

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَعَدَّ عِبَادَهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِالْأَجْرِ الْعَظِيمِ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا  
وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى  
سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ سَارَ  
عَلَى هَدْيِهِمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

**All praises are due to the Lord of all the Worlds. He promised His servants, the believers, with great reward. And I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, who has no partners. And I testify that our Sayyid and Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon our Sayyid, our Messenger, Muhammad r and upon his family and companions, all of them and upon whoever proceeds upon their guidance till the Last Day.**

Often we speak too soon, react recklessly, make poor decisions & ultimatums, behave irrationally & impatiently. We harm people, insult others, consume alcohol, drugs, gamble, illicit relationships, Haraam income; Food, Toys, Items, or a divorce that breaks apart a family, or give up practicing/protecting Islam – **ALL of this comes from HASTE (Isti'jaal)**

**“Calmness is from Allah, & Haste is from Satan.” (Tirmidhi)**

Our inherent disposition as humans includes haste, a great challenge, but Haste can be blameworthy or praiseworthy – you can define your actions!

**“Man was created of haste.” (21:37) “Man is ever hasty.” (17:11)**

**“When Allah blew into Adam from His soul and it reached his eyes, he looked at the fruits of the garden. When the soul reached his body, he desired to eat, and so he tried to stand up before the soul had reached his feet, hastening to the fruits of paradise.” (Tafsir Qurtubi)**

As for Prophet Musa عليه السلام, his story with al-Khidr is well known. Had it not been for his haste, Musa عليه السلام could have learnt much more from al-Khidr.

As for Prophet Yunus عليه السلام, he walked away from his community in haste after they had stubbornly rejected him. Prophet Yunus was then swallowed by a whale, where he would spend the next period of his life in extreme distress.

Allah ﷻ cautioned our Prophet ﷺ from displaying similar haste

“Be patient for the decision of your Lord, & do not be like the companion of the fish when he called out while he was distressed.” (68:48)

When Allah ﷻ revealed the verses, the Prophet ﷺ would repeat them quickly for fear of forgetfulness so Allah ﷻ instructed him not to be Hasty

“Do not be in haste with the Quran before its revelation is made complete to you, & say: ‘O my Lord, increase me in knowledge’.” (20:114)

From the **Islamic Perspective** we can categorise **HASTE** into two categories: **BLAMEWORTHY HASTE**, & **PRAISEWORTHY HASTE**

**HASTE WHEN PRAYING – Rushing Wudu, Racing The Imam, Rushing Own Salah.** A man prayed in Masjid Nabwi, then greeted the Prophet ﷺ who responded: “Go back & repeat your prayer, for you have not prayed.” he returned & repeated his Salah **3X**, but the Prophet ﷺ responded the same. So he said “I swear by Allah, I can’t do any better than this, please teach me.” So the Prophet ﷺ taught him the calmness in Salah. (Bukhari)

**HASTE DURING DU’A – Against Yourself, Giving Up** – “Do not make Du’a against your own selves, nor your children, nor your belongings. “The Du’a of every one of you will be granted so long as he does not become hasty by saying: ‘I have made Du’a but it has not been answered (Muslim)

**HASTE IN KNOWLEDGE – Not completing your course, training, attending late, leaving early.** Instant food, media & gratification does not also equal instant & beneficial knowledge. Imam Malik رضي الله عنه said: I only started issuing verdicts after seventy scholars approved of me doing so.

**HASTE IN OBTAINING MONEY PROVISIONS – Get rich quick,** turns us to fraud, drugs, interest, or alcohol-based transactions.

“No person shall die till they have first consumed their full lifespan and full provisions. So, be cautious of Allah, and seek your provisions in a beautiful way, and do not let your hurry for your provisions push you to seek it via sinful ways, for that which is with Allah can only be attained through his obedience’.” (Hilyatul Awliya)

**PRAISEWORTHY HASTE - RUSHING TO DO GOOD DEEDS**

When speaking about our journey to Prayer, Allah سبحانه و تعالي says **RUSH!**

When speaking about our pursuit of Paradise, Allah سبحانه و تعالي says **RACE!**

When speaking about our pursuit of Allah, Allah سبحانه و تعالي says **FLEE!**

“I rush to You, my Lord, so that You may be pleased.” (20:84)

**Rush: to uphold the rights of others, Protect Trusts, to perform Hajj, Give Zakah, Help Needy, Repent, Get Married, Honour Parents, Read Qur'an...**