

باب الجنة

The Door to Paradise

Forty Prophetic narrations on the superiority of dhikr/remembrance
and invocation of Allah (Mighty and Majestic)

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First narration

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال : قال النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم : يقول الله تعالى : أنا عند ظن عبدي بي وأنا معه إذا ذكرني فإن ذكرني في نفسه ذكرته في نفسي وإن ذكرني في ملأٍ ذكرته في ملأٍ خير منهم ، وإن تقرب إلي بشبر تقربت إليه ذراعا وإن تقرب إلي ذراعا تقربت إليه باعا ، وإن جاءني يمشي أتيته هرولة البخاري ومسلم

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “Allah (The Exalted) said I am affirm my servants opinion of me; therefore I am with him when he remembers me; if he mentions me to himself; I mention him; if he mentions me in a gathering; I mention him in a better gathering. If he approaches to the extent of a hand span; I approach him to the extent of a cubit; if he approaches me the extent of a cubit; I approach him walking and he comes to me walking, I approaching him rapidly.”

Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

Second narration

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم: إن الله عز وجل يقول : أنا مع عبدي إذا هو ذكرني وتحركت بي شفاته ابن ماجه وابن حبان

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “I am with my servant when he verbally mentions me.”

Ibn Majah and Ibn Hibban.

Third narration

عن عبد الله بن بسر رضي الله عنه أن رجلاً قال : يا رسول الله إن شرائع الإسلام قد كثرت علي فأخبرني بشيء أتشبث به . قال : لا يزال لسانك رطباً من ذكر الله تعالى الترمذي و ابن ماجه والحاكم و ابن حبان

‘Abdullah Ibn Busr (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that a man said, “O’ Messenger of Allah, the legality of Islam has become cumbersome; so inform me of something that I can adhere to.” He (Peace and blessing of Allah upon him and his family) said, “*Let your tongue not cease from the remembrance of Allah the Exalted.*”

At-Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah and Al-Hakim and Ibn Hibban.

Fourth narration

عَنْ مَالِكِ بْنِ يُخَامِرَ ابْنِ سَيِّدِنَا مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ لَهُمْ إِنَّ أَمْرًا كَلَامًا فَارَقَتْ عَلَيْهِ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْ قُلْتُ ، أَيُّ الْأَعْمَالِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ ؟ قَالَ : أَنْ تَمُوتَ وَلِسَانُكَ رَطْبٌ مِنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ابْن حبان و الطبراني والبزار

Malik Ibn Ukhamir narrates that our master Mu’adh Ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) said to them, “The best words that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said before he passed away, was when I asked, “Which works are the dearest to Allah?” He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “*To die and your tongue is constant with the remembrance of Allah.*”

Ibn Hibban, Al-Tabarani and Al-Bazzar.

Fifth narration

عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ : قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ : أَلَا أَنْبِئُكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ أَعْمَالِكُمْ وَأَزْكَاهَا عِنْدَ مَلِيكِكُمْ وَأَرْفَعَهَا فِي دَرَجَاتِكُمْ وَخَيْرٌ لَكُمْ مِنْ إِنْفَاقِ الذَّهَبِ وَالْوَرَقِ وَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْ تَلْقَوْا عَدُوَّكُمْ فَتَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَهُمْ وَيَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَكُمْ ؟
قَالُوا : بلى قَالَ : ذِكْرُ اللهِ

قال معاذ بن جبل ما شيء أنجى من عذاب الله من ذكر الله
الترمذي و ابن ماجه و أحمد بأسناد حسن و الحاكم والبيهقي في الشعب

Abu Ad-Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “*Would you like me to inform you of the best of works to your Lord, that raises your ranks and is better for you than spending gold and silver; better than meeting the enemy; you smiting their necks and they smiting yours?*” They said, “Of course.” He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “*Remembrance of Allah.*”

Mu’adh Ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “Nothing frees one from the punishment of Allah more than the remembrance of Allah.”

At-Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah, Ahmed through a sound narration, Al-Hakim and Al-Bayhaqi in Shu’ab Al-Iman.

