

Hadith #1

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: مَثَلُ الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ رَبَّهُ وَالَّذِي لَا يَذْكُرُ رَبَّهُ مَثَلُ الْحَيِّ وَالْمَيِّتِ

Translation: Abu Musa (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "He who remembers his Lord and he who does not are like the living and the dead."

References

- ▶ Bukhari, as-Sahih (5:2353#6044)
- ▶ Mundhiri, at-Targhib wat-tarhib (2:256#2303)
- ▶ Asqalani, Fath-ul-bari (11:210#6044)

Hadith #2

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: مَثَلُ الْبَيْتِ الَّذِي يُذَكَّرُ اللَّهُ فِيهِ وَالْبَيْتِ الَّذِي لَا يُذَكَّرُ اللَّهُ فِيهِ مَثَلُ الْحَيِّ وَالْمَيِّتِ

Translatin: Abu Musa (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "The house in which Allah (SWT) is remembered and the one in which Allah (SWT) is not remembered are like the living and the dead."

References

- ▶ Muslim, as-Sahih (1:539#779)
- ▶ Ibn Hibban, as-Sahih (3:135#854)
- ▶ Abu Yala, al-Musnad (13:291#7306)
- ▶ Ruyani, al-Musnad