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واحسن منك لم تر قط عيني

واجمل منك لم تلد النساء

خُلِّفَتْ سُرَّةً مِنْ كُلِّ غَيْبٍ

كَأَنَّكَ قَدْ خُلِّفْتَ كَمَا تَنْشَأُ

في مثل هذا الشهر - شهر ربيع الأول - أشرق النور وبرز الفجر وولد خير البشر رسولنا محمد بن عبدالله ﷺ

إنه رسول الله ﷺ الرحمة المهتدة والنعمة المسداة يقول الله جل في علاه ﴿ لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴾

إنه رسول الله ﷺ الذي زكى الله به نفوس المؤمنين وطهر به قلوب المسلمين، وجعله رحمة للعالمين، وحنة على الخلائق أجمعين، صلوات الله وسلامه عليه دائما أبدا إلى يوم الدين

لقد كانت ولادته فتحا، وبعثته فجرا، هدى الله به من الضلالة، وعلم به من الجهالة، وأرشد به من الغواية، وفتح الله به أعيننا عميا، وأذانا صما، وقلوبا غلغا، وكثر به بعد القلة، وأعز به بعد الذلة

إنه رسول الله ﷺ خليل الرحمن، وصفوة الأنام، لا طاعة لله إلا بطاعته: ﴿ مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ ﴾ ولا يتم الإيمان إلا بتحقيق محبته؛ كما قال النبي ﷺ: (لا يؤمن أحدكم؛ حتى أكون أحب إليه من ولده ووالده والناس أجمعين

كان ﷺ أعلى الخلق أخلاقا، وأعظمهم أمانة، وأصدقهم حديثا، وأجودهم نفسا، وأسأهم يدا، وأشدهم صبورا، وأعظمهم عفوا

إنه رسول الله ﷺ الذي شرح الله صدره ورفع ذكره، ووضع وزره وأتم أمره، وأكمل دينه وأبر يمينه، ما ودعه ربه وما قلاه، بل وجدته ضالا فهده، وفقيرا فأغناه، وبتيما فأواه، وخيره بين الخلد في الدنيا وبين أن يختار ما عند الله، فاختار لقاء الله

Servants of Allah...during this blessed month of Rabeel ul Awwal, guidance of humanity was delivered, the universe was illuminated, and the most merciful and greatest human being ever to set foot on the face of the earth was born...our beloved Prophet and Messenger....Muhammad ibn Abdillah.

The sending of the Prophet Muhammad was the greatest blessing that Allah bestowed upon all creatures, as Allah says in the Quran:

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ - 3:164

Allah certainly granted a great blessing upon the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from themselves, reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom, although they had been before in manifest error.

He is the messenger who Allah sent to purify to hearts and souls of the believers, to be an example of the best manners and character, to be an example of mercy for all of creation, to be a proof against all human beings until the day of resurrection, may Allah peace and blessings be upon him....

His birth was the impetus to change the world and everything in it...his coming into this world provided guidance to the misguided....knowledge to the ignorant....upright values and morals for the immoral....Allah sent our messenger to open the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, the hearts of the dead, and the intellects of the naïve.

He is the Messenger of Allah, the most beloved to Allah, the best of creation, whom which there is not obedience to Allah, except with obedience of the Prophet Muhammad...as Allah says:

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّىٰ فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا - 4:80

Whoever obeys the Messenger, has obeyed Allah, but those who turn away, we have not sent you over them as a guardian.

A Muslim's faith is not complete until they are completely obedient to him and love him more than anything else in the creation....as the Prophet said:

لا يؤمن أحدكم حتى أكون أحب إليه من ولده ووالده و الناس أجمعين

None of you have complete faith until I am more beloved to you than your children, your father and all people.

لو كان حبك صادقاً لأطعته فإن المحب لمن يحب مطيع

If your love is true and sincere you would be obedient to him..for certainly the one who loves someone is obedient to his beloved.

The Prophet Muhammad had the best and highest moral and ethical standards, he was the most trustworthy, the most honest and truthful, the most generous, the most patient and persevering, and the most forgiving and pardoning.

How many of us are experiencing weakness in our faith? How many of feel as if their beliefs and love of Islam are wavering? How many of us are confused about how to cure the sicknesses of our minds, bodies and souls?

Many of us are experiencing these things, mainly because we haven't tasted the sweetness of Islamic faith...we haven't internalized love of Allah and love of His Messenger...we haven't given priority to what Allah and His Messenger want us to do, over what our desires, emotions, and other human beings want us to do.....this is why many of us haven't tasted the sweetness of faith.