Sixth narration

عن أبي ذر رضي الله عنه قال : دخلت على رسول الله صلى الله عليه واله وسلم فذكر الحديث بطوله إلى أن قال قلت يا رسول الله أوصني قال أوصيك بتقوي الله فإنها زين لأمرك كله قلت يا رسول الله زدني قال عليك بتلاوة القرآن وذكر الله فإنه ذكر لك في السماء و نور لك في الأرض قلت زدني قال عليك بطول الصمت فإنه مطردة للشيطان وعون لك على أمر دينك قلت زدني قال وإياك وكثرة الضحك فإنه يميت القلب ويذهب بنور الوجه قلت زدني قال قل الحق إن كان مرا قلت زدني قال لا تخف في الله لومة لائم قلت زدني قال ليحجزك عن الناس ما تعلم من نفسك أحمد و الطبراني و ابن حبان و الحاكم

Abu Dharr (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that he came to the Messenger of Allah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) and mentions, in a lengthy narration, that he asked, "O' Messenger of Allah, give me counsel." He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "I counsel you to fear Allah because this will beautify your entire concern." He asked, "O' Messenger of Allah, give me more." He said, "Maintain recitation of the Quran and invoke Allah because the invocation is for you in the Heavens and is light for you on the Earth." He asked, "Give me more." He said, "Then remain silent as it repulses the devil and will help you in all the affairs of the religion." He asked, "Give me more." He said, "I warn you not to laugh frequently as it will cause the heart to die and the light of the face to disappear." He asked, "Give me more." He said, "Speak the truth even if it is bitter." He asked, "Give me more." He said, "Do not fear Allah in the blame of the censurer." He asked, "Give me more." He said, "Restrain from people, what you know about yourself."

Imam Ahmed, Tabarani, Ibn Hibban and Al-Hakim.

Seventh narration

عن أبي هريرة رضى الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه واله وسلم إن لله ملائكة يطوفون في الطرق يلتمسون أهل الذكر، فإذا وجدوا قوما يذكرون الله تنادوا: هلمُّوا إلى حاجتكم فيحفونهم بأجنحتهم إلى السماء الدنيا قال: فيسألهم ربهم، وهو أعلم بهم، ما يقول عبادي؟ قال يقولون: يسبحونك ويكبرونك ويحمدونك ويمجدونك، قال: فيقول: هل رأوني؟ قال: فيقولون: لا والله ما رأوك، قال: فيقول: وكيف لو رأوني؟ قال: يقولون: لو رأوك كانوا أشد لك عبادة، وأشد لك تمجيداً، وأكثر لك تسبيحاً، قال: فيقول: فما يسألوني؟ قال يقولون: يسألونك الجنة، قال: فيقول: وهل رأوها؟ قال: يقولون: لا والله يا رب ما رأوها، قال: فيقول: فكيف لو رأوها؟ قال: يقولون: لو أنهم رأوها كانوا أشد عليها حرصاً، وأشد لها طلباً، وأعظم فيها رغبة، قال: فممن يتعوذون؟ قال: يتعوذون من النار، قال: فيقول: وهل رأوها؟ قال: يقولون: لا والله ما رأوها، قال: فيقول: فكيف لو رأوها؟ قال: يقولون: لو رأوها كانوا أشد منها فراراً، وأشد لها مخافة، قال: فيقول: أشهدكم أنني قد غفرت لهم، قال: يقول ملك من الملائكة: فيهم فلان ليس منهم، إنما جاء لحاجة، قال: هم القوم لا يشقى بهم جليسهم

البخاري ومسلم اللفظ للبخاري

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“The angels of Allah wander the pathways in search of the people of remembrance. When they find them they call each other to adhere to their needs. Then they surround them with their wings up to the celestial world and then the Lord asks, and he knows better than them, “What do my servants say?” The angels reply, “They praise, magnify, exalt and revere you.” He asked, “Have they seen me?” They said, “No, by your Majesty they have not seen you.” He asked, “What if they had seen me?” They said, “Their worship, magnification and praise for you would intensify.” He said, “What have they asked of me?” They said, “They ask you for paradise.” He said, “Have they seen it?” They said, “No, by your Majesty, O’ Lord they have not seen it.” He asked, “What if they had seen it?” They said, “If they had seen it their keenness, their requests would intensify and their desire would be greater.” He asked, “What do they seek refuge from?” They said, “They seek refuge from the hellfire.” He asked, “Have they seen it?” They said, “No, by your Majesty they have not seen it.” He asked, “What if they had seen it?” They said, “If they saw it their desire to flee from it would increase and their fear would increase.” He said, “Testify that I have forgiven them.” Then one of the angels asks, “There is person who has come for (another) reason.” He said, “They are a people who never allow someone to be thirsty in their company.”*

Al-Bukhari, Muslim, the text is from Al-Bukhari.

