

## Chapter Six

# **MAJMU‘AH SALAWAAT-U’R-RASUL ﷺ** **(A COMPENDIUM OF BLESSINGS** **ON THE PROPHETIC MESSENGER ﷺ)**

**of: KHWAJA ‘ABDUR RAHMAN CHOHRABI ﷺ**

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### **1. IT IS A GIFT FROM ALLAH ﷻ**

Majmu‘ah Salawaat-u’r-Rasul ﷺ (A Compendium of Blessings on the Prophetic Messenger ﷺ) of Hadrat Mawlana Khwaja ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi ﷺ (passed ahead 1342 A.H.), is a gift given to him by Allah ﷻ. It is a compilation of **salawaat** (blessings) and **salaams** (salutations) on our Holy Prophet Sayyidina wa Mawlana Hadrat Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ, in 30 chapters. Each chapter of 48 pages (one of which is the title page), weaves the **Asma Allah u’l-Husna** (The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ), **Salawaat-u’r-Rasul** (invocation of blessings on the Prophetic Messenger ﷺ) and **du‘a** (supplication to Allah ﷻ) around a particular theme. For example, the theme of the first chapter is “Fi Nurihi wa Zuhurihi” (On the Holy Prophet’s Light and Manifestation); that of the second, “Fi Salawaatihi wa Salaamihi” (On Blessings and Salutations on him); of the third, “Fi Badnihi wa A’dhaaihi” (On his Blessed Body and Limbs) and so on. Each chapter begins with **Surah al-Fatiha** and ends with **Surah Ikhlas**. However, before **Surah al-Fatiha**, Allah ﷻ is invoked for the sake of **Bismillah** (In the Name of Allah). For example, Chapter 7, “Fee Asmaaihi wa Sifaatihi” (On his Blessed Names and Attributes) begins with the following **du‘a**:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَبِأَسْمَاءِ حَبِيبِكَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَبِأَسْمَاءِ جَمِيعِ أَنْبِيَائِكَ وَرُسُلِكَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَبِأَسْمَاءِ عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim**

(In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful). (1:1)

O Allah! I beg of You through the means of Your Names,

**Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim;**

and through the means of the attributive names of Your Beloved (Prophet ﷺ),  
**Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim;**  
 and through the means of the names of all Your Prophets and Your Prophetic Messengers ﷺ,  
**Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim;**  
 and through the means of the names of all Your pious servants,  
**Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim.**

As each chapter of the Majmu'ah begins with **Surah al-Fatiha** and ends with **Surah Ikhlas**, it is perhaps appropriate here to recite **Surah Ikhlas** three times and **Surah al-Fatiha** once.

**Surah Ikhlas** (3 times)

**Al-Fatiha!**

## 2. THE BELOVED PROPHET ﷺ LOVES HIM

For the sake of **Bismillah**, Allah ﷻ made Shaykh 'Abdur Rahman Chohravi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ a **Qutb** (spiritual pillar), a great **sufi** saint in Tariqa al-Qadiriyyah. His 'imamah (prayer turban) was of **Asma u'l-Husna**, his fingerprints were of **Salawaat u'r-Rasul** ﷺ and his lips and tongue were an unceasing chant of **du'a**. The Holy Prophet ﷺ made him his very own, Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ embraced him, and Nabi Nuh عليه السلام lent him his Ark and taught him the verse:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ جَرَّلَهَا وَمُرَّسَهَا

In the Name of Allah shall be its course and its anchoring. (11:41)

He could see that on the Ark was written:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

None is to be worshipped but Allah. Muhammad is the Prophetic Messenger of Allah.

He boarded the Ark with **Bismillah** and at once inscribed **Asma u'l-Husna** on its sails, **Salawaat u'r-Rasul** ﷺ on its oars and **du'a** on its masts. The **sufi** saints who were gathered at the riverbank all joined in the **du'a** together with thousands of angels. The anchor was drawn up after the recitation of **Asma u'l-Husna** which filled 14 pages. The fishes joined in the **Salawaat** and **Salaams** and the birds chanted **Allahu** and **Ahad** (The One and Only), the blessed Names of Allah ﷻ most dear to the Shaykh. The river was smooth and swift flowing and when it came to a gorge, the Shaykh was in full control, the only one who understood such deep spiritual mysteries. As the Ark splashed into the sea, with waves rising on both the sides, it formed the Name "Allah" in Arabic and all aboard were drenched with river and sea water all together and the drenching was **Rahmah** (Mercy) of Allah ﷻ, each drop representing a thousand **salawaat**.

