

باب الجنة

The Door to Paradise

Forty Prophetic narrations on the superiority of remembrance and invocation
of
Allah (Mighty and Majestic)

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First narration

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Allah (The Exalted) said I am affirm my servants opinion of me; therefore I am with him when he remembers me; if he mentions me to himself; I mention him; if he mentions me to a gathering; I mention him in a better gathering. If he approaches to the extent of a hand span; I approach him to the extent of a cubit; if he approaches me the extent of a cubit; I approach him walking and he comes to me walking, I approaching him rapidly.”*

Bukhari and Muslim.

Second narration

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“I am with my servant when he verbally mentions me.”*

Ibn Majah and Ibn Hibban.

Third narration

‘Abdullah ibn Busr (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that a man said, *“O’ Messenger of Allah, the legality of Islam has become cumbersome; so inform me of something that I can adhere to.”* He (Peace and blessing of Allah upon him and his family) said, *“Let your tongue not cease from the remembrance of Allah most high.”*

At-Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah and Al-Hakim and Ibn Hibban.

Fourth narration

Malik ibn Ukhamir narrates that our master Mu'adh ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) said to them, "The best words that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said before he passed away, was when I asked, "Which works are the dearest to Allah?" He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"To die and your tongue is constant with the remembrance of Allah."*

Ibn Hibban, Tabarani and Al-Bazzar.

Fifth narration

Abu Ad-Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Would you like me to inform you of the best of works to your Lord, that raises your ranks and is better for you than spending gold and silver; better than meeting the enemy; you smiting their necks and they smiting yours?"* They said, "Of course." He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Remembrance of Allah."*

Mu'adh ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Nothing frees one from the punishment of Allah more, than the remembrance of Allah."

At-Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah, Ahmed through a sound narration, Al-Hakim and Al-Bayhaqi in Shu'ab Al-Iman

Sixth narration

Abu Dharr (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that he came to the Messenger of Allah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) and mentions in a lengthy narration that he asked, "O' Messenger of Allah, give me counsel." He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "*I counsel you to fear Allah because this will beautify your entire concern.*"

"O' Messenger of Allah, give me more."

"Maintain recitation of the Quran and invoke Allah because the invocation is for you in the Heavens and is light for you on the Earth."

"Give me more."

"Then fast frequently as it is repulsive to the devil and will help you in all the affairs of the religion."

"Give me more."

"I warn you not to laugh frequently as it will cause the hearts death and the light of the face to disappear."

"Give me more."

"Speak the truth even if it is bitter."

"Give me more."

"Do not fear Allah in the blame of the censurer."

"Give me more."

"Restrain from people, what you know about yourself."

Imam Ahmed, Tabarani, Ibn Hibban and Al-Hakim

Seventh narration

Abu Hurayrah (May Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Allah's angels wander the pathways in search of the people of remembrance. When they find them they call each other to adhere to their needs. Then they surround them with their wings up to the celestial world and then the Lord asks, and he knows better than them, "What do my servants say?" The angels reply, "They praise, magnify, exalt and revere you."*

"Have they seen me?"

"No, by your Majesty they have not seen you."

"What if they had seen me?"

"Their worship, magnification and praise for you would intensify."

"What have they asked of me?"

"They ask you for paradise."

"Have they seen it?"

"No, by your Majesty, O' Lord they have not seen it."

"What if they had seen it?"

"If they had seen it their keenness, their requests would intensify and their desire would be greater."

"What do they seek refuge from?"

"They seek refuge from the hellfire."

"Have they seen it?"

"No, by your Majesty they have not seen it."

"What if they had seen it?"

"If they saw it then their desire to be secure from it would increase, as would their fear."

"Testify that I have forgiven them."

Then one of the angels asks, "There is person who has come for another reason."

"They are a people who never allow someone be thirsty in their company."

Bukhari, Muslim, the text is from Bukhari.

Eighth narration

Abu Musa As-Ash'ari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"The likeness of those who remember their Lord and those who do not; is the likeness of the living and the dead."*

Bukhari and Muslim, the text is from Bukhari.

Ninth narration

Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Increase your remembrance of Allah until they call you insane."*

Imam Ahmed, Abu Ya'lla and Al-Hakim.

Tenth narration

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) was passing through a path in Mecca, when they came to a mountain. "This is Jumran," said someone. He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Climb Jumran and outstrip the unique ones."* They asked, "Who are the unique ones?" He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Those in constant remembrance of Allah; the heaviness of the remembrance means they will come to Allah on the day of judgement, light."*

Muslim with text from At-Tirmidhi.

Eleventh narration

Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Satan puts his mouth on the heart of the son of Adam, but the remembrance of Allah causes his retreat. The heart becomes overwhelmed when he has forgotten.”*

Abu Ya’lla, Al-Bayhaqi and Ibn Abu Dunya

Twelfth narration

Mu’adh ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) was asked by a man, *“Which struggle has the most reward?”* He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Excessive remembrance of Allah most high.”*

“Which righteous person has the most reward?”