Eighth narration

عن أبي موسى الأشعري رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه واله وسلم قال : مثل الذي يذكر ربه والذي لا يذكر مثل الحي والميت البخاري و مسلم و اللفظ للبخاري

Abu Musa As-Ash'ari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"The likeness of those who remember their Lord and those who do not; is the likeness of the living and the dead."*

Al-Bukhari and Muslim, the text is from Al-Bukhari.

Ninth narration

عن أبي سعيد الخدري رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه واله وسلم قال : أكثروا نكر الله حتى يقولوا : مجنون أحمد و أبو يعلى وابن حبان والحاكم

Abu Sa'id Al-Khuduri (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *"Increase your remembrance of Allah until they call you insane."*

Imam Ahmed, Abu Ya'la and Al-Hakim.

Tenth narration

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ ، قَالَ : كَانَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ :
يَسِيرُ فِي طَرِيقِ مَكَّةَ ، فَمَرَّ عَلَى جَبَلٍ يُقَالُ لَهُ جُمْدَانُ فَقَالَ سِيرُوا هَذَا جَمْدَانَ سَبَقَ
الْمُفْرِدُونَ ، قَالُوا : يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ مَا الْمُفْرِدُونَ ؟ قَالَ : الْمُسْتَهْتَرُونَ فِي ذِكْرِ اللهِ ،
يَضَعُ الذِّكْرُ عَنْهُمْ أَنْفَالَهُمْ فَيَأْتُونَ اللهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ خِفَافًا
مسلم و الترمذي واللفظ له و المستهترون المولعون بالذكر المداومون عليه لا يبالون
ما قيل فيهم ولا ما فعل بهم

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) was passing through a path in Mekkah, when they came to a mountain. "This is Jumran," said someone. He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "Climb Jumran and outstrip the unique ones." They asked, "Who are the unique ones?" He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "Those in constant remembrance of Allah; the heaviness of the remembrance means they will come to Allah on the day of judgement, light."

Muslim with text from At-Tirmidhi. Constant remembrance is passionately persistent on it (divine remembrance); without being concerned what they say and what they do.

Eleventh narration

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ عَنْ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ : إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ
وَاضِعُ خَطْمَهُ عَلَى قَلْبِ ابْنِ آدَمَ ، فَإِنْ ذَكَرَ اللهُ حَنَسَ ، وَإِنْ نَسِيَ النَّقَمَ قَلْبَهُ
أبو يعلى والبيهقي في الشعب و ابن أبي الدنيا خطمه أي فمه

Anas Ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "Satan puts his mouth on the heart of the son of Adam, but the remembrance of Allah causes its retreat. If he forgets the heart becomes overwhelmed."

Abu Ya'la, Al-Bayhaqi and Ibn Abu Dunya.

Twelfth narration

عن معاذ بن جبل رضى الله عنه عن رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ، أَنَّ رَجُلًا سَأَلَهُ ، فَقَالَ : أَيُّ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ أَعْظَمُ أَجْرًا ؟ قَالَ : أَكْثَرُهُمْ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى ذِكْرًا ، قَالَ : فَأَيُّ الصَّالِحِينَ أَعْظَمُ أَجْرًا ؟ قَالَ : أَكْثَرُهُمْ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى ذِكْرًا ، ثُمَّ ذَكَرَ الصَّلَاةَ ، وَالزَّكَاةَ ، وَالْحَجَّ ، وَالصَّدَقَةَ ، كُلَّ ذَلِكَ وَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ، يَقُولُ : أَكْثَرُهُمْ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى ذِكْرًا
فَقَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ لِعُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ : يَا أَبَا حَفْصٍ ذَهَبَ الذَّاكِرُونَ بِكُلِّ خَيْرٍ ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ : أَجَلٌ
أحمد و الطبراني

Mu'adh Ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) was asked by a man, "Which struggle has the most reward?" He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "He who makes the most remembrance of Allah Blessed and Exalted." They asked, "Which righteous person has the most reward?" He replied, "He who makes the most remembrance of Allah Blessed and Exalted." Then he mentioned daily prayers, alms, Pilgrimage and donations. For every question he gave the same answer, "He who makes the most remembrance of Allah Blessed and Exalted."