The sea would not be left out either and offered Hizb u'l-Bahr of Imam Abu'l Hasan ash-Shazili رحمته الله, the **malaika** (angels) recited the **hamd** (Praise of Allah ﷻ), the **adhkaar** and the **awraad** (regular voluntary invocations) from the Wird u'l-Latif and the Ratib of Mawlana al-Haddad رحمته الله, and the blood in the veins of the rowers flowed with **du'a**. Enough **Asma Allah**, **salawaat** and **du'a** was recited to fill 1410 letter-size pages in 2 volumes of 15 chapters each. The Ark came safely ashore with the following **salaat**:

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ وَعِزَّتِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

May Allah's blessing be upon him, his Family, his wives, his descendants, his offspring and his Companions, all of them ﷺ.

### 3. IT HAS THE MUSK OF THE QUR'AN

#### Al-Fatiha!

The Majmu'ah is full of verses from the Holy Qur'an. For example, Chapter 19 titled "Fi Ayaatihi wa Bishaaraatihi" (On the Verses of the Qur'an and Glad Tidings about him) begins with 127 **salawaat**, musk-scented with verses of the Holy Qur'an, four of which are:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِى قَالَ اللّٰهُ فِى حَقِّهِ  
قُلْ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّوْنَ اللّٰهَ فَاتَّبِعُوْنِىْ يُحِبِّكُمْ اللّٰهُ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad, for whose sake Allah said (in the Holy Qur'an):

**Say (O Prophet ﷺ)! If you love Allah, follow me; Allah will love you. (3:31)**

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِى قَالَ اللّٰهُ فِى حَقِّهِ  
وَأَقِمُوا الصَّلٰوةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكٰوةَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُوْلَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُوْنَ ﴿٥٦﴾

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad, and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad, for whose sake Allah said (in the Holy Qur'an):

**And establish Prayer and give Zakah (the obligatory charity)**

**and obey the Prophetic Messenger, so that you may obtain mercy (from Allah ﷻ). (24:56)**

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِيْ قَالَ اللهُ فِيْ حَقِّهِ  
لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِيْ رَسُوْلٍ اَللهِ اُسُوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,  
for whose sake Allah said (in the Holy Qur'an):

**Certainly you have in the Prophetic Messenger of Allah an excellent example (to follow).**  
(33:21)

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِيْ قَالَ اللهُ فِيْ حَقِّهِ  
اِنَّ الَّذِيْنَ يُبَايِعُوْنَكَ اِنَّمَا يُبَايِعُوْنَ اَللهَ يَدُ اَللهِ فَوْقَ اَيْدِيْهِمْ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,  
for whose sake Allah said (in the Holy Qur'an):

**Surely, those who pledge allegiance to you (O Beloved Prophet ﷺ),  
pledge allegiance to Allah;  
the hand of Allah is over their hands. (48:10)**

Once he has presented all the verses of the Holy Qur'an Kareem specifically related to the  
beloved Prophet ﷺ, he offers the **Du'a-u Khatmu'l-Qur'an** (Supplication on Completion of  
Qur'an Recitation).

Shaykh 'Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمه الله achieves comprehensiveness in this instance as he does  
throughout the **kitab** (book) by reminding us in the following **salaat** that indeed, the noble  
Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ has been glowingly described not only in the Holy Qur'an,  
but in all other Divinely revealed Books as well.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
الَّذِيْ قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى فِيْ حَقِّ اَوْصَافِهِ فِيْ الرَّبُّوْرِ لِدَاوُدَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ  
وَفِي التَّوْرَاتِ لِمُوْسٰى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ  
وَفِي الْاِنْجِيْلِ لِعِيْسٰى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ  
وَفِي كُلِّ صُحُفٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
whose noble qualities Allah the Exalted rightfully described

in the Zabur of Nabi Dawud (peace be upon him),  
and in the Tawraat of Nabi Musa (peace be upon him),  
and in the Injil of Nabi ‘Isa (peace be upon him),  
and in all the Divine scriptures,  
may Allah bless him and grant him peace.

#### 4. IT HAS THE FRAGRANCE OF HADITH SHAREEF

Each chapter is also full of Hadith Shareef. For example, Chapter 14 titled “Fee Qaalihi wa Maqaalihi” (On what he said and his teachings) devotes the first few pages to 225 **salawaat** woven around the blessed Hadith Shareef, one of which is:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الْقَائِلِ،  
اِنَّمَا الْاَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who said:  
“Indeed, actions are judged by intentions”.