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ " ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ خَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ أَنْ يَكُونَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولَهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا، وَأَنْ يُحِبَّ الْمَرْءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ، وَأَنْ يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يَغْوِيَ فِي الْكُفْرِ تَمَّا يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يَغْوِيَ فِي النَّارِ "

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith:

1. The one to whom Allah and His Messenger becomes dearer and beloved to them than anything else.
2. Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake.
3. Who hates to revert to disbelief as he hates to be thrown into the fire."

servants of Allah....!!

Have we truly loved the Prophet Muhammad....we've testified that He's our messenger....we claim we love him with our tongues, but how much of that love has truly manifested into our manners, our speech, our actions, our relations with our spouses, our parents, our children, our religious scholars and leaders?

Brothers and sisters we will not attain and ~~feel~~ the sweetness of faith until we sincerely believe that everything the Prophet Muhammad came with and taught us is good for us, and everything that he prohibited us from is bad for us and harmful for us.....

From the greatest rights that the Prophet Muhammad has over us is that we are obedient to him, we follow his sunnah, are guided by his way....Fudayl ibn Iyyad said: Any action of worship that is not done sincerely for Allah and done the way the Prophet Muhammad did it, will not be accepted.

Imam Malik ibn Anas said: The Prophet's Sunnah is like the ark of Nuh, whoever rides in it will succeed, and whoever doesn't ride in it will be destroyed. Nothing will be able to rectify the ummah now, except what rectified the ummah in the beginning...the Quran and Sunnah.

Allah told us that all success is within following the Prophet Muhammad:

فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ - 7:157

So they who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him - it is those who will be the successful.

Allah also warned us from disobeying the Prophet Muhammad in numerous verses:

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا لِمُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَىٰ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُّبِينًا - 33:36

It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.

فَلْيَخْذِرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ - 24:63

So let those beware who do contradictory from the Prophet's orders, lest fitnah strike them or a painful punishment.

Those who abandon the Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah and disobey his orders and commands will experience trials and tribulations in their lives, they may fall into shirk, they may make mockery of the Sunnah and those who try to follow it, they may fall into innovations....in this world...you will find them going to extremes beating their wives, killing innocent people, and even worshipping the dead...all because they abandoned the Sunnah...and you will find that their punishment will be severe in the hereafter....May Allah keep us firm upon the Prophet's sunnah....

It is necessary and extremely important that the Muslim follows the sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad and submit themselves to Allah and His messenger....

O servants of Allah...let us ask ourselves...how many sunnah's have we abandoned? How many hadith have we ignored? How many orders of the Prophet Muhammad have we disobeyed? How many of the boundries and limits that the Prophet had set have we exceeded?...We ask Allah for His mercy and forgiveness and guidance...

Also from the rights of the Prophet Muhammad upon us, is that we read about his life, we study his biography, and we ponder and contemplate over his life and how he lived it, because we know that Allah told us that he is the best example for everything:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا - 33:21

There is an excellent and beautiful example within the Messenger of Allah for those who have hope in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.

Read and educate yourself and your family more about the Prophet Muhammad, his dealings with other people, his worship, his way in dealing with his family, his wives, his children, his friends...read about how he dealt with his enemies...read about his daily life...how he ate, what he ate, how he slept, how he dressed, learn as much as you can about the Messenger of Allah, so that you can grow to love him and love his sunnah and love his way.

Indeed, we will find within the biography of the Prophet Muhammad and his life story many cures for the sicknesses of our hearts and souls, many forms of guidance for rectifying our intellects, and many medications for the illnesses of our bodies. The Prophet Muhammad's life was the walking and talking explanation of the Quran, and the practical implementation of Islam upon the earth.

Also from rights of the Prophet Muhammad is that we aid him and his sunnah, and we defend him and his sunnah from all of those who want to cause him or his image harm, or from those who want to change his sunnah, or from those who want to extinguish the light that he brought to humanity.

As Allah says:

يُرِيدُونَ أَن يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَن يُتِمَّ نُورَهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ - 9:32

They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it.

May Allah gather us with him in the highest ranks of the paradise and make it easy for us to spread his light here on the earth.

Second khutbah

Brothers and sisters in Islam....today we're speaking about our beloved Prophet and Messenger Muhammad ibn Abdillah and some of the rights that he has over us and how we can truly manifest our love for him.

From the rights of the Prophet Muhammad over us is that we love him, honor him, and respect him...as Allah says:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ تُرَضُّونَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ - 9:24

Say, [O Muhammad], "If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your relatives, wealth which you have obtained, and business wherein you fear a decline, and dwellings with which you are pleased with are more beloved to you than Allah and His Messenger and jihad in His cause, then wait until Allah executes His command. And Allah does not guide the defiantly disobedient people."