Abu Bakr asked 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with them), "O' Abu Hafs, do the ones who make remembrance proceed with all good?" The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon and his family) said, "Yes."

Imam Ahmed and Al-Tabarani.

Thirteen narration

عن أبي موسى الأشعري رضى الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم : لو أن رجلا في حجره دراهم يقسمها وآخر يذكر الله كان الذاكِرُ اللهُ أفضل
الطبراني بأسناد حسن

Abu Musa Al-Ashari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "If a man has silver coins in his lap, apporitions them and another (man) remembers Allah, the one who remembered is more superior to Allah."

Al-Tabarani with a fine chain.

Fourteen narration

عَنْ أُمِّ أَنَسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا أَنَّهَا قَالَتْ : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ، أَوْصِنِي . قَالَ : اهْجُرِي
الْمَعَاصِيَ فَإِنَّهَا أَفْضَلُ الْهَجْرَةِ ، وَحَافِظِي عَلَى الْفَرَائِضِ فَإِنَّهَا أَفْضَلُ الْجِهَادِ وَأَكْثَرِي
مِنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّكَ لَا تَأْتِينَ اللَّهَ بِشَيْءٍ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كَثْرَةِ ذِكْرِهِ
الطبراني بأسناد جيد

The mother of Anas (may Allah be pleased with her) asked, “O’ Messenger of Allah, advise me.” He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “*Leave disobedience, it is a great emigration; be mindful of your daily prayers that is the greatest struggle; intensify in your remembrance of Allah because you do not come to Allah with anything more beloved to him than excessive remembrance.*”

Al-Tabarani with a good chain.

Fifteen narration

عن عبد الله بن عباس رضي الله عنه أن النبي صلى الله عليه واله وسلم قال
أربع من أعطيتهم فقد أعطي خير الدنيا والآخرة : قلبا شاكرا ، لسانا ذاكرا و بدنا
على البلاء صابرا ، و زوجة لا تبغيه خونا في نفسها و ماله
الطبراني بأسناد جيد

‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “*Whoever is given four things is given the best of the world and the afterlife: a grateful heart, a tongue that invokes, a body that patiently bears tribulations and a partner that does not betray in her herself or his wealth.*”

Al-Tabarani with a good chain.

Sixteenth narration

عن أبي سعيد الخدري رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم يقول
الله عز وجل يوم القيامة: سيعلم الجمع من أهل الكرم فليل و من أهل الكرم يا رسول
الله؟ قال أهل مجالس الذكر
أحمد و أبو يعلى و ابن حبان في صحيحه والبيهقي في شعب الإيمان

Abu Sa'id Al-Khuduri (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "Allah said on the Day of Judgement, "You will know the gathering of the people of magnanimity." Someone asked, "Who are the people of magnanimity, O' Messenger of Allah?" He replied, "The people of the gatherings of remembrance."

Imam Ahmed, Abu Ya'la, Ibn Hibban in his authentic collection and Al-Bayhaqi in Shu'ab Al-Iman

Seventeenth narration

عن سيدنا أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه قال كان عبد الله بن رواحة إذا لقي الرجل من
أصحاب رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال تعال بنا نؤمن ساعة فقال ذات يوم
لرجل فغضب الرجل فجاء إلى النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم فقال يا رسول الله ألا
ترى إلى ابن رواحة يرغب عن إيمانك إلى إيمان ساعة فقال النبي صلى الله عليه وآله و
آله وسلم: يرحم الله ابن رواحة إنه يحب المجالس التي تتباهى بها الملائكة
أحمد بإسناد حسن

Our master Anas Ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that 'Abdullah Ibn Rawaha used to meet one of the companions of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family); he would say, "Come, let us believe for a while." One day he said this to a man who got angry and came to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family). He said, "O Messenger of Allah, Have you not seen Ibn Rawaha wants us to believe for a while¹ over your belief." The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "May Allah show mercy to Ibn Rawaha because he loves the gatherings that the angels boast of."

Imam Ahmed with a fine narration.