The Hadith Shareef in this **salaat** has been narrated by Sayyidina ‘Umar ibn al-Khattab رضي الله عنه and is the first Hadith reported in As-Sahih (Authentic) of Imam al-Bukhari رحمته الله عليه, and in Riyad u’s-Salihin (Gardens Of The Righteous) of Imam an-Nawawi رحمته الله عليه.

Chapter 26 titled “Fee Khuluqihi wa Akhlaaqihi” (On His Moral Character and Noble Behaviour), is also full of **salawaat** blended with Hadith Shareef related to the topic, three of which are:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي قَالَ،  
اِنَّ اَثْقَلَ شَيْءٍ يُّوَضَّعُ فِي مِيزَانِ الْمُؤْمِنِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ خُلُقٌ حَسَنٌ وَاِنَّ اللهَ يَبْغِضُ الْفَاحِشَ الْبَذِيَّ

O Allah! Bless our master Sayyidina Muhammad who said:  
“Indeed, the more weighty thing placed in the Scales (of good deeds) of a believer  
on the Day of Judgement is his good behaviour,  
and surely, Allah detests a person who is obscene and shameless”.

The Hadith Shareef in this **salaat** has been narrated by Hadrat Abu ad-Darda’ رضي الله عنه and is reported by Imam at-Tirmidhi رحمته الله عليه, as well as by Imam an-Nawawi رحمته الله عليه in Riyad us-Salihin (with slightly different wording).

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي

سَأَلَ رَجُلٌ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ غَنَمًا بَيْنَ جَبَلَيْنِ فَأَعْطَاهُ إِيَّاهُ  
فَأَتَى قَوْمَهُ فَقَالَ، أَمْنِي قَوْمِي أَسْلِمُوا، فَوَاللَّهِ إِنَّ مُحَمَّدًا لَيُعْطِي عَطَاءً مَا يَخَافُ الْفَقْرَ

O Allah! Bless our master Sayyidina Muhammad, the Prophet,  
who, may Allah bless him and grant him peace,  
was once asked by someone to give him a flock of sheep between the mountains  
and he gave that to him.

So, that person came to his community and said: “O people! Embrace Islam.  
By Allah! Truly, Muhammad gives away so much as if he does not fear poverty”.

The Hadith Shareef in this **salaat** has been narrated by Hadrat Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه and is reported  
by Imam Muslim رحمته الله.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِيْ  
مَا سُئِلَ شَيْئًا قَطُّ فَقَالَ لَا

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad  
who never said “no” whenever he was asked for anything.

The Hadith Shareef in this **salaat** has been narrated by Hadrat Jabir bin ‘Abdullah رضي الله عنه and is  
reported by Imam Al-Bukhari رحمته الله and Imam Muslim رحمته الله.

## 5. SALAWAAT WITH HADITH AL-QUDSI

One of the most pleasing features of this **kitab** is that Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمته الله  
presents many **salawaat** with Hadith al-Qudsi as well. The difference between Hadith al-Qudsi  
and Hadith an-Nabawi is that while Hadith an-Nabawi are Sayings of the blessed Prophet  
(Sallallahu ‘alayhi wa Sallam), Hadith al-Qudsi is what Allah ﷻ has communicated to him  
through revelation, inspiration, or in a dream, and the beloved Prophet ﷺ has then  
communicated it in his own words. The Qur’an is of course superior to Hadith al-Qudsi because  
besides being revealed, it is Allah’s own Word.

One of the **salawaat** in the Majmu‘ah containing Hadith al-Qudsi is as follows:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِيْ قَالَ فِي الْقُدْسِيِّ قَالَ اللهُ  
يَا بَنِي اٰدَمَ، كَمْ مِنْ سِرَاجٍ اُظْفَاهُ الرَّجِيْءُ  
وَ كَمْ مِنْ عَابِدٍ اَفْسَدَهُ الْعُجْبُ

وَكَمْ مِّنْ فَقِيرٍ أَفْسَدَهُ الْفَقْرُ  
 وَكَمْ مِّنْ غَنِيٍّ أَفْسَدَهُ الْغِنَى  
 وَكَمْ مِّنْ صَحِيحٍ أَفْسَدَهُ الْعَافِيَةُ  
 وَكَمْ مِّنْ عَالِمٍ أَفْسَدَهُ الْعِلْمُ،  
 يَا بَنِي آدَمَ، زَارِعُونِي وَرَايَحُونِي وَأَسْقُونِي وَعَامِلُونِي،  
 إِنَّ رَبِّكُمْ عِنْدِي مَا لَا عَيْنٌ رَأَتْ وَلَا أُذُنٌ سَمِعَتْ وَلَا خَطَرَ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ  
 وَلَا تَنْفَدُ خَزَائِنِي وَلَا يَنْقُصُ مُلْكِي،  
 أَنَا الْوَهَّابُ

O Allah! Bless our master Sayyidina Muhammad who said in Hadith al-Qudsi that Allah said:

O son of Adam!