“Excessive remembrance of Allah most high.” Then he mentioned daily prayers, alms, Pilgrimage and donations. For every question he gave the same answer, *“Excessive remembrance of Allah most high.”*

Abu Bakr asked ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with them), *“O’ Abu Hafs, do the ones who make remembrance proceed with all good?”* The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon and his family) said, *“Yes.”*

Imam Ahmed and Tabarani.

Thirteen narration

Abu Musa Al-Ashari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“If a man has silver coins in his lap, apports them and another (man) remembers Allah, the one who remembered Allah is superior.”*

Tabarani with a fine chain.

Fourteen narration

The mother of Anas (may Allah be pleased with her) asked, *“O’ Messenger of Allah, advise me.”* He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Leave disobedience, it is a great emigration; be mindful of your daily prayers that is the greatest struggle; intensify in your remembrance of Allah because you do not come to Allah with anything more beloved than excessive remembrance.”*

Tabarani with a good chain.

Fifteen narration

‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Four things, if given, are better than the world and the afterlife; a grateful heart, a tongue that invokes, a body that bears tribulations and a partner that does not betray you or your wealth.”*

Tabarani with a good chain.

Sixteenth narration

Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Allah said on the Day of Judgement, "You will know the gathering of the people of magnanimity."*

Someone asked, "Who are the people of magnanimity, O' Messenger of Allah?"

"The people of the gatherings of remembrance."

Imam Ahmed, Abu Ya'lla, Ibn Hibban in his authentic collection and Al-Bayhaqi in Shu'ab Al-Iman

Seventeenth narration

Our master Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that 'Abdullah ibn Rawaha used to meet one of the companions of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family); he would say, "Come, let us believe for a while." One day he said this to a man who got angry and came to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family). He said, "O Messenger of Allah, Have you not seen Ibn Rawaha wants us to believe for a while¹ over your belief." The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"May Allah show mercy to Ibn Rawaha because he loves the gatherings that the angels boast of."*

Imam Ahmed with a fine narration.

¹ He would ask a companion to make remembrance of Allah for a while

Eighteen narration

Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessing of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“There are no people who gather for remembrance of Allah (Mighty and Majestic) except that they are addressed by a caller from the Heavens; that they are forgiven and their wrong actions have been changed into good actions.”*

Imam Ahmed, Abu Ya’lla, Al-Bazzar, Tabarani and Al-Bayhaqi in Shu’ab Al-Iman with the narration of ‘Abdullah ibn Mughfal.

Nineteenth narration

‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with them) narrates that he asked, *“O’ Messenger of Allah, what are the spoils of the gatherings of remembrance?”* He (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“The spoils of the gatherings of remembrance is Paradise.”*

Imam Ahmed with a fine narration.

Twentieth narration

Abu Ad-Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Allah will resurrect nations, on the day of judgement, with illuminated faces upon pillars of pearls. People envy them because they are not Prophets or Martyrs."* A bedouin knelt to his knees and asked, "O' Messenger of Allah, describe them for us so we know who they are."

"They love each other for Allah, they are from various tribes, countries and they gather to make remembrance of Allah."

Tabarani with a fine narration.

Twenty first narration

Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) testified that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"No people make remembrance of Allah, except that angels surround them, mercy is poured upon them, tranquillity descends upon them and Allah mentions them amongst those with him."*

Muslim, At-Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah.

Twenty second narration

Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"When you pass by a garden of Paradise, rest therein."* They asked, "What are the gardens of Paradise?"

"Gatherings of Remembrance."

At-Tirmidhi with a rare chain.

Twenty third narration

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“No people who gather for an assembly, without mentioning Allah or invoking blessings upon their Prophet except that there is reprisal. They can either be punished or forgiven.”*

Abu Dawud and At-Tirmidhi.

Twenty fourth narration

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Seven categories will be shaded by Allah on a day there is no shade except the shade He provides; a just ruler, a youth reared in the worship of Allah, a man whose heart is connected to the Masjid, two men who love each for the sake of Allah who meet and depart like this, a man who responded to the call of a women possessing position and beauty² by saying, “I fear Allah,” a man who give alms and feared that his left hand would know what his right spend and a man who makes remembrance of Allah until his eyes overflow with tears.”*

Bukhari.

² For illegal intercourse

Twenty fifth narration

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“No man frequents a Masjid for prayer and remembrance except that Allah is pleased with him, as a people are pleased when those who were absent, come into their presence.”*

Ibn Abu Shayba, Ibn Majah, Ibn Khuzayma, Ibn Hibban and Al-Hakim who said it is authentic according to conditions of Bukhari and Muslim.