¹ He would ask a companion to make remembrance of Allah for a while

Eighteen narration

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال: ما من قوم اجتمعوا يذكرون الله عز وجل لا يريدون بذلك إلا وجهه إلا ناداهم مناد من السماء أن قوموا مغفورا لكم قد بدلت سيئاتكم حسنات أحمد و أبو يعلى و البزار و الطبراني و البيهقي في الشعب عن عبد الله بن مغفل

Anas Ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessing of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“There are no people who gather for remembrance of Allah (Mighty and Majestic), they have no desire reason except for His sake, except that they are addressed by a caller from the Heavens; ‘arise you are forgiven; we have changed your wrong actions into good actions.’”*

Imam Ahmed, Abu Ya’la, Al-Bazzar, Tabarani and Al-Bayhaqi in Shu’ab Al-Iman with the narration of ‘Abdullah Ibn Mughfal.

Nineteenth narration

عن عبد الله بن عمرو رضي الله عنهما قال قلت يا رسول الله ما غنيمة مجالس الذكر؟ قال: غنيمة مجالس الذكر الجنة أحمد بإسناد حسن

‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with them) narrates that he asked, “O’ Messenger of Allah, what are the spoils of the gatherings of remembrance?” He (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“The spoils of the gatherings of remembrance is Paradise.”*

Imam Ahmed with a fine narration.

Twentieth narration

عن أبي الدرداء رضى الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه واله وسلم : ليبعثن الله أقباما يوم القيامة في وجوههم النور ، على منابر اللؤلؤ ، يغبطهم الناس ، ليسوا بأنبياء ولا شهداء . قال : فجئنا أعرابي على ركبتيه فقال : يا رسول الله ! حلهم لنا نعرفهم . قال : هم المتحابون في الله ، من قبائل شتى ، وبلاد شتى ، يجتمعون على ذكر الله تعالى يذكرونه
الطبراني بإسناد حسن

Abu Ad-Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "Allah will resurrect nations, on the day of judgement, with illuminated faces upon pillars of pearls. People envy them; they are not Prophets or Martyrs." A bedouin knelt to his knees and asked, "O' Messenger of Allah, describe them for us so we know who they are." He said, "They love each other for Allah, they are from various tribes, various countries and they gather to make remembrance of Allah."

Al-Tabarani with a fine narration.

Twenty first narration

عن أبي هريرة و عن أبي سعيد الخدري رضى الله عنهما أنهما شهدا على رسول الله صلى الله عليه واله وسلم أنه قال: لا يقعد قوم يذكرون الله إلا حفتهم الملائكة غشيتهم الرحمة ونزلت عليهم السكينة وذكرهم الله تعالى فيمن عنده
مسلم و الترمذي و ابن ماجه

Abu Hurayrah and Abu Sa'id Al-Khuduri (may Allah be pleased with them) testified that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "No people make remembrance of Allah, except that angels surround them, mercy is poured upon them, tranquillity descends upon them and Allah mentions them amongst those with him."

Muslim, At-Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah.

Twenty second narration

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال : إذا مررتم برياض الجنة فارتعوا قالوا وما رياض الجنة؟ قال الخلق الذكر الترمذي حديث حسن غريب

Anas Ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“When you pass by a garden of Paradise, rest therein.”* They asked, *“What are the gardens of Paradise?”* He replied, *“Gatherings of Remembrance.”*

At-Tirmidhi with a rare chain.

Twenty third narration

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال: ما جلس قوم مجلسا لم يذكروا الله فيه ولم يصلوا على نبيهم إلا كان عليهم ترة فإن شاء عذبهم وإن شاء غفر لهم أبو داود والترمذي واللفظ له وقال حديث حسن و ابن ابي الدنيا و البيهقي في الشعب

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“No people who gather for an assembly, without mentioning Allah or invoking blessings upon their Prophet except that there is reprisal. They can either be punished or forgiven.”*

Abu Dawood and At-Tirmidhi; hadith Hassan.

Twenty fourth narration

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال سبعة يظلهم الله في ظله يوم لا ظل إلا ظله ، إمام العادل وشاب نشأ في عبادة الله ، ورجل قبله معلق بالمساجد ، ورجلان تحابا في الله اجتمعا علي ذلك وتفرقا عليه ، ورجل دعت امرأه ذات منصب وجمال فقال إني أخاف الله ورجل تصدق بصدقة فأخفاها حتى لا تعلم شماله ما تنفق يمينه ، ورجل ذكر الله خالياً ففاضت عيناه
أخرجه البخاري و مسلم

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “Seven categories will be shaded by Allah on a day there is no shade except the shade He provides; the just ruler, a youth reared in the worship of Allah, a man whose heart is connected to the Masjid, two men who love each for the sake of Allah who meet and depart like this, a man who responded to the call of a women possessing position and beauty² by saying, “I fear Allah,” a man who give alms and feared that his left hand would know what his right spend and a man who makes remembrance of Allah until his eyes flow with tears.”