How many lamps have been put out by the wind,  
and how many worshippers have been spoiled by pride,  
and how many **faqeers** (derveshes) have been spoiled by **faqr** (poverty),  
and how many of the rich have been spoiled by riches,  
and how many of the healthy have been spoiled by good health,  
and how many of the learned have been spoiled by knowledge?

O son of Adam!

Sow for Me, profit for My sake, put your confidence in Me, and work for Me.

Truly, the gain you will have from Me (in Paradise),

no eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has it occurred to the heart of any human being.

My treasures do not run out and My Kingship does not decrease.

I am the Bestower.

## 6. THE BELOVED PROPHET'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNSEEN

Chapter 21, "Fee 'Ilmihi wa 'Ilmi Ghaybihi" (On his knowledge of what is seen and his knowledge of the Unseen), has 361 **salawaat** proving that the blessed Prophet ﷺ had the knowledge of the seen as well as the unseen. For example, the beloved Prophet ﷺ had seen heaven and hell, he had seen Archangel Jibril عليه السلام as well as the other angels, he had been to the seven heavens and met the Prophets عليهم السلام when he was invited by Allah ﷻ on **mi'raj** (heavenly ascension), he had seen the punishment given to sinners in their graves, he knew who would go to heaven and hell, he knew that Imam al-Hasan رضي الله عنه would one day unite two Muslim factions, and he knew that Sayyidatina Fatima رضي الله عنها would be the first to follow him after he left his earthly existence. He made many other prophecies all of which came true. For example, he prophesized that Allah ﷻ will conquer Rome and Persia for the Muslims. He knew about **Sidratu'l**

**Muntaha** (the farthest Lote-tree), ‘**Arsh** (Allah’s Throne), **Maqam Mahmud** (The Highest Praised Station), as well as the **Tasbeehaat** (words of Glorification of Allah ﷻ) by the angels in the various heavens. He informed us that the **Tasbeeh** recited by the angels in the first heaven is “Subhana Dhi’l Mulki wa’l Malakut” and Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has a **salaat** for it:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
الَّذِي أَخْبَرَنَا أَنَّ تَسْبِيحَ مَلَكَةِ السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا،  
سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْمُلْكِ وَالْمَلَكُوتِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad who informed that the Glorification of Allah by the angels on the first heaven is: Glorified is The Owner of the Sovereignty and the Kingdom of heaven.

In the same way, he informed about the **Tasbeehaat** (words of Glorification) by the angels on the other heavens as follows:

On the second heaven:

سُبْحَانَ ذَا الْعِزَّةِ وَالْجَبَرُوتِ

Glorified is The Possessor of Honour and Omnipotence

On the third heaven:

سُبْحَانَ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ

Glorified is The Ever-Living, The Everlasting

On the fourth heaven:

سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّ مَلَائِكَةِ الرُّوحِ

Glorious, The Most Holy, our Lord, and the Lord of the angels and of the Archangel Jibril عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

On the fifth heaven:

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ جَمَعَ بَيْنَ الشَّلْجِ وَالنَّارِ

Glorified is He Who brought together ice and fire

On the sixth heaven:



سُبْحَانَ الْمَلِكِ الْقُدُّوسِ رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

Glorified is The King, The Most Holy One, Lord of all creation,  
and to Him is the return (on the Day of Judgement)

On the seventh heaven:

سُبْحَانَ خَالِقِ النُّورِ

Glorified is The Creator of light

When we finish reciting Chapter 21 of Majmu‘ah Salawaat-u’r-Rasul ﷺ, we obtain the certitude that Allah ﷻ gave the sum total of all knowledge, both manifest and hidden to the beloved Prophet ﷺ who then distributes it among people in proportion to what has been decreed for them by Allah ﷻ, **Khaaliqu kulli shay’** (the Creator of everything).

