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# FORTY FORGOTTEN HADITH

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## *Preface*

All praise is due to Allah Who made His creation and portions out His slaves to be rich and poor. He set down rain and opened the channels for the rain to percolate into the soil. I praise Him – glorified is He – Who bestows abundant reward to the obedient ones and veils the disobedient one. He is the one who knows what is above the sky and what is beneath the soil; the crawling of the ant in the night when it crawls is not hidden from His knowledge.

The heavens and His angels glorify Him, and the stars and their orbits glorify Him. The rivers and their fishes glorify Him; the earth and its inhabitants glorify Him and the oceans and creatures living in them glorify Him.

I testify there is none worthy of worship except Allah Alone; He has no partner, equal to Him or bearing any similarity to Him. And I testify that Muhammad is His slave, messenger, honest and intimate friend, and the best of His creatures as well as the custodian over His revelation.

He sent him as a mercy to the universe and as a proof to the entire mankind. May Allah's blessings be upon him as much as the mention of him by the righteous, and as many as (the number of) the alternating days and nights. We ask Allah the Exalted to make us all be among his righteous followers, and may He resurrect us in his company on the day of resurrection. Ameen.

To proceed,

The tradition in Muslim religious literature of gathering collections of forty Hadiths dates as far back as the first century after the Hijrah. Abdullah ibn Mubarak al-Marwazi (Allah have mercy on him) is thought to be the first to have gathered forty Hadith in a collection. Perhaps the most well-known collection is that of Imam an-Nawawi (Allah have mercy on him), which has been translated into English, and on which there are several commentaries.

The practice of gathering forty Hadiths springs from a Hadith, narrated through several Companions, which puts the spiritual rank of religious scholarship within easy reach of the ordinary believer:

**"Whoever memorises forty narrations for my nation in matters of this religion, Allah will raise him up a scholar and I shall be an intercessor and witness for him on the Day of Rising."**

*Allah make us from them.*

I have put together Hadith which are mostly related to Mu'aamalaat (social interactions). Which you will all agree is a very important part of our Deen, at the same time greatly neglected. There are a few specific for women, again whom we neglect and leave behind in Ta'leem and Tazkiyah (Islamic education and spirituality). The rest are Fadhal (virtues) or evil traits which I am sure we all hear time and again, but often forget to practise upon or refrain from the latter.

(Mawlana) Ismail ibn Nazir Satia (One who is in dire need of Allah's forgiveness, mercy and pleasure)

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1. Anas (Allah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "During the Mi'raj (the Night of Ascension), I saw a group of people who were scratching their chests and faces with their copper nails. I asked, 'Who are these people, O Jibreel?' Jibreel replied: 'These are the people who ate flesh of others (by backbiting) and trampled people's honour.'" (Abu Dawud)
  
2. 'Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-'as (Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "The just will be seated upon pulpits of light." Those who are fair with regards to their judgement and their family and those who are under them." (Muslim)
  
3. Narrated Abu Hurayrah (Allah be pleased with him): Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "If one gives in charity that which equals one date-fruit from the honestly earned money and Allah accepts only the honestly earned money -Allah takes it in His right (hand) and then enlarges its reward for that person (who has given it), as anyone of you brings up his baby horse, so much that it becomes as big as a mountain." (Bukhari)
  
4. Abu Hurairah (Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "He who goes to the Masjid in the morning or in the evening, Allah prepares for him a place in Jannah whenever he goes to the Masjid in the morning and returns from it in the evening." [Bukhari and Muslim].
  
5. Abu Hurairah (Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who purifies (performs Wudhu') himself in his house and then walks to one of the houses of Allah (mosque) for performing an obligatory Salah, one step of his will wipe out his sins and another step will elevate his rank (in Jannah)." [Muslim].
  
