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In this book the manner of going to the mosque and offering the prayer is described to the children in a story-like way.

What to do while hearing the *Athaan*, what to supplicate after the *Athaan*, how to perform *Wudhu'* and what to recite, how to leave the home, how to behave on the way to the mosque, how to enter the mosque, how to offer the prayer — these all things have been described in an interesting manner.

Parents should try to provide this book to their children so that they may learn all manners in this regard.

May Allāh help us all in providing guidance to our children.

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Talhah in the Mosque

Talhah is a well-mannered boy who loves cleanliness and purification. He performs his ablutions (*Wudhoo'*) and always makes sure to perform his prayers with the congregation in the mosque on time. He knows the following Verse by heart:

﴿إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا
مَوْقُوتًا﴾

“Verily, *As-Salaat* (the prayer) is enjoined on the believers at fixed hours.” (4:103)

He also knows the following *Hadeeth* by heart:

«مُرُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَهُمْ أَبْنَاءُ سَبْعِ
سِنِينَ، وَاضْرِبُوهُمْ عَلَيْهَا وَهُمْ أَبْنَاءُ عَشْرِ،
وَفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَهُمْ فِي الْمَضَاجِعِ»

“Order your children to pray at the age of seven and beat them for

(neglecting) it at the age of ten and separate them in their beds.”
(Ahmad, Abu Dawood and Al-Haakim)

Talhah is very grateful and obedient to his parents who always do their best to bring him up as a good Muslim. They always make sure he offers his prayers at the proper times. He is particularly grateful to his father who regularly takes him to the mosque and always wakes him up just before daybreak in order to offer the dawn prayer with the congregation in the mosque.

Talhah is also a very successful student and always gets very high grades in all of his exams. He is in the third grade this year and has nearly completed memorization of the *Qur'an*. All of his teachers like him and so do his neighbors, because he is polite and respects everybody. He never hurts anybody's feelings and always meets people with a cheerful smile on his face.

He memorized another *Hadeeth* in which the Prophet ﷺ said:

«تَبَسُّمُكَ فِي وَجْهِ أَخِيكَ صَدَقَةٌ»

“To smile in your brother’s face is an act of charity.”

When the *Mu’aththin* calls people to prayer, Talhah repeats all the words the *Mu’aththin* says. When the *Mu’aththin* says, “*Allaahu Akbar*”, Talhah says, “*Allaahu Akbar*”. Everything the *Mu’aththin* says, Talhah repeats it. But when he says, “*Hayya ‘alas-Salaah... Hayya ‘alal-Falaah*” (come to prayer, come to success), Talhah says, “*Laa hawla wa laa quwwata illaa billaah*” (there is no might and no strength except by Allāh). When the *Mu’aththin* finishes the call to prayer, Talhah says:

«وَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، رَضِيتُ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا، وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولًا»

“*Wa ana ash-hadu an laa ilaaha illal-laahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah, wa anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu wa Rasooluh. Radheetu bil-laahi Rabban, wa bil-Islaami deenan, wa bi Muhammadin Rasoolan.*” (And I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allāh alone, Who has no partner, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. I am pleased with Allāh as a Lord, Islam as a religion and Muhammad as a Messenger.)

He then says this supplication:

«اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةِ التَّامَّةِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْقَائِمَةِ، آتِ مُحَمَّدًا الْوَسِيلَةَ، وَالْفَضِيلَةَ، وَابْعَثْهُ مَقَامًا مَحْمُودًا الَّذِي وَعَدْتُهُ»

“*Allaahumma Rabba hathihid-da‘watit-taammati was-salaatil-qaa’imati, aati Muhammadanil-waseelata wal-fadheelata, wab’ath-hu Maqaaman Mahmoodan-il-lathee*

wa'adtahu." (O Allāh! Lord of this perfect call and established prayer! Kindly give Muhammad the right of intercession and superiority and raise him (on the Day of Judgment) to the best and the highest place in Paradise which You promised him.)

Then he supplicates Allāh between the time the *Athaan* is called and the time when the actual prayer starts. He does this because he knows that particular *Hadeeth* in which the Prophet ﷺ said:

«الدُّعَاءُ لَا يُرَدُّ بَيْنَ الْأَذَانِ وَالْإِقَامَةِ فَادْعُوا»

"Supplication will not be rejected between the *Athaan* and the time the call is made for the prayer to start."

On one of the walls in Talhah's room hangs a timetable showing the prayer times. Therefore, when the prayer time approaches, he makes himself ready for the prayer.

Whenever Talhah needs to use the toilet, he never forgets to say:

«اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخُبْثِ وَالْخَبَائِثِ»

"*Allaahumma innee a'oothu bika minal-khubuthi wal-خابا'ith.*" (O Allāh, I seek refuge with You from the male and female devils.)

When he wants to leave the bathroom, he says:

«غُفْرَانَكَ»

"*Ghufraanak.*"

[I ask You (Allāh) for forgiveness.]

He begins his ablutions by saying "*Bismillaah*". Then he washes his hands up to the wrists, and he washes out his mouth and his nostrils three times. Then he washes his face and hands up to the elbows, the right one first and then the left one. Then he wipes over his head and ears. Finally, he washes his feet, the right one first and then the left one.

When he completes his ablutions he says:

«أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ
اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ
الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ»

“Ash-hadu an laa ilaaha illal-laahu
wahdahu laa shareeka lahu, wa ash-
hadu anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu
wa Rasooluh. Allaahummaj-‘alnee
minat-tawwaabeena, waj-‘alnee
minal-mutatah-hireen.” [I testify
that none has the right to be
worshipped except Allāh and that
Muhammad is His slave and
Messenger. O Allāh! Make me
among those who repent (to You)
and among those who purify (or
clean) themselves often.]

Talhah’s house is very far from the
mosque, but he always offers his prayers

in the mosque. He knows the following
Hadeeth by heart:

Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه narrated that the
Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

«صَلَاةُ الرَّجُلِ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ تَزِيدُ عَلَى صَلَاتِهِ
فِي بَيْتِهِ وَصَلَاتِهِ فِي سُوقِهِ خَمْسًا وَعِشْرِينَ
دَرَجَةً، وَذَلِكَ بِأَنْ أَحَدَكُمْ إِذَا تَوَضَّأَ فَأَحْسَنَ
الْوُضُوءَ وَآتَى الْمَسْجِدَ لَا يُرِيدُ إِلَّا الصَّلَاةَ
وَلَا يَنْهَزُهُ -يَعْنِي- إِلَّا الصَّلَاةَ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَخْطُ
خُطْوَةً إِلَّا رُفِعَ لَهُ بِهَا دَرَجَةٌ وَحُطَّ بِهَا عَنْهُ
خَطِيئَةٌ حَتَّى يَدْخُلَ الْمَسْجِدَ فَإِذَا دَخَلَ
الْمَسْجِدَ كَانَ فِي صَلَاةٍ مَا كَانَتْ الصَّلَاةُ هِيَ
تَحْسِبُهُ، وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى أَحَدِكُمْ مَا
دَامَ فِي مَجْلِسِهِ الَّذِي صَلَّى فِيهِ، يَقُولُونَ:
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْهُ، اللَّهُمَّ تَبَّ عَلَيْهِ
مَا لَمْ يُؤْذِ فِيهِ أَوْ يُحْدِثْ فِيهِ»

“A man’s prayer with the