunnah* from my *Sunnah* which has died after me, then for him is a reward similar to whoever acts upon it without diminishing anything from their rewards.”**

[*Jāmi‘ Tirmidhī* #2677]



# 10. MERIT & REWARDS FOR REVIVING & FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH

**Nabī ﷺ said:**

**“Whoever holds onto my *Sunnah* at the time of the corruption of my *Ummah* will receive the reward of a hundred martyrs.”**

[At-Targhib, Kitābuz Zuhd by Bayhaqī #112, Mishkāt Al-Maṣābiḥ #176]

Scholars have mentioned that this *Ḥadīth* refers to practising on the entire *Sunnah* lifestyle, and not just one *Sunnah*.



## FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH: THE KEY TO PROSPERITY & BLISS

“Remember that emulating the *Sunnah* of Nabī ﷺ in all actions is the key to prosperity and bliss, even in his method of eating, sleeping and talking. I am not confining emulation to his method of worship only as there is no justification for abandoning his blessed example in every other matter. Rather, **we would only achieve perfect adherence to the *Sunnah* by following him in every aspect.**”

’Imām Ghazālī رحمه الله



# FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH: THE PATH TO SALVATION

**“The *Sunnah* of Nabī ﷺ is like the ark of Nūh عليه السلام. Whoever embarked upon it was saved and whoever refused was drowned.”**

’Imām Mālik رحمه الله



# THE SUNNAH: THE BASIS OF ALL GOODNESS

**“The basis of goodness  
lies within following  
the words and actions  
of Nabī ﷺ.”**

*Shaykh ‘Abdul Qādir Jilānī* رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ



**“If a person’s action is not stamped with the *Sunnah*, it is merely a pile of dust regardless of its abundance and how great a person considers it to be. It has no recognition in Allāh’s court.”**

حفظه الله Mawlānā Khālid Sayfullāh



اللَّهُمَّ أَحْيِنِي عَلَى سُنَّةِ نَبِيِّكَ ﷺ

وَتَوَفِّئِي عَلَى مِلَّتِهِ

وَأَعِزَّنِي مِنْ مُضِلَّاتِ الْفِتَنِ.

***O Allāh, allow me to live in accordance with the Sunnah (way) of Your Nabī ﷺ and allow me to die on his creed and protect me from (such) trials that will deviate me (from the Sunnah).***

[Du'ā' of Ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا Sunan Kubrā by 'Imām Bayhaqī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ 5/95]