6. Abu Umamah Iyas bin Tha'laba Al-Harithi (Allah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "He who misappropriates the right of a Muslim by taking a false oath, Allah will condemn him to the fire of Hell and will forbid Jannah for him." A person asked: "O Messenger of Allah, even if it is something insignificant?" He replied, "Yes, even if it is the twig of the Arak tree." (Muslim)
  
7. Abu Hurairah (Allah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "When two persons indulge in abusing each other, the beginner will be the sinner so long as the oppressed does not transgress the limits." (Muslim)
  
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It was narrated that 'Abdullah bin 'Amr (Allah be pleased with him) said: "It was said to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) 'Which of the people is best?' He said: 'Everyone who is pure of heart and sincere in speech.' They said: 'Sincere in speech, we know what this is, but what is pure of heart?' He said: 'It is (the heart) that is pious and pure, with no sin, injustice, rancour or envy in it.'" (Sunan Ibn Majah)

9. 'Abdullah bin 'Amr Al-'as (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The person who perfectly maintains the ties of kinship is not the one who does it because he gets recompensed by his relatives (for being kind and good to them), but the one who truly maintains the bonds of kinship is the one who persists in doing so even though the latter has severed the ties of kinship with him". (Bukhari)
10. Narrated by Ibn Mas'ood (Allah be pleased with him): The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Soon others will be given preference upon you, and there will be things which you will not like." The companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) asked, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! What do you order us to do (in this case)? "He said, "(I order you) to give the rights that are on you and to ask your rights from Allah." (Bukhari)
11. Ibn Abbas (Allah be pleased with him) narrated: "Allah's Messenger cursed the women who visit the graves, and those who use them as Masajid and put torches on them." (Tirmidhi)
12. Narrated `Abdullah (Allah be pleased with him) : Allah has cursed those women who practise tattooing and those who get themselves tattooed, and those who trim/shave their eyebrows, and those who create a space between their teeth artificially to look beautiful, and such women as change the features created by Allah. Why then should I not curse those whom the Prophet (ﷺ) has cursed? And that is in Allah's Book. I.e. His Saying: 'And what the Apostle gives you take it and what he forbids you abstain (from it).' (59.7) (Bukhari)
13. Narrated Abu 'Amir or Abu Malik Al-Ash'ari (Allah be pleased with him): that he heard the Prophet (ﷺ) saying, "From among my followers there will be some people who will consider illegal sexual intercourse, the wearing of silk, the drinking of alcoholic drinks and the use of musical instruments, as lawful. And there will be some people who will stay near the side of a mountain and in the evening their shepherd will come to them with their sheep and ask them for something, but they will say to him, 'Return to us tomorrow.' Allah will destroy them during the night and will let the mountain fall on them, and He will transform the rest of them into monkeys and pigs and they will remain so till the Day of Resurrection." (Bukhari)
14. Narrated Anas bin Malik (Allah be pleased with him): A man asked the Prophet (ﷺ) "When will the Hour be established O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "What have you prepared for it?" The man said, "I haven't prepared for it much of prayers or fast or alms, but I love Allah and His Apostle." The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "You will be with those whom you love." (Bukhari)
15. Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Three are the signs of a hypocrite: When he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is trusted, he betrays his trust." (Bukhari and Muslim)

Another narration adds the words: "Even if he observes Saum (fasts), performs Salah (prayer) and claims to be a Muslim."

