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Author's Preface (Muqaddimah)

All praise is due to Allah alone, Lord of all that exists. I begin this humble work with the sincere intention to seek His pleasure alone, to serve His Book and the guidance of His Messenger ﷺ, to teach myself and my fellow believers, and to deepen my own understanding of His Revelation. I remind myself, before anyone else, that this writing is not for status, fame, nor recognition — but solely to seek His Face, His acceptance, and His forgiveness.

This reminder is for my own heart before it is for others, and I ask Allah to purify my intention from any hidden desires or worldly attachments, and to make every word a testimony for me and not against me on the Day when no soul will benefit except by what Allah has accepted from them.

Du‘ā:

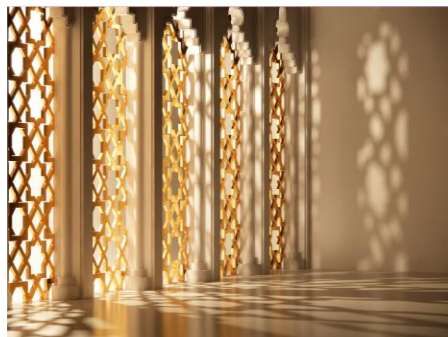
O Allah, I ask You by Your Beautiful Names and Perfect Attributes to make this work sincerely for Your sake, and to accept it from me even with its shortcomings and deficiencies. Make it a means for me and those who read it to draw nearer to You, to reflect deeply upon Your Words, and to act upon what is contained therein.

O Allah, grant us beneficial knowledge, hearts that are humbled before You, and actions that are pure and righteous. Do not make this knowledge a proof against us, but rather a light in our graves, a companion in our loneliness, and a witness for us on the Day we meet You. Ameen.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Ali Ibn Abi Talib: The Lion of Allah رضي الله عنه

**The Fourth Rightly
Guided Caliph |
The Commander of the
Faithful | The Gate of
Knowledge | The Son-
in-Law and Cousin of the
Messenger of Allah ﷺ**



‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib رضي الله عنه is among the most honored and praised companions of the Prophet ﷺ. His virtues are abundant, his devotion to Allah profound, and his contribution to Islam unparalleled in depth and scope. He is the fourth of the Rightly Guided Caliphs (al-Khulafā ar-Rāshidūn), one of the Ten Promised Paradise and the first child to accept Islam.

He was born into the same household as the Prophet ﷺ, raised by him, and lived under the constant shade of Revelation. He was both the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet ﷺ, married to Fāṭimah az-Zahrā’, the leader of the women of Paradise.

Titles of Honor Given by the Prophet ﷺ:

The Prophet ﷺ bestowed several noble titles on ‘Ali رضي الله عنه that highlight his unique virtues:

- Asadullah (The Lion of Allah): For his bravery in the path of Allah and in the defense of Islam.
- Bab al-‘Ilm (The Gate of Knowledge):

Amir al-Mu'minin (Commander of the Believers): During his caliphate, he carried the title of leadership with dignity and justice.

Mentioned in the Qur'an According to the Salaf:

Though 'Ali رضي الله عنه is not named directly in the Qur'an, many scholars of tafsir from the Salaf affirm that certain verses were revealed regarding his virtues, such as: in Surah Al-Baqarah (2:207):

“And of the people is he who sells himself, seeking the pleasure of Allah...” Ibn 'Abbās, al-Ṭabarī, and Ibn Kathīr said this was revealed about 'Ali رضي الله عنه, when he slept in the Prophet's ﷺ bed on the night of the Hijrah, risking his life while the Prophet ﷺ migrated.

And in Surah Al-Insan (76:8-9): “They give food out of love for Him to the needy, the orphan, and the captive...” Ibn 'Abbas, Mujahid, and al-Ṭabarī mention that this verse was revealed about 'Ali and Faṭimah رضي الله عنهما.

One of the Ten Promised Paradise:

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Abu Bakr is in Paradise. Umar is in Paradise. Uthman is in Paradise. Ali is in Paradise...” (Sunan al-Tirmidhi 3747 – Sahih)

Statements from the Salaf and Scholars:

'Umar ibn al-Khattab رضي الله عنه said: “I seek refuge with Allah from a difficult decision where Abū al-Ḥasan is not present.” (al-Muṣannaf of Ibn Abī Shaybah)

Imam ash-Shafi'i رحمه الله said: “I do not know anyone after the Prophet ﷺ more knowledgeable than 'Ali ibn Abi Ṭālib.”

Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal said: “No companion has as many virtues narrated about him with authentic chains as 'Ali ibn Abi Ṭālib.”

A Balance of Bravery, Knowledge, and Taqwa:

'Ali was a man of immense bravery and political wisdom, yet also a spiritual devotee who would weep in the night while reciting Qur'an. He was among those who:

- Participated in every battle except Tabuk (the Prophet ﷺ left him in charge of Madinah).
- Carried the flag in many expeditions, including Badr, Uhud, Khaybar, and Hunayn.
- Was known for his fiqh, eloquence, and wisdom in judgment.

The Prophet ﷺ said to him at Khaybar: “Tomorrow I will give the banner to a man who loves Allah and His Messenger—and Allah and His Messenger love him.” He gave it to ‘Ali. (*Sahih al-Bukhari* 4210, *Muslim* 2405)

Honed & Honoured by Revelation:

Raised in the Prophet’s ﷺ household, ‘Ali developed an unmatched understanding of the Qur’an and the laws of Islam.

‘Abdullah ibn Mas‘ud رضى الله عنه said: “‘Ali was the most knowledgeable of us in matters of judgment.”

‘Aṭa’ ibn Abi Rabah said: “No one had more knowledge of the Qur’an after the Prophet ﷺ than ‘Ali.”

He represents the fusion of faith and action, a man who led armies, judged righteously, worshiped intensely, and loved the Prophet ﷺ with all his heart.

His Lineage, Birth, and Upbringing in the House of Prophethood

The First Child to Accept Islam | Raised by the Prophet ﷺ | Descendant of the Purest Lineage

‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib رضى الله عنه was born into one of the noblest families of Quraysh—the Banu Hāshim, the same clan as the Prophet ﷺ. His noble lineage, combined with his close upbringing in the household of prophethood, prepared him to become one of the most outstanding men in history.

His Full Name and Lineage

- **Full Name:** ‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib ibn ‘Abd al-Muṭṭalib ibn Hāshim ibn ‘Abd Manāf al-Hāshimī al-Qurashī

- His father, Abu Talib, was the uncle of the Prophet ﷺ and his most steadfast supporter during the Makkan period.
- His mother, Fatimah bint Asad, was among the first to embrace Islam and deeply loved the Prophet ﷺ.

The Prophet ﷺ said about her: “May Allah have mercy on you, O my mother. You were to me like my own mother. You would go hungry to feed me. You would go unclothed to clothe me.” (Ibn ‘Abd al-Barr in al-Isti‘āb)