## 7. HIS LOVE FOR ALLAH ﷻ AND THE PROPHET ﷺ

Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمه الله received this priceless inheritance in immense measure. As you recite each chapter, you marvel at his love for Allah ﷻ, for the beloved Prophet ﷺ, for his Family and Companions رضي الله عنهم, the **awliya** (sufi saints) and the **salihin** (the pious) رضي الله عنهم. In Chapter 30, “Fee Khayri Khalqihi wa Khayri Ummatihi” (On the Best of Creation and his Best Community), he offers **salawaat** on the Holy Prophet ﷺ and on all the other Prophets ﷺ (mentioning more than a hundred Prophets ﷺ by name), on the **ummahaat u’l-mu’mineen** (mothers of faithful believers) رضي الله عنهن, especially on Sayyidatina Khadija رضي الله عنها and Sayyidatina ‘Aisha رضي الله عنها, on the **Ahl u’l-Bayt** (his blessed Household), especially Sayyidina ‘Ali, Sayyidatina Fatima, Sayyidina Imam al-Hasan, and Sayyidina Imam al-Husayn رضي الله عنهم, and on the **Khulafa ar-Rashidin al-Mahdiyyin**, that is Sayyidina Abubakr as-Siddiq, Sayyidina ‘Umar al-Faruq, Sayyidina ‘Uthman Dhu’n-Nurayn and Sayyidina ‘Ali al-Murtada رضي الله عنهم, on the other **sahaba** (Companions) رضي الله عنهم, mentioning more than a hundred **sahaba** by name, on the **awliya** and the **salihin** رضي الله عنهم, especially on Muhyuddin Shaykh ‘Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رحمه الله, as well as the **awliya** in Tariqa al-Qadiriyyah, Chishtiyyah and Naqshbandiyyah.

Let us savour seven **salawaat** from the Majmu‘ah to appreciate his love for the Prophet ﷺ.

Noor Muhammad-i ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
الَّذِي خَلَقَ اللَّهُ نُورَهُ قَبْلَ الْخَلْقِ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهُ جَمِيعَ الْأَشْيَاءِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad

whose **noor** (light) Allah created before (other) creation  
and from it created all other things.

### Qadamu Sidqin

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى قَدَمِ صِدْقٍ  
صَلَوَةٌ تَقْدِمُنَا بِهَا إِلَى صِدْقِ الْمَصْدُوقِينَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ الْمَحْبُوبِينَ الْمُبَشِّرِينَ  
وَدَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَنَّ لَهُمْ قَدَمَ صِدْقٍ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on “One with a sincere footing”(one of the Asma’ un-Nabi ﷺ);  
such a blessing which will lead us towards  
the truth of those who are accepted as truthful, those drawn near to Allah, the beloveds,  
the givers of glad news (as You told the beloved Prophet ﷺ):  
**and give glad news to the believers**  
**that they have a footing of truth with their Lord. (10:2)**

### How he spent his time

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
الَّذِي كَانَ أَوْقَاتُهُ ثَلَاثَةَ أَجْزَاءٍ، جُزْءٌ لِلَّهِ وَجُزْءٌ لِأَهْلِهِ وَجُزْءٌ لِنَفْسِهِ ثُمَّ جُزْءٌ لَبَيْتِهِ وَبَيْنَ النَّاسِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad  
whose time was used in three parts:  
one part was for Allah, one part was for his Family, and one part was for himself;  
then the part that was for himself, he again divided into two:  
one for himself and one for his dealings with people.

### His sifaat (Noble Attributes)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
الَّذِي كَانَتْ الْمَعْرِفَةُ رَأْسَ مَالِهِ وَالطَّاعَةُ غَايَةَ أَمَالِهِ وَالْعَقْلُ أَصْلُ دِينِهِ  
وَالْتَفَكُّرُ ضِيَاءَ يَقِينِهِ وَالْحُبُّ أَسَاسُهُ وَالتَّقْوَى لِبَاسُهُ  
وَالشُّوقُ مَرْكَبُهُ وَالرُّهُدُ مَكْسَبُهُ وَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى أُنْيُسُهُ  
وَالْحُزْنُ جَلِيسُهُ وَالصَّبْرُ رِدَائُهُ وَالتَّوَكُّلُ كِسَاءُهُ  
وَالرِّضَاءُ دُرَّةُ تَاجِهِ وَالْيَقِينُ نُورُ سِرَاجِهِ وَالْخَشْيَةُ ثَمَرَةُ فُؤَادِهِ

وَالصِّدْقُ زَادُ مَعَادِهِ وَالْفَقْرُ فَخْرُهُ عَلَى أَقْرَانِهِ وَالْعِزُّ إِلَى حَضْرَةِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى رَوْحُ بُسْتَانِهِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad  
whose knowledge was his capital investment,  
and obedience (to Allah ﷻ) was the utmost limit of his hopes,  
and intellect was the basis of his religion,  
and meditation was the brightness of his certitude,  
and love was his foundation,  
and reverential awe of Allah was his clothing,  
and ardent desire (to please Allah ﷻ at all times) was his conveyance,  
and abstinence was his earning,  
and the remembrance of Allah The Exalted was his close friend,  
and grief was his sitting companion,  
and patience was his robe,  
and reliance on Allah was his garment,  
and contentment was a pearl in his crown,  
and certitude was the light of his lamp,  
and fear (of Allah ﷻ) was the fruit of his heart,  
and truth was the provision for his Hereafter,  
and poverty was what he prided himself about over others,  
and humbleness in the Presence of Allah The Exalted was the beauty of his garden.

