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## *The Virtue of Compiling Forty Ahaadith*

*In the name Allah, the most Gracious the most Merciful.* All praise is due to Allah and peace, blessings and choicest salutations be upon his beloved Prophet, Nabi Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم). I cannot thank Allah enough for His special favour upon me for granting me the ability to memorize the Noble Qur'an. I clearly recall my journey. It was on the 25<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan 2005. During Sunnat Itikaaf in Masjidun Nabaw (صلى الله عليه وسلم) I found a place on Riadhul Jannah (referred to as the Rawdah) just before Maghrib Salaah. On the same spot after Maghrib Salaah I started to recite the Qur'an from the beginning (Surah Fatiha). I was so gripped by the beauty and awe of reciting the Qur'an that I continued and continued reciting after Esha, through to Fajr. On that night I had no appetite to eat and after Fajr I could not sleep. The Noor of the Qur'an had entered my heart and I continued my recitation of the beautiful Qur'an till shortly after Zohr Salaah when I had completed reciting the entire Qur'an. All praises to Allah. Upon completion, I raised my hands to our Supreme Creator, and made dua. At the end of the dua I asked Allah to grant me that which is beneficial to me and immediately the thought of memorizing the Qur'an entered my mind. Through the grace of Allah, I was inspired and my journey to memories the Qur'an began at the age of forty. Seven and a half wonderful years later, through Allah's help, mercy and kindness and through everyone's duas,

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**Alhamdulillah, I have become a Hafez today. I have narrated the above in gratitude to Allah in the hope that it may serve as an inspiration for others. Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, (The best amongst you is he who learns the Qur'an and teaches it). (Bukhari) Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) also said, (On the Day of Judgment, it will be said to the Man devoted to the Qur'an, 'Go on reciting the Qur'an and continue ascending the stairs of Paradise and recite in the slow manner as you had been reading in worldly life; your final place will be where you reach at the time of the last ayat of your nrecitation). (Tir-midhi).**

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**It has been transmitted to us on the authority of Ali Bin Abi Talib, Abdullah bin Masud, Muadh bin Jabal, Abu Al-Darda, Ibn Abbas, Anas Bin Malik, Abu Hurairah and Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri رضي الله عنهم, that Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم said: (Whosoever memories and preserves for my community forty ahaadith concerning matters of this religion, Allah سبحانه وتعالى, will resurrect him on the Day of Judgment in the company of jurists and religious scholars). In the version of Abu Al-Darda رضي الله عنه, it reads: (On the Day of Judgment I shall be an intercessor and a witness for him). In the version of Ibn Masud رضي الله عنه it reads: (It will be said to him: 'Enter paradise by whichever gate you wish).**

- 1. Live in this world as though you are a stranger or a wayfarer. (Bukhari).**
- 2. Oh Allah, grant me benefit from the knowledge which you have bestowed me, grant me knowledge which will benefit me and increase me in knowledge. All praises be to Allah upon every**



condition. I seek protection in Allah from the punishment of the fire. - Dua of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم (Ibn Majah).

3. One who holds fast to my Sunnah when my ummah is in decay, receives the reward of a hundred martyrs." (Bukhari).
4. A person who desires that his sustenance be expanded or his age be lengthened should join family ties." (Sahih Muslim).
5. The better person in Allah's sight is one who makes salaam first." (Abu Dawood).
6. A person who believes in Allah and the Last Day should be kind to his neighbor." (Sahih Muslim).
7. The best among you is he who learns the Qur'an and teaches it." (Bukhari).
8. The deficiencies of the Fardh (compulsory) prayers are completed through optional prayers." (Tirmidhi).
9. Modesty is from Iman, and Iman will lead you to paradise; Shameless-ness is futility, and futility will lead you to Hell." (Tirmidhi).
10. The most detested of all permissible actions is divorce." (Abu Dawood).
11. Shake hands, it will remove jealousy from your hearts, and exchange gifts, it will remove animosity." (Malik).
12. A woman is generally married either for her wealth, her beauty or her piety; be successful by marrying the pious." (Bukhari).
13. Cursed is the one who offers a bribe and the one who accepts a bribe." (Tirmidhi).
14. All the sons of Adam commit errors, and the best of those who err are those who seek forgiveness." (Tirmidhi).
15. Whoever conceals the faults of others, Allah shall conceal his faults on the Day of Qiyaamah." (Mishkaat).
16. Fear Allah wherever you are; and follow up a bad deed with a good one, it will wipe it out; and behave well towards people." (Tirmidhi).
17. There are two blessings which many people lose: health and free time." (Bukhari).