16. It was narrated that Abdullah (Allah be pleased with him) said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: **'No one will enter Paradise who has even a mustard-seed's weight of arrogance in his heart, and no one will enter Hell who has even a mustard-seed's weight of faith in his heart.'**"
17. Ibn 'Umar (Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "**Do not talk too much without remembrance of Allah. Indeed excessive talking without remembrance of Allah hardens the heart. And indeed the furthest of people from Allah is the harsh-hearted.**"
18. Ibn 'Umar (Allah be pleased with him) reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying: "**You would find people like one hundred camels and you would not find even one (camel) fit for riding.**" (Muslim).
19. Rasulullaah (ﷺ) said, "**Never express joy over the misfortune of your brother because Allah may relieve him of it and afflict you with the same.**" (Tirmidhi)
20. Abu Hurairah (Allah be pleased with him) narrated that: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "**When the Iqamah is called for Salah do not come to it rushing, rather come to it walking, and while you have tranquility. What you catch of it then pray it, and what you missed of it, then complete it.**" (Tirmidhi)
21. Ibn 'Abbas (Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "**No man must be alone with a woman except in the presence of her Mahram. No woman should travel except in company of a Mahram.**" A man said: "O Messenger of Allah! I have been enrolled for such and such expedition, and my wife left for Hajj." He (PBUH) said to him, "**Go and perform Hajj with your wife.**" [Bukhari and Muslim].
22. Ibn 'Umar (Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "**The believer who mixes with people and endures their injury is better than the person who does not mix with people nor endure their injury.**" (Ibn Majah)
23. Narrated Abu Wahb al-Jushami (Allah be pleased with him): The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "**Call yourselves by the names of the Prophets. The names dearest to Allah are Abdullah and**

**AbdurRahman, the truest are Harith and Hammam, and the worst are Harb and Murrah."**  
(Abu Dawood)

24. It was narrated from 'Aishah (Allah be pleased with her) that: a woman stole at the time of Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and they said: "**We cannot speak to him concerning her; there is no one who can speak to him except his beloved, Usamah.**" So he spoke to him, and he said, "**O Usamah, the Children of Israel were destroyed for such a thing. Whenever a noble person among them stole, they would let him go, but if a low-class person among them stole, they would cut off his hand. If it were Fatimah bint Muhammad (who stole), I would cut off her hand.**" (Nisai)
25. 'Abdul-Wahhab bin Al-Ward (Allah be pleased with him) narrated from a man among the inhabitants of Al-Madinah who said: "**Mu'awiyah wrote a letter to 'Aishah, that: 'Write a letter to advise me, and do not overburden me.'**" He said: "So 'Aishah [may Allah be pleased with her] wrote to Mu'awiyah: 'Peace be upon you. As for what follows: Indeed I heard the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) saying: Whoever seeks Allah's pleasure by the people's wrath, Allah will suffice him from the people. And who ever seeks the people's pleasure by Allah's wrath, Allah will entrust him to the people. And Peace be upon you.'" (Tirmidhi)
26. Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash`ari (Allah be pleased with him): The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "**Many men reached perfection but none among women reached perfection except Maryam, the daughter of 'Imran, and Asiyah, Pharaoh's wife. And the superiority of 'Aishah to other women is like the superiority of Tharid to other kinds of food.**" (Bukhari)
27. Abu Mas'ood (Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to gently pat our shoulders when we were standing in rows at the time of Salah and say, "**Keep (the rows) straight; do not differ from each other lest your hearts should suffer from discord. Let those of you who are mature and prudent be nearer to me, and then those who are next to them.**" (Muslim)
28. Abu Hurairah narrated (Allah be pleased with him): "**Muhammad (ﷺ) said: 'Does not the one who raises his head before the Imam fear that Allah will transform his head into a donkey's head?'**" (Tirmidhi)
29. Narrated Abu Hurayrah (Allah be pleased with him): The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: **The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday; on it Adam was created, on it he was expelled (from Paradise), on it his repentance was accepted, on it he died, and on it the Last Hour will take place. On Friday every beast is on the lookout from dawn to sunrise in fear of the Last Hour, but not jinn and men, and it contains a time at which no Muslim prays and asks anything from Allah but He will give it to him.** Ka'b said: That is one day every year. So I said: It is on every Friday. Ka'b read the Torah and said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) has spoken the truth. Abu Hurayrah said: I met Abdullah ibn Salam and told him of my meeting with Ka'b. Abdullah ibn Salam said: I know what time it is. Abu Hurayrah said: I asked him to tell me about it. Abdullah ibn Salam said: It is at the very end of Friday. I asked: How can it be when the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) has said: "No Muslim finds it