**Basharun laa ka'l bashar**

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
بَشَرٌ لَا كَالْبَشَرِ وَنِسْبَتُهُ مِنَ الْخَلْقِ نِسْبَةُ يَاقُوْبَ بْنِ حَجَرٍ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad  
who was a human being but not like other human beings.  
His comparison with creation  
is like that of a priceless gem among stones.

**Shari'ah, Tariqa, Haqiqa, Ma'rifa**

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى مُطَاعٍ  
صَلُوَةٌ تُطِيعُنَا بِهَا شَرِيْعَةُ الْمُحَمَّدِيَّةِ وَطَرِيقَةُ الْاَحْمَدِيَّةِ وَحَقِيْقَةُ السَّرْمَدِيَّةِ وَمَعْرِفَةُ الْاِلَهِيَّةِ بِاطَاعَةٍ  
اَطِيعُوْا اللهَ وَاَطِيعُوْا الرَّسُوْلَ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on the “one who is obeyed”;  
 such a blessing by means of which You may make us obey  
 Sayyidina Muhammad’s Shari‘ah (law),  
 and Sayyidina Ahmad’s Tariqa (spiritual path),  
 and the eternal Haqiqa (Essential reality),  
 and Ma‘rifa (direct knowledge of Allah’s Attributes);  
 by obeying (the verse of the Qur'an):  
**Obey Allah and obey the (Prophetic) Messenger. (4:59)**

In this **salaat**, four of the blessed attributive names of the beloved Prophet ﷺ from the **Asma’ un-Nabi** ﷺ have been used: Muta‘, Muhammad, Ahmad and Rasul ﷺ.

**Fanaa Fillah, Baqaa Billah**

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
 الْفَانِي فِيكَ فِي كُلِّ الْأَوْقَاتِ وَالْبَاقِي بِكَ فِي جَمِيعِ الْحَالَاتِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
 and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad  
 who was extinct in You at all times  
 and who was abiding with You in all situations.

## 8. SALAAT ON THE SALAAH (PRAYER) OF THE PROPHET ﷺ

An established tradition among the **mashaayikh** (spiritual masters) who have composed **salawaat** is to invoke blessings of Allah ﷻ on each of the **a‘maal** (actions or deeds) of the blessed Prophet ﷺ. Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمه الله is no exception. His **salaat** (blessing) on the **Salaah** (Prayer) of the beloved Prophet ﷺ is a gem nobody would like to part with.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
 وَعَلَى جُذُعِهِ فِي الْجَذَعِ وَنِيَّتِهِ فِي النِّيَّاتِ وَتَكْبِيرِهِ فِي التَّكْبِيرَاتِ وَتَحْرِيمَتِهِ فِي التَّحْرِيمَاتِ  
 وَقَرُضِهِ فِي الْفَرَائِضِ وَوَاجِبِهِ فِي الْوَاجِبَاتِ وَسُنَّتِهِ فِي السُّنَنِ وَمُسْتَحَبَّتِهِ فِي الْمُسْتَحَبَّاتِ  
 وَنَفْلِهِ فِي النَّوَافِلِ وَمُبَاحِهِ فِي الْمُبَاحَاتِ وَتَهْجُدِهِ فِي الْمَتَهَجِّدِينَ وَقِرَاءَتِهِ فِي الْقُرَاءِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
 and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad  
 and on his tree stump among all tree stumps,  
 and on his intention among all intentions,  
 and on his **takbeer** (**Allahu Akbar**, Allah is Supremely Great) among all **takbeeraat**,

and on his state of ritual consecration (to start a Prayer), among all such states of consecration,  
 and on his obligatory Prayer among all obligatory Prayers,  
 and on his necessary Prayer among all necessary Prayers,  
 and on his Prayer which became his Tradition among all such Traditional Prayers,  
 and on his recommended Prayer among all recommended Prayers,  
 and on his optional Prayer among all optional Prayers,  
 and on his permitted Prayer among all permitted Prayers,  
 and on his optional night-vigil Prayer among all those who perform optional night-vigil Prayers,  
 and on his recitation (of the Qur'an) among all reciters.