18. If anyone interprets the Book of Allah in the light of his opinion even if he is right, he has erred." (Abu Dawood).
19. None of you believes till I am dearer to him than his father, his child and all mankind ." (Bukhari).
20. There is no harm in being wealthy for such a person who fears Allah." (Mishkaat).
21. Wealth is not in vast riches but wealth is in self-contentment." (Bukhari).
22. In paradise there are eight doors. Amongst them is a door called Raiyyaan. Only those who fast shall enter through it." (Bukhari).
23. Whoever fasts a day in the path of Allah, Allah will keep his face at a distance of seventy years from the fire of Jahannam." (Muslim).
24. The person observing Itikaaf remains free from sin and he receives the same reward as those who carry out righteous deeds (due to being secluded in the masjid)." (Abu Huraira).
25. Do not set out on a journey except for three mosques i.e. Al-Masjid-Al-Haram, the Mosque of Allah's Apostle (Masjid Nabawi), and the Mosque of Al Aqsa." (Abu Huraira).
26. How blessed is Al-Sham"! The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم asked: 'Why is that?' Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم replied: "I see the angels of Allah spreading their wings over Al-Sham." (Tirmidhi).
27. The dua of a Muslim for his brother (in Islam) in his absence is readily accepted. An angel is appointed to his side. Whenever he makes a beneficial dua for his brother the appointed angel says: "Ameen. And may you also be blessed with the same." (Muslim).
28. There are no days in which deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days (the first 10 days of Dhul-Hijah)." (Bukhari).
29. One who generously spends on his family on the day of Aashura (10th Muharram), Allah will increase (his provision) for the whole year." (Baihaqi).
30. The Miswaak is a cleanser of the mouth, and a means of attaining Allah's pleasure." (Bukhari).



- 31.** A person who gives Adhaan for seven years with the intention of gaining reward, he will be granted protection against the fire of hell." (Tirmidhi).
- 32.** No one who has even an atoms weight of pride in his heart will enter paradise." A man asked him: "What if he likes his clothes and shoes to look good?" The prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied: "Allah is beautiful and loves beauty. Pride means denying the truth and looking down on other people." (Muslim).
- 33.** The gates of Paradise will be open on Mondays and Thursdays, and every servant (of Allah) who associates nothing with Allah will be forgiven, except for a man who has a grudge against his brother. (About them) it will be said: "Delay these two until they are reconciled; delay these two until they are reconciled; delay these two until they are reconciled." (Muslim).
- 34.** Allah does not refuse the duas of the following three people: a fasting man at the time of breaking fast; a just ruler; and an oppressed person. (Tirmidhi).
- 35.** When a person dies, his actions come to an end, except in respect to three things: a continuous charity, beneficial knowledge that helps others and righteous children who pray for him." (Muslim).
- 36.** If people only know what blessings are in proclaiming the adhaan and standing in the first row of congregational prayers, they would race to perform these deeds; and if they only knew what blessings are in the Fajr and Isha prayers, they would come to them even if they had to crawl on their knees." (Bukhari and Muslim).
- 37.** On the Day of Judgment, the closest people to me will be those who invoked blessings upon me the most (in the world)." (Tirmidhi).
- 38.** Eat together and not separately because blessing is with company". (IbnMajah).



- 39. A persons best treasures are a tongue always engaged in the remembrance of Allah, an ever-grateful heart and a believing wife who helps him in his Iman."** (Ahmad, Ibn Majah and Tirmidhi).
- 40. Allah has ninety-nine names (i.e. one hundred minus one); whoever memorizes all of them will enter paradise."** (Bukhari).

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