**while he is praying...." and this is the moment when no prayer is offered. Abdullah ibn Salam said: Has the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) not said: "If anyone is seated waiting for the prayer, he is engaged in the prayer until he observes it." I said: Yes, it is so. (Abu Dawood)**

30. Amr bin Shu'aib (Allah be pleased with him) narrated that his father, from his grandfather, who said that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "**He is not one of us who does not have mercy upon our young, nor knows the honour of our elders.**" (Tirmidhi)
31. Narrated `Aisha (Allah be pleased with her): The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "**O followers of Muhammad! By Allah, if you knew what I know, you would weep much and laugh little.**" (Bukhari)
32. Narrated Abu Hurairah (Allah be pleased with him): that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) delivered a Khtubah in which he exhorted them, then he said: "**O women! Give charity for you are the majority of the people of the Fire.**" A woman among them said: "And why is that O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "Because of your cursing so much." - meaning your ungratefulness towards your husbands. He said: "And I have not seen any among those lacking in intellect and religion who are more difficult upon people possessing reason and insight than you." A woman among them said: "And what is the deficiency of her intellect and religion?" He said: "The testimony of two women among you is like the testimony of a man, and the deficiency in your religion is menstruation, because one of you will go three or four days without performing Salah." (Tirmidhi)
33. Abud-Darda (Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "**Shall I not inform you of the best of your actions which are the purest to your Rubb, which exalt you to the high ranks, which are more effective than spending gold and silver (in charity), and better for you than you should encounter your enemies whom you will smite their necks and they will smite your necks?**" They said, "Certainly." He (ﷺ) said, "**Remembrance of Allah the Exalted.**" (At-Tirmidhi)
34. Mu'awiyah (Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "**When Allah wishes well for someone, He bestows upon him the understanding of Deen.**" (Bukhari and Muslim)
35. It was narrated from Abu Hurairah (Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "**There will come to the people years of treachery, when the liar will be regarded as honest, and the honest man will be regarded as a liar; the traitor will be regarded as faithful, and the faithful man will be regarded as a traitor; and the Ruwaibidah will decide matters.**' It was said: 'Who are the Ruwaibidah?' He said: 'Vile and base men who control the affairs of the people.'"
36. Narrated An-Nu`man bin Bashir (Allah be pleased with him): The Prophet (ﷺ) said "**Both legal and illegal things are obvious, and in between them are (suspicious) doubtful**

**matters. So whoever forsakes those doubtful things lest he may commit a sin, will definitely avoid what is clearly illegal; and whoever indulges in these (suspicious) doubtful things bravely, is likely to commit what is clearly illegal." (Bukhari)**

37. Abu Huraira (Allah be pleased with him) reported Allah's Apostle (ﷺ) as saying: "**The adultery of the eye is the lustful look, and the adultery of the tongue is the licentious speech, the heart desires and yearns, which the parts may or may not put into effect.**" (Muslim)
38. Narrated Abu Dharr (Allah be pleased with him): The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said to us: "**"When one of you becomes angry while standing, he should sit down. If the anger leaves him, well and good; otherwise he should lie down."**" (Abu Dawud)
39. Rasulullah (ﷺ) said: "**Indeed, the bankrupt one of my Ummah will come on the Day of Resurrection with Salah, fasting and Zakah (in his account), but he comes along having abused this one, slandered that one, unlawfully took the wealth of this one and shed the blood of that one, and beaten that one. So this one will be given from his good deeds, and that one will be given from his good deeds. And if his good deeds finish before their rights have been recompensed, some of their sins (i.e. the ones he wronged) will be taken and cast onto him, then he will be thrown into the Fire.**" (Muslim)
40. Abu Hurayrah (Allah be pleased with him) reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said that Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, said: "**I have prepared for My pious servants which the eye has seen not, and the ear has heard not and no human heart has ever perceived such bounties leaving aside those about which Allah has informed you. He then recited:**" No soul knows what comfort has been hidden for them". (Muslim)

*"Our Lord! Accept from us."*

*(Surah Baqarah)*