In invoking blessings on the Prayer of the beloved Prophet ﷺ, the Shaykh also invokes blessings on the tree stump where he used to deliver his Friday **khutbah** (sermon) until a pulpit was built for him as we learn from this blessed Hadith Shareef:

Narrated by Jabir bin Abdullah رضي الله عنه: The Prophet ﷺ used to stand by a tree or a date palm on Friday. Then an Ansari woman or man said, "O Prophetic Messenger of Allah! Shall we make a pulpit for you?" He replied, "If you wish". So they made a pulpit for him and when it was Friday, he proceeded towards the pulpit (for delivering the sermon). The date-palm cried like a child! The Prophet ﷺ descended (the pulpit) and embraced it while it continued moaning like a child being quietened. The Prophet ﷺ said, "It was crying for (missing) what it used to hear of religious knowledge given near to it". (al-Bukhari)

## 9. SALAAT WITH TASBEEHAAT AND PRAISE OF ALLAH ﷻ

Trust Shaykh 'Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمته الله to come up with a **salaat** with **Tasbeehaat** and the **Kalima at-Tawhid** as in this instance:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي قَالَ،  
 سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،  
 وَصَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي قَالَ،  
 سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ،  
 وَصَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي قَالَ،  
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

O Allah! Bless our master Sayyidina Muhammad who said,  
 "Glorified is Allah, and all Praise is for Allah  
 and none is to be worshipped but Allah, and Allah is Supremely Great."  
 And Bless Sayyidina Muhammad who said,  
 "Glorified is Allah as He Himself Praises Himself."

And Bless Sayyidina Muhammad who said,  
“None is to be worshipped but Allah; He is One; He has no partner.  
His is the Kingdom and His is the Praise and He is All-Powerful over all things.”

## 10. HIS SCHOLARSHIP

The miracle is that Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمہ اللہ did not obtain a **madrasa** education beyond learning Qur’anic recitation, nor did he learn how to write. His Majmu‘ah Salawaat-u’r-Rasul رحمہ اللہ is therefore a gift from Allah ﷻ. It took 12 years, 8 months and 20 days to complete; and was sent for publication to his **Khalifa** (deputy) in Rangoon, Burma in the year the Shaykh left his earthly abode in Pakistan on 1st Dhu’l Hijjah 1342 A.H.

The preface to the Majmu‘ah gives the life history of the Shaykh. The fact that he was destined for great heights was revealed at the tender age of eight when he kept optional fasts for 40 continuous days while being initiated into **tariqa** (spiritual path leading to Allah ﷻ). While yet a child, he achieved **tazkiya** (spiritual purification). سبحان اللہ **SubhaanAllah!** (Glorified is Allah)!

When you recite Majmu‘ah Salawaat-u’r-Rasul رحمہ اللہ, you realise that Muslim scholarship is alive and well, but that it is not disseminated widely enough. If a book remotely resembling this masterpiece had been produced by a Christian concerning his religion, dozens of Ph.D’s would already have been produced on it but the aim of Muslims is to seek **Rida Allah** (the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ), and just reciting the Majmu‘ah from cover to cover is enough of an achievement. And now we can benefit from its translation in Urdu as well, by Shaykh u’l-Hadith Mawlana Muhammad Ashraf Siyalwi, of which the first six chapters have already been done with great loving care befitting its dignity and stature.

The Majmu‘ah is in the tradition of Imam al-Jazuli’s Dalaail u’l-Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds), in that it is a selected compilation of **salawaat** existing up to that time. It is evident that Allah ﷻ had opened the heart of Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمہ اللہ to the vast seas of ‘**ulum** (knowledge) of this world as well as the Hereafter. He was an authority on **salawaat**, **du‘a**, **awraad** and **adhkaar** of which he presented his choicest collection in 1410 pages of the Majmu‘ah. Indeed, he loved Dalaail u’l-Khayraat so much that he composed a **salaat** on it as follows:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى دَلِيلِ الْخَيْرَاتِ،  
صَلُوةً تُدَلِّلُنَا بِهَا بِدَلَالِ الْخَيْرَاتِ وَشَوَارِقِ الْأَنْوَارِ،  
وَتُخَيِّرُنَا بِهَا بَيْنَ خَيْرِ الْأَخْيَارِ الْأَبْرَارِ،  
فَاسْتَبْقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on the “Proof of Good Deeds”,  
a blessing by means of which You may guide us  
to Dalaail u’l-Khayraat wa Shawaariq u’l-Anwaar  
(Proofs of Good Deeds and the Brilliant Burst of Sunshine),  
and by means of which You may choose us as charitable good people,  
with the pick of the pious elite, the best of the righteous,  
(as You said in the Holy Qur’an):  
**so strive to excel in good deeds.** (2:148 and 5:48)

The beloved Prophet ﷺ is **Daleel u’l-Khayraat** (Guide to good deeds), Imam al-Jazuli رحمه الله compiled a book of blessings on him called Dalaail u’l-Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds) and Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمه الله composed a **salaat** on the **Daleel u’l-Khayraat** together with the title of the book Dalaail u’l-Khayraat to fulfil Allah’s command of **Fastabiqu’l Khayraat**! Isn’t that neat and special?

