الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الذِي فرَضَ الصلاةَ وجعلَهَا قُرَّةَ عَيْنِ العابدينَ، وحِلْيَةَ الْمُتَّقِينَ، ومَلاذَ الْمُؤمنينَ، وأَشهدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وحدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وأَشهدُ أَنَّ سيِّدَنَا محمداً عَبدُ الله ورسولُهُ وصفِيَّهُ مِنْ خلقِهِ وخليلُه، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلَّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

Gift of Salah – From Heaven, Final Advice From Rasulullah, 1<sup>st</sup> Question Day of Qiyamah, Pillar of Power – Energy of Life

- Fight Laziness & Procrastination Indeed, the Hellfire is surrounded by whims and desires, whereas Paradise is surrounded by adversity.
- Salah is The Criterion of Faith No scholar states that committing Zina, Stealing, Drinking or Taking Drugs makes you a disbeliever or non-Muslim. But, regarding Salah, scholars state those who abandon it deliberately are no longer true Muslims.

"The covenant between us and them is prayer, so if anyone abandons it, he has become a disbeliever." [Ahmad]

"What led you into Hell Fire? They will say: 'We were not of those who prayed.'" (<u>74:42-43</u>)

Hurry to PRAYER, Hurry to SUCCESS – come to pray and take your success. We hear this 5x a day, but how often do we listen and follow?

"Guard strictly the Salah, especially the middle Salah. And stand before Allah with obedience." (2:238)

"Indeed, I am Allah. There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance." (20:14)  Virtues - Resistance From Sins: Salah develops a spiritual strength & immunity to resist and refrain from sins and temptations.

"Recite what is revealed to you of the Book, and establish Salah. Verily Salah restrains one from shameful and evil acts."

- Furthermore, if a person does commit any minor sin, then Salah becomes a means of the sin being forgiven.
- "Tell me, if there is a river flowing at the door of one of you and he baths in it five times a day, can any dirt remain on him?" The Sahabah answered, No dirt can remain on his body." Rasulullah said, "So exactly like that is the example of the five daily Salah. Allah Ta'ala erases the sins of a person through these Salah." (Bukhari)
- From one Salah to the next Salah all minor sins are also forgiven.
- Means of Sustenance: There is a close inextricable link between the establishment of Salah and receiving sustenance. (Ibn Katheer)
  - "Instruct your family to perform Salah and adhere to it yourself. We do not ask you for sustenance, We give provision to you."
- We delay/discard Salah for business/world, assuming we sustain ourselves, but rather it is only Allah Al-Razzaaq.

 Instructing one's Family: Together with this, inculcating Salah in the lives one's family is extremely important. For six months after the revelation of the ayah, when leaving for Fajr Salah, Rasulullah would announce outside the home of 'Ali and Fatimah "Salah O my family"

"O my Rab, make me steadfast in Salah, and my offspring as well." "And he used to enjoin Salah and Zakah upon his family."

If your child loses a large sum of money or cause a loss in the business, we will immediately reprimand him and adopt measures to ensure that it does not happen again. What about when they miss their Salah?

**Correct Manner:** Just as the performance of Salah is important, carrying it out in the correct manner is equally important. Rasulullah entered the musjid then someone entered, performed Salah and then greeted Nabi with salaam. Rasulullah replied to his salaam then said, "Go back and perform Salah, for verily you have not offered Salah." 3x, "When you stand up for Salah, say takbeer then recite what you know of the Quran, then bow down and remain in this state till you are at ease, then raise your head and stand up straight; then prostate till you are at ease, then sit up till you are at ease. Do this in your entire Salah."