Al-Bukhari.

Twenty fifth narration

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال ما توطن رجل المساجد للصلاة والذكر إلا تبشيش الله تعالى إليه كما يتبشيش أهل الغائب بغائبهم إذا قدم عليهم
ابن أبي شيبة و ابن ماجه و ابن خزيمة و ابن حبان و الحاكم قال صحيح على شرط الشيخين

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “No man frequents a Masjid for prayer and remembrance except that Allah is pleased with him, as a people are pleased when those who were absent, come into their presence.”

Ibn Abu Shayba, Ibn Majah, Ibn Khuzayma, Ibn Hibban and Al-Hakim who said it is authentic according to conditions of Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

² For illegal intercourse.

Twenty sixth narration

عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم: ما من
صدقة أفضل من ذكر الله
الطبراني في الأوسط ورجاله ثقات

Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "There is no alms superior than the remembrance of Allah."

Al-Tabarani in Al-Awsat through proven authority.

Twenty seventh narration

عن معاذ بن جبل رضي الله عنه قال قلت يا رسول الله أوصني قال: عليك بتقوي الله
ما استطعت واذكر الله عند كل حجر وشجر وما عملت من سوء فأحدث الله فيه توبة
السر بالسر والعلانية بالعلانية
الطبراني بإسناد حسن

Mu'adh Ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) asked, "O Messenger of Allah advise me." He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "Maintain fear of Allah; as much as you are able and make remembrance of Allah at every stone and tree.³ Whatever bad thing you have done then repent to Allah from it (appropriately); if done secretly perform in secret; if done in openly then perform openly."

Al-Tabarani with hassan chain.

³ This means any stopping place.

Twenty eighth narration

عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما عن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم أنه قال {ألا إن أولياء الله لا خوف عليهم ولا هم يحزنون} قال يذكر الله بذكرهم الطبراني في رجاله ثقات

Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them) narrated the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) commented on the Quranic verse, “**The men of Allah are not afflicted by fear nor sadness.**”⁴ He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “*Allah is mentioned when they are mentioned.*”

Al-Tabarani through proven authority.

Twenty ninth narration

عن عبد الله بن مسعود رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال: ذاك الله تعالى في الغافلين بمنزلة الصابر مع الفارين الطبراني في الكبير والأوسط والبزار ورجال الطبراني في الأوسط ثقات

‘Abdullah Ibn Mas‘ud (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “*Remembrance of Allah with the heedless is a rank of patience with those who have fled.*”

Al-Tabarani in Al-Kabir and Al-Awsat, Al-Bazzar and Al-Tabarani narrating from proven authorities.

⁴ Quran: Surah Yunis 10:68.

Thirtieth

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ قُلْتُ : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَنْ أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ؟ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ : لَقَدْ ظَنَنْتُ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ أَنْ لَا يَسْأَلُنِي عَنْ هَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَحَدٌ أَوْلَ مِنْكَ ، لِمَا رَأَيْتُ مِنْ جِرْصِكَ عَلَى الْحَدِيثِ ، أَسْعَدَ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ قَالَ : لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ خَالِصًا مُخْلِصًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ
البخاري

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that he asked the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family), “O Messenger of Allah, who are the most happiest of people that you intercede for on the day of judgement?” The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “I really thought that nobody would ask this question and you O Abu Hurayrah you are the first. Now I have seen your keenness for this narration; the people who will be extremely happy that I intercede for; are those who said there is no deity except Allah, sincerely, truthfully from their hearts.”

Al-Bukhari.