Loving the Prophet Muhammad is not manifested in a bunch of poems, statements or songs, nor signs or symbols we hang on the wall, nor drums we beat in our homes or the masjid...Rather, true love of the Prophet Muhammad means following him and being obedient to him, and respecting his orders and prohibitions..as Allah says:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ - 3:31

Say O Muhammad. If you truly love Allah, then follow me, then Allah will love you and forgive you your sins and Allah is all forgiving and merciful.

Servants of Allah....

The scholars of Islam differ and do not know for certain the specific day that the Prophet Muhammad was born..Some of them say he was born on the 2nd of Rabee Ul Awwal, some say on the 8th, some say on the 9th, some say on the 10th, some say on the 12th, some say on the 17th, some say on the 22nd...Many of them have said that his birthday comes between the 8th and the 12th of Rabee Al Awwaal...So they've disagreed in regards to his date of birth, but they've all agreed to his date of death being the 12th of Rabee Al Awwal...So which of these dates should we be happy, or celebrate or be sad? And which of these dates should we hold firmly on to...the dates that the scholars have agreed upon or the dates that the scholars disagreed upon?

If any issue was connected to the date of his birth (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him), the Sahaabah (may Allah be pleased with him) would have asked him about that or he himself (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) would have told them about it, but no such thing happened. *The companions narrated to us everything about the prophet Muhammad: How he smiled, how he laughed, how he walked, how he talked, how he slept... But not once did the narrate to us about him celebrating his birthday!!*
So we can understand that from these historical narrations that his birth was somewhere between the 8th and the 12th but we are not certain as to what day in particular. Meaning that we should love, honor and respect the Prophet not only on these days, but all the days throughout the year. Just how Allah didn't reveal to us the exact night of the night of Decree (laylatul Qadr), and concealed it within the last ten nights of Ramadan, so that we just don't take that one night as a night of worship, while becoming lazy in exerting ourselves in the other last nine nights of Ramadan.....Similarly, Allah didn't want us to know the exact date of birth of the Messenger of Allah so that we try hard and exert ourselves in loving, honoring, respecting him, learning more about him, sending 'salawat upon him', reading his biography, and following him and his Sunnah all throughout the year, not just in the month of Rabee Al Awwal or between the 8th and the 12th of Rabee Al Awwal.

Unfortunately, we find that many of the Muslims throughout the world take the month of Rabee Ul Awwal as a time to celebrate the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, have parties with music, dance, and sing Anasheed with musical instruments that contain shirk, exaggeration of the Prophet Muhammad and even innovations. This is something dispraised and something we should avoid and something we cannot find evidence for in the Quran, Sunnah or consensus of the companions.

We ask those who celebrate such a day?

To answer these questions with a Quranic verse, hadith or statement of companions

- 1. How many times did the Prophet Muhammad celebrate his birthday?

2. Who are the most famous companions who celebrated the Prophet Muhammad's birthday?
3. What place did they celebrate his birthday?
4. What is the most popular type of sweets or candy that was given out on that day?
5. What was the most popular type of Nasheed that was recited on that day?

Brothers and sisters in Islaam....May Allah grant you goodness, and guidance and true love and affection for the Messenger of Allah...by following his sunnah...

Celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, or the death of the prophet Muhammad does not increase his status or position with Allah...solely because his status and rank in the eyes of Allah is the highest and the best creation on the face of the earth....The Prophet was asked on one occasion as to why he fasts on Mondays, and he said:

" ذَلِكَ يَوْمٌ وُلِدْتُ فِيهِ، وَبُعِثْتُ فِيهِ، أَوْ أُنزِلَ عَلَيَّ فِيهِ "

Monday is the day that I was born, that I was sent as a messenger and that I received revelation'

So why can't we do what the Prophet did on the day he was born...why can't we fast on Monday's as the Prophet used to fast on Mondays. Why do we abandon a sunnah that the Prophet practiced on the day he was born...fasting..and practice an innovation of celebrating his 'so called' birthday?

قَالَ أَتَسْتَبِيلُونَ الَّذِي هُوَ أَدْنَىٰ بِالَّذِي هُوَ خَيْرٌ =

Would you exchange what is better for what is less?

