

# Al-Maktab

## Rabiul Awwal

The month of Rabiul Awwal is that month of the year which brings back the wonderful memories of our beloved master Hazrat Sayyidina Muhammed (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam). His birth alone was a great miracle. Whilst he was being born a great light appeared in the sky which brightened up the entire east and west. At the same time an earthquake took place in Persia that shook the palace of the King. This brought down many of their buildings. A holy fire of the fire worshippers that had burned for thousands of years was now suddenly extinguished. These were some of the great miracles that had taken place just on his birth. The world still had to experience the coming of this great prophet of Allah and his efforts in spreading the word of Allah Ta'ala to the entire mankind.

This is a month for everyone of us to ponder deeply over the purpose of the coming of our beloved Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam). It is a time for every one of us to look back at the mission of prophethood and see how we can follow the noble teachings of our master Muhammad (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam). It is a time for us to see how many of his noble sunnats have we brought into our lives.

To know Raulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is more important than even knowing ourselves. Allah Ta'ala says in the Quraan that Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is even closer to us than our own souls. A person can never be a believer if he does not know who Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is.

### **Beauty and Character**

Our prophet Muhammed (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) was an extremely handsome man. His face was so beautiful that it would shine brightly like the full moon. His skin was so smooth and soft that Hazrat Anas (R.A.) once said "I have never touched any fine silk that was softer or smoother than the palms of Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam), and I have never smelt any perfume better than the (natural) smell of (the body) of Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam)."

He had a very noble character. Many people accepted Islaam by just looking at the noble character of Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Hazrat Ayesha (R.A.) once explained that the character of Nabi Muhammed (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) was the Quraan. He followed the teachings of the Quraan in every step of his life. Never ever did he go against any commandment of the Holy Quraan. Hazrat Ayesha (R.A.) says: "It was not the nature of Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) to talk shamelessly, nor to use any vulgar language. He would never shout and speak. If anyone did anything bad to him he forgave them immediately."

True success of every person lies only in following the sunnah way of Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam). A true lover of Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) will follow him in every way of his life. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the true love of Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

### **Spirit of the Sunnah**

In order for a person to gain the true love of Allah Ta'ala and His beloved Rasul (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) he will have to follow the sunnah way of our holy Prophet (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam). It is necessary for a person to follow the sunnah from the time he is born until the time he dies.

If a person has to go to the toilet, or he sits down to eat, in every step of life Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has given us guidance.

There are two sunnats that are very important for us to practice upon which many of us nowadays are leaving out completely. One deals with girls and one with the boys.

The one that deals with the boys is that at all times a persons trouser should remain above his ankles. Allah Ta'ala will not have mercy on a man who allows his trouser to flow below his ankles.

The sunnah pertaining to the girls is that at all times their hair should be covered. In madrassah, school and even out of school a girl must at all times keep her hair covered. May Allah Ta'ala make all our lives the life of the sunnah. Aameen

## Durood upon Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam)

## 10 great benefits of reciting durood Shareef

From all the prophets of Allah Ta'ala Hazrat Muhammed (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is the greatest. Whenever the name of Allah Ta'ala is taken, the name of Muhammed (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is taken together with it. Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) receives durood from Allah Ta'ala and the angels all the time and will continue receiving right till the day of Qiyaamah. Imagine what a great personality he was that Allah Ta'ala himself sends durood upon him. Allah Ta'ala commands the Muslims in the Holy Quraan that you also send durood on Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

### Virtues of durood

1. Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said that whomsoever sends one durood upon me then Allah Ta'ala will send 10 durood upon him, forgive 10 of his sins and elevate his rank 10 times
2. Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is reported to have said that "Whosoever sends 1 durood upon me Allah Ta'ala will appoint an angel to send durood on him right till the day of Qiyaamah.
3. The closest person to Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) on the day of Qiyaamah will be the one who recites the most amount of durood shareef.
4. Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) will intercede for that person on the day of Qiyaamah who sends durood upon him 10 times in the morning and 10 times in the evening.

1. Reciting a lot of durood removes worldly difficulties
2. It is a cure for many sicknesses
3. It protects one from his enemies
4. It increases wealth
5. It increases memory
6. It will remove the pangs of death
7. It creates unity amongst the hearts
8. It is a means of shaking the hands of Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) on the day of Qiyaamah
9. It will reserve a place for you under the shade of the throne of Allah Ta'ala on that day where there will be no other shade but that shade.
10. It is a means of getting remembered in the presence of Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and being honored by getting his salaams.

## MAKTAB NEWS

Alhamdulillah there was a tremendous response for the last theme. May Allah Ta'ala accept the efforts of all those who submitted an entry. The three best entries from all the maktab (madrassahs) were the following:

1. **Sulthana Alli** -- Rose Heights 2. **Radhia Ahmed** -- High Stone 3. **Zakiyya Mohammed** -- Eastview  
InshaAllah all three will receive a book prize and R10-00 each.

Please note that when drawing up projects not to draw pictures of animate objects (humans, animals, birds, etc.). This is not permissible. Also we must at all times take the names of the Ambiyaa (alayhimussalaam) and the sahaabaa (Radia Allahu anhum) with respect. When taking the name of a nabi for example, say Hazrat Musa (alayhis salaam). Donot just say Musa. This is disrespectful. Also say Hazrat Abu Bakar (R.A.), or Hazrat Umar (R.A.) etc.

## THEME

This months theme is "Our Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam)."

Do a project on one of the following

1. The life of Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam)
2. A project on the importance of daily sunnats
3. (Grade 1-2 -- Draw a picture of Masjidun Nabawi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam)

The Best three projects from all the Jamiat Makaatib jointly will receive a book prize together with R10-00 gift voucher. Insha Allah. All entries must be handed in by the 27th of may 2002.