Chapter sixteen of the Majmu’ah titled “Fee ‘Azamatihi wa ‘Izzatihi” (On his Greatness and Respect), has 196 **salawaat** composed in a similar pattern. They start with an attributive name in praise of the beloved Prophet ﷺ and end with a verse or part of the verse of the Qur’an. These form the Salawaat u’l-‘Uzmaa (The Great Invocation of Blessings) of the Shaykh and have been printed separately in another **kitab** (book) titled Awraad u’l-Qaadiyyah Rahmaniyyah (Regular Voluntary Invocations of the Qaadiyyah Rahmaniyyah) compiled by al-‘Allamah as-Sayyid Muhammad Tayyib Shah رحمه الله. Those who feel overwhelmed by the Majmu’ah would do well to recite at least the Salawaat u’l-‘Uzmaa of the great Shaykh.

This naturally raises the question: if you really aspire to recite the encyclopaedic Majmu’ah from cover to cover, how would you really go about doing it? If you recite a chapter a day, you can complete its thirty chapters in a month. Each chapter takes about two to three hours to recite, depending on how fast and proficient you are at Arabic recitation. On the other hand, if the **mureedeen** (disciples) decide to adopt a more leisurely pace and recite a chapter a week (7 pages a day), that would give them at most 21 minutes of recitation every day and at this rate, they can complete the Majmu’ah in seven months. ﷻ **Allahu Akbar** (Allah is Supremely Great)!

To gain a flavour of it and some appreciation, the beginner would be well advised to recite at least the first three chapters because they form an integrated whole, starting with and ending in **Asma u’l-Husna** (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ), with **salawaat** and **du’a** interspersed in-between. That might indeed provide the encouragement to complete the whole **kitab**! However, before embarking on this momentous venture, the **saalik** (spiritual traveller) would be well advised to get the **ijaza** (permission) of his **Shaykh** (spiritual master).

## 11. HIS DU‘A

It is fitting to conclude with the **du’a** at the end of Chapter 15 in Volume 1 which combines **du’a** with **Asma u’l-Husna**, verses of the Holy Qur’an and **salaat** in a manner that is an outstanding feature of the Majmu’ah of Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahman Chohravi رحمه الله.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ يَا حَنَّانُ يَا مَنَّانُ يَا دَيَّانُ يَا سَلْطَانُ يَا سُبْحَانَ،  
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَنَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾ فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ مِنَ  
 الْغَمِّ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ نُنْجِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾ وَزَكَرِيَّا إِذْ نَادَى رَبَّهُ رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا  
 وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
 مَظْهَرِ الْوَاحِدِيَّةِ وَمَجْلَى حَضَرَاتِ التَّجَلِّيَّاتِ الْقُدْسِيَّةِ الْوَاحِدِيَّةِ وَحُضُورِ حَضَرَاتِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ الْوَاحِدَانِيَّةِ  
 قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴿٣﴾ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴿٤﴾

O Allah! O The Ever-Living, O The Self-Existing by Whom all subsist,  
 O The Compassionate, O The One Who Bestows favours,  
 O The Judge, O The Ruler, O The Glorified.

(Prophet Yunus, peace be upon him, said):

**“None is to be worshipped but You, Glorified are You; indeed I acted improperly”.**

**Then We responded to him and delivered him from the grief  
and thus do We deliver the believers.**

**And Zakariyyaa when he called out to his Lord (saying):**

**“O my Lord! Leave me not alone and You are the Best (Final) Inheritor (of everything).**

(21:87-89)

O Allah! Bless and bestow peace on our master Sayyidina Muhammad  
 and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,  
 who appearance manifests Divine Unity, and  
 who is manifestly present  
 in the Sacred Manifestations of  
 the Oneness of Allah

(which is declared in His Praise by all His creation)

and present in the Sacred Presence of the Oneness of Allah

(as Allah ﷻ says in the Holy Qur'an):

**Say (O Prophet ﷺ): He, Allah is One.**

**Allah, The Self-Sufficient, Eternally Besought.**

**He begets not, nor was He begotten.**

**And there is none like Him. (112:1-4)**

**Al-Fatiha!**



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