Brothers and sisters in Islam.....Celebrating the birth and/or death of the Prophets and Messengers can lead one to exaggeration in the religion. Exaggeration and extremism in the religion is what led the Jews and Christians astray. Allah and His Messenger prohibited us from exaggerating in the religion, and the Prophet Muhammad in specific told his companions first and foremost and all the believers as well: not to exaggerate about him as the Christians had exaggerated about Jesus (upon whom be peace). He said:

. لَا تُطْرُونِي كَمَا أَطْرَبَ النَّصَارَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ، فَإِنَّمَا أَنَا عَبْدُهُ، فَقُولُوا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ "

"Do not exaggerate about me as the Christians exaggerated about the son of Maryam. I am only a slave, so say, 'The slave of Allaah and His Messenger.'" (Sahih Al Bukhari 3445)

Why did the Prophet warn his companions from exaggerating in their praises and love of him?

Was it because he didn't want them to love him, or respect him, or honor him?

Was it because he wasn't satisfied with the status that Allah had given him as a servant and messenger of Allah?

He warned us from exaggerating about him and his status:

So that we wouldn't take him as someone to worship other than Allah and so that they wouldn't take his birthday as a special day to commemorate or celebrate, as the Christians did with Jesus the son of Maryam.

One of the prophecies of our beloved Prophet Muhammad was that this Ummah will follow the ways of the Jews and Christians, step by step, inch by inch, cubit by cubit.

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ " لَتَتَّبِعَنَّ سُنَنَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ شِبْرًا بِشِبْرٍ وَذِرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ حَتَّىٰ لَوْ دَخَلُوا فِي جُحْرٍ ضَنْبٍ لَاتَّبَعْتُمُوهُمْ " . قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَى قَالَ " فَمَنْ "

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying:

“You would tread the same path as was trodden by those before you inch by inch and step by step so much so that if they had entered into the hole of the lizard, you would follow them in this also. We said: Allah's Messenger, do you mean Jews and Christians (by your words)" those before you"? He said: Who else (than those two religious groups)?"

Those who have exaggerated in their understanding of the Prophet Muhammad's status are:

1. Those who resembled the Jews, whose hearts are hard, and the love the Prophet Muhammad has not mixed with their blood and has not entered their hearts. They are those who don't love him, respect him, honor him or follow any of his Sunnah. When his name is mentioned they don't send the 'Salawaat' upon him. They fight against the people who promote his Sunnah. They say: "The Quran is enough for us, we don't need the Sunnah".
2. Those who resembled the Christians and the polytheists, who are many different types and sects. Many of the Muslims today fall under this category, may Allah aid us all and guide us to the truth. They've fallen into exaggeration of the Prophet Muhammad just as the Christians did with Jesus the son of Maryam. Some have raised the status of the Prophet Muhammad and given described him with traits, characteristics and descriptions that are in-human such as saying that he was created from light, or that he casts no shadow, or that he never passed away, or that he comes to visit us every Friday, or that he knows the unseen. Some even supplicate to him to remove hardships or bring benefits to them besides Allah!!! Some have taken the image of his sandal and wear it on their garments, rings and on chains around their necks, just how the Christian wear crosses around their necks and kiss it and glorify it.

Have some Muslims taken the Prophet Muhammad as someone to be worshipped, glorified or exalted above his real status... as the Christians took Jesus the Son of Mary and started to celebrate his 'so called' birthday on Christmas!?

Moreover, we know that the Companions were the people who loved the Prophet most. Was it reported that Abu Bakr, who was the closest of people to him and the one who loved him the most, celebrated the birthday of the Prophet? Was it reported that 'Umar, who ruled for twelve years, or 'Uthmaan, did this? Was it reported that 'Ali, his relative and foster son, did this? Was it reported that any of the Companions did this? No.

Is it because they were not aware of its importance, or did they not truly love the Prophet? No one would say such a thing except one who has gone astray and is leading others astray.

Did any of the imaams -- Abu Haneefah, Imam Maalik, al-Shaafi'i, Ahmad, al-Hasan al-Basri, Ibn Seereen -- do this or command others to do it or say that it was good? By Allaah, no! It was not even mentioned during the first and best three centuries.

So where did the celebration come from?

When we study and observe the biography and history of the Prophet Muhammad, His companions and their successors, up until 350 years after the death of the Prophet Muhammad, we haven't come across anyone from amongst the scholars of Islam, nor the rulers of the Muslim lands, nor the laymen who have mentioned celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad or have even encouraged it or even talked about it.

The celebration of the Prophet's birthday appeared many centuries later, when many of the features of true religion had vanished and bid'ah had become widespread.

The first person to do this after them was the King al-Muzaffar Abu Sa'id Kawkaburi, the King of Irbil, at the end of the sixth century or the beginning of the seventh century after hijrah, as was mentioned by the historians such as Ibn Khalikan and others. Abu Shamah said, "The first person to do that in Mosul was Shaykh 'Umar ibn Muhammad al-Mala, one of the well-known righteous people. Then the ruler of Irbil and others followed his example."