Thirty first

عن يعلى بن شداد قال حدثني أبي شداد بن أوس و عبادة بن الصامت حاضر يصدقه قال كنا عند النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم فقال هل فيكم غريب؟ يعني أهل الكتاب قلنا لا يا رسول الله فأمر بغلاق الباب وقال : ارفعوا أيديكم و قولوا لا إله إلا الله فرفعنا أيدينا ساعة ثم قال الحمد لله اللهم إنك بعثتني بهذه الكلمة وأمرتني بها ووعتني عليها الجنة وإنك لا تخاف الميعاد ثم قال: أبشروا فإن الله قد غفر لكم
أحمد بإسناد حسن والطبراني

Y’alla Ibn Shadad narrated that Abu Shadad Ibn ‘Awais informed him and ‘Ubada Ibn As-Samat confirmed. We were with the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “Do you have a stranger with you?” Meaning someone of the people of the book,⁵ we said, “No, O Messenger of Allah.” He ordered us to close the doors and said (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family), “Raise your hands and say there is no deity but Allah.” So we raised our hands for a while. Then he said, “All praise is for Allah, O Allah you have truly send me this word, ordered me by it and promised me Heaven for it; You never break your promise.” Then he said, “Rejoice because Allah has forgiven you.”

⁵ Jews or Christians.

Ahmed with a fine narration and Tabarani.

Thirty second

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم : جددوا
إيمانكم قیل یا رسول الله وكيف نجدد إيماننا؟ قال أكثروا من قول لا إله إلا الله
أحمد و الطبراني إسناد أحمد حسن

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Renew your faith.”* Someone asked, *“O Messenger of Allah, how do we renew our faith?”* He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) replied, *“From frequently pronouncing there is no deity but Allah.”*

Imam Ahmed and Al-Tabarani with the chain according to Ahmed it is Hassan.

Thirty third

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم : من
شغله القرآن عن مسألتني أعطيته أفضل ما أعطى السائلين و فضل كلام الله على
سائر الكلام كفضل الله على خلقه
الترمذي قال حديث حسن غريب

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said that Allah (the Exalted) said, *“Whoever busies himself with the Quran, from his concern, I give more to him than those who have asked. The superiority of the word of Allah compared to all speech is like the superiority of Allah compared to his creation.”*

At-Tirmidhi.

Thirty fourth

عن عبد الله بن عمر رضي الله عنهما قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم
لا تكثروا الكلام بغير ذكر الله فإن كثرة الكلام بغير ذكر الله قسوةٌ للقلب و إن أبعد
الناس من الله تعالى القلب القاسي
الترمذي قال حديث حسن غريب و البيهقي في الشعب

‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with them both) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Do not speak excessively without mentioning Allah, because excessive speech without mentioning Allah hardens the heart. The furthest people from Allah the Exalted are those with harsh hearts.”*

At-Tirmidhi hadith rated hassan and Al-Bayhaqi in *Al-Shu’ab Al-Iman*.

Thirty fifth

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال : أربع
لا يصبين إلا بعجب الصمت وهو أول العبادة والتواضع وذكر الله عز وجل وقلة
الشيئ
الحاكم

Anas Ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Four people will not be afflicted, except by wonderment: the silent it is the first worship, the humble, those who make remembrance of Allah Mighty and Majestic and those with the least possessions.”*

Al-Hakim.

Thirty sixth

عن أبي موسى الأشعري رضي الله عنه أن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال له :
قل لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله فإنها كنزٌ من كنوز الجنة
البخاري و مسلم

Abu Musa Al-Ashari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Say; There is no might or power other than Allah; because it is one of treasures of Paradise.”*

Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

Thirty seventh

عن عبد الله بن عباس رضي الله عنهما قال :قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم:
من لزم الاستغفار جعل الله له من كل فرجا ومن كل ضيق مخرجا ورزقه من
حيث لا يحتسب
أبو داود والنسائي وابن ماجه والحاكم والبيهقي في الشعب

‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, *“Whoever constantly seeks forgiveness; Allah provides him a release from every concern, expansion from every constriction and provision where he thought not possible.”*

Abu Dawood, An-Nisa’i, Ibn Majah, Al-Hakim and Al-Bayhaqi in Al-Shu’ab.

Thirty eighth

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال : إن البعد إذا أخطأ خطيةً نكتت في قلبه نكتة فإن هو نزع و استغفر صقلت فإن عاد زيد فيها حتى تعلو قلبه فذلك الران الذي ذكره الله تعالى {كلا بل ران على قلوبهم ما كانوا يكسبون}
الترمذي وقال حديث حسن صحيح و النسائي و ابن ماجه و ابن حبان و الحاكم قال صحيح علي شرط مسلم

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “When a servant transgresses a black dot appears in his heart; with repentance it is removed and polished; if the transgression is repeated then it will fill the heart. This is the rust that is mentioned by Allah, the Exalted, here; **“Nay, rust has assailed their hearts by what they have acquired (of sin).”**⁶

At-Tirmidhi rated is hassan sahih, An-Nisa’i, Ibn Majah, Ibn Hibban, Al-Hakim who says its authenticity has Muslims conditions.