Twenty sixth narration

Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them) narrates that the Messenger of Allah Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“There is no alms superior than the remembrance of Allah.”*

Tabarani in Al-Awsat through a sound authority.

Twenty seventh narration

Mu'adh ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) asked, "O Messenger of Allah advise me." He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "*Maintain fear of Allah; as much as you are able and make remembrance of Allah at every stone and tree.*³ *Whatever bad thing you have done repent appropriately; if done secretly perform in secret; if done in openly then perform openly.*"

Tabarani through a fine narration.

Twenty eighth narration

Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them) narrated the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) commented on the Quranic verse, "**The men of Allah are not afflicted by fear nor sadness.**"⁴ He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "*They mention Allah when they are mentioned.*"

Tabarani through a sound authority.

Twenty ninth narration

'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "*Remembrance of Allah in heedlessness, is a station of patience, of what has passed.*"

Tabarani in Al-Kabir, Al-Awsat, Al-Bazzar, Tabarani.

³ This means any stopping place

⁴ Quran: Surah Yunis 10:68.

Thirtieth

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that he asked the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family), "Who are the people that you will be extremely happy to intercede for on the day of judgement?" The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"I really thought that nobody would ask this question and you O Abu Hurayrah are the first. Now I have seen your keenness for this narration; the people who I will be extremely happy to intercede for; are those who said there is no deity except Allah, sincerely from their hearts."*

Bukhari.

Thirty first

Y'alla ibn Shadad narrated that Abu Shadad ibn 'Awais informed him and 'Ubada ibn As-Samat confirmed. We were with the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Do you have a stranger with you?"* Meaning someone of the people of the book,⁵ we said, "No, O Messenger of Allah." He ordered us to close the doors and said (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family), *"Raise your hands and say there is no deity but Allah."* So we raised our hands for a while. Then he said, *"All praise is for Allah, O Allah you have truly send me this word, ordered me by it and promised me Heaven for it. You never break your promise."* Then he said, *"Rejoice because Allah has forgiven you."*

Ahmed with a fine narration and Tabarani.

⁵ Jews or Christians

Thirty second

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Renew your faith.”* Someone asked, *“O Messenger of Allah, how do we renew our faith?”* He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) replied, *“Frequently say there is no deity but Allah.”*

Imam Ahmed and Tabarani with the chain according to Ahmed it is Hassan.

Thirty third

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said that Allah (the Exalted) said, *“Whoever busies himself with the Quran, for his concern, I give more to him than those who have asked.”* *‘The Superiority of the word of Allah compared to all the speech is like the superiority of Allah compared to his creation.’*

At-Tirmidhi.

Thirty fourth

'Abdullah ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with them both) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Do not speak excessively without mentioning Allah, because excessive speech without mentioning Allah hardens the heart. The furthest people from Allah the exalted are those with harsh hearts."*

At-Tirmidhi and Al-Bayhaqi in Al-Shu'ab Al-Iman.

Thirty fifth

Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Four people will not be afflicted, except by surprise; the silent it is the first worship, the humble, those who make remembrance of Allah mighty and majestic and those with the least possessions."*

Al-Hakim.

Thirty sixth

Abu Musa Al-Ashari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Say; There is no might or power other than Allah; because it is one of treasures of Paradise."*

Bukhari.

Thirty seventh

'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Whoever constantly seeks forgiveness; Allah provides him a release from every concern, expansion from every constriction and provision where he thought not possible."*

Abu Dawud, An-Nisa'i, Ibn Majah, Al-Hakim and Al-Bayhaqi in Al-Shu'ab.

Thirty eighth

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"When a servant transgresses a black dot appears in his heart; with repentance it is removed and polished; if the transgression is repeated then it will fill the heart. This is the rust that is mentioned by Allah most high here; **"Nay, but that which they have earned is rust upon their hearts."***⁶

At-Tirmidhi who said it is authentic, An-Nisa'i, Ibn Majah, Ibn Hibban, Al-Hakim who says its authenticity has Muslims conditions.

⁶ Quran: Sura Al-Mutafifeen 83.14

Thirty ninth

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Anyone who says ‘glory and praise is for Allah’⁷ a hundred times in one day is forgiven his sins. Even if they are as much as the foam of the sea.”*

Muslim, At-Tirmidhi and An-Nisa’i.

Fortieth

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“There are two statements light on the tongue; heavy on the scales; beloved to the all-Merciful; ‘Glory and praise is for Allah’ and ‘glory is for Allah the Greatest.’”⁸*

Bukhari and Muslim.

All praise is for Allah mighty and majestic and may He send peace and blessings upon his Messenger Muhammad.

⁷ Transliteration from the Arabic is Subhanallah wa bihamdi

⁸ Transliteration from the Arabic is Subhanallah wa bihamdi, Subhanallah l-Azeem