This was also introduced by the Muslim rulers of Egypt as well, who were from the 'Ubaydiyyoon' and the Fatimiyyoon. It seems as though the Fatimiyyoon from amongst the Shia, influenced the Sunni Muslims to commemorate the Prophet Muhammad's death, just as they commemorate the death of Al Husein on the Tenth of Ashoorah, may Allah aid us and guide us to the truth.

So what should Muslims do?

What Muslims should do is to revive the Sunnah and put an end to bid'ah (innovation); they should not do any action until they know the ruling of Allah concerning it.

كل بدعة ضلالة وإن رآها الناس حسنة

Abdullah ibn Umar said: 'Every innovation is a misguidance, even if the people consider it something good'.

Use this month as a time to re-new your relationship with the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, use this month to re-energize your thirst to learn more about the Prophet Muhammad's biography, use this month to re-ignite your love of the Prophet and the love of following his sunnah....start acting upon the hadith you find in Sahih Bukhari, Sahih Muslim, Sunan Abee Dawud and the other books of the Sunnah....

So I'll leave you with a narration about one of the righteous predecessors by the name of Ibrahim ibn Adham, that kind of explains our situation and explains as to why many of our supplications are not answered....

مَرَّ إِبرَاهِيمُ بْنُ أَدْهَمَ فِي أسْوَاقِ البَصْرَةِ فَاجْتَمَعَ النَّاسُ إِلَيْهِ ، فَقَالُوا لَهُ : يَا أَبَا إسْحَاقَ إِنَّ اللهَ تَعَالَى يَقُولُ فِي كِتَابِهِ : (ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ) سورة غافر آية 60 ، وَنَحْنُ نَدْعُوهُ مُنْذُ دَهْرٍ فَلَا يَسْتَجِيبُ لَنَا ، قَالَ : فَقَالَ إِبرَاهِيمُ : " يَا أَهْلَ البَصْرَةِ ، مَا تَنْتَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فِي هَذِهِ أَشْيَاءَ :

أُولَاهَا : عَرَفْتُمْ اللهَ وَلَمْ تُؤَدُّوا حَقَّهُ

الثَّانِي : قَرَأْتُمْ كِتَابَ اللهِ وَلَمْ تَعْمَلُوا بِهِ

وَالثَّلَاثُ : ادْعَيْتُمْ حُبَّ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَتَرَكْتُمْ سُنَّتَهُ

وَالرَّابِعُ : ادْعَيْتُمْ عِدَاوَةَ الشَّيْطَانِ وَوَأْفَقْتُمُوهُ

وَالخَامِسُ : قُلْتُمْ نُحِبُّ الجَنَّةَ وَلَمْ نَعْمَلُوا لَهَا

وَالسَّادِسُ : قُلْتُمْ نَخَافُ النَّارَ وَرَهْنَتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ بِهَا

وَالسَّابِغِ : قُلْتُمْ إِنَّ الْمَوْتَ حَقٌّ وَلَمْ تَسْتَعِدُّوا لَهُ
 وَالتَّامِينَ : اسْتَعَلْتُمْ بَعْضُكُمْ بِإِخْوَانِكُمْ وَنَبَذْتُمْ غُيُوبَكُمْ
 وَالتَّاسِعِ : أَكَلْتُمْ نِعْمَةَ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَمْ تَشْكُرُواهَا
 وَالْعَاشِرِ : دَفَنْتُمْ مَوْتَاكُمْ وَلَمْ تَعْتَبِرُوا بِهِمْ

Shaqqeq Ibn Ibraaheem, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said that Ibraaheem Ibn Adham. may Allaah have mercy upon him, passed by one of the markets of Basrah, so the people of the market gathered around him and asked: "O Aboo Is-haaq! Allaah says in the Qur'aan (that which translates as): "Call upon me, I will respond to you." (Ghaafir: 60) and we have been supplicating for a long time but Allaah has not responded to us." He, may Allaah have mercy upon him, replied: "O people of Basrah! Your hearts have died due to the following reasons:

You know Allaah but you do not fulfil His rights.

You recite the Qur'aan but you do not act in accordance to it.

You claim to love the Prophet sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam but have abandoned his Sunnah.

You claim enmity against Satan but have taken him as a guide.

You claim to love Paradise but are not working to attain it.

You claim to fear Hell but have made yourselves hostages to it.

You claim that death is true, but you haven't prepared anything for it.

You keep yourselves busy with analysing the faults of others and are neglecting your own.

You eat from the bounties of your Lord but never thank Him for it.

You bury your dead but never learn any lessons from their death."