Thirty ninth

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم قال : من قال سبحان الله وبحمده في يومٍ مائة مرةٍ غفرت ذنوبه وإن كانت مثل زبد البحر مسلم و الترمذي و النسائي

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, “Anyone who says ‘glory and praise is for Allah’⁷ a hundred times in one day is forgiven his sins; even if they are as much as the foam of the sea.”

Muslim, At-Tirmidhi and An-Nisa’i.

⁶ Quran: Sura Al-Mutafifeen 83.14.

⁷ Transliteration from the Arabic is Subhanllah wa bihamdi.

Fortieth

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم: كلمتان خفيفتان على اللسان ثقيلتان في الميزان حبيبتان إلى الرحمن: سبحان الله وبحمده سبحان الله العظيم البخاري ومسلم

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) said, "There are two statements light on the tongue; heavy on the scales; beloved to the all-Merciful; 'Glory and praise is for Allah' and 'glory is for Allah the Greatest.'⁸

Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

(قال الشيخ أبو الهدى محمد اليعقوبي حفظه الله تعالى) بعون الله تعالى وتوفيقه وفضله وكرمه تم جمع هذه الرسالة المباركة من كلام النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم في أربعين حديثاً في فضائل ذكر الله تعالى وفضائل الذاكرين وذلك ضحى يوم الأربعاء السابع والعشرين من شهر ذي الحجة سنة ألف وأربعمائة وسبعة وعشرين بمدينة لندرة (لندن) من بلاد البريطان. كتب ذلك عبيد ربه وأسير ذنبه خادم العلماء وتراب نعال أقدام الأولياء المتشرف بالإتصال بالنبي الأعظم صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم نسباً الواقف على باب فضله أدبا محمد بن العلامة الإمام علم الأعلام قطب العارفين وإمام المحققين السيد الشيخ إبراهيم بن القطب الرباني و العارف الصمدني السيد الشيخ إسماعيل بن العلامة الفقيه القرئ الجامع العارف بالله الزاهد المقبل على مولاه السيد الشيخ محمد الصديق بن الولي المعارف شمس المعارف السيد محمد الحسن بن الفقيه البركة السيد محمد العربي اليعقوبي الحسني الإدريسي كان الله له ولذريته ونفعه ببركة نسبه

(Shaykh Abu Al-Huda Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi (may Allah preserve him) said) by the support of Allah (the Exalted), His assistance, His grace, and His generosity; completed is this blessed treatise from the speech of the Prophet (may Allah bestow peace and blessings upon him and his family) on forty hadith about the virtue of remembrance of Allah (the Exalted), the virtue of person making remembrance. This was in the morning of Wednesday the twenty seventh of the month Dhul Hijjah in the year one thousand, four hundred and twenty seven, in the city of London, Britain. This was composed by the servant of his Lord, prisoner of his sins, servant of the scholars, the dust of the sandals of the feet of the Awliyah, honoured by their connection to the Prophet (may Allah bestow peace and blessings upon him) in lineage, standing at the door of his virtue with adab, Muhammad son of the

⁸ Transliteration from the Arabic is Subhanllah wa bihamdi, Subhanllah l-Azeem.

erudite scholar, Imam, scholar of the scholars, pole of the Gnostics, Imam of the verifiers, Al-Sayyid As-Shaykh Ibrahim Ibn Qutb Al-Rabbani, Al-Arif Al-Samadni, Al-Sayyid As-Shaykh Ismail son of the erudite scholar, the jurist, recitation expert, combining of gnosis of Allah, Al-Zahid, accepted at the hand of his master Al-Sayyid As-Shaykh Muhammad Al-Saddiq Ibn Wali Al-Arif, Shams Al-Marifah, Al-Sayyid As-Shaykh Muhammad Al-Hassan Ibn of the blessed jurist Al-Sayyid Muhammad Al-Arabi Al-Yaqoubi Al-Hassani Al-Idrissi, Allah is for him and his offspring; and may we be blessed by his blessed lineage.

All praise is for Allah (Mighty and Majestic) and may He send peace and blessings upon his Messenger Muhammad (may Allah bestow peace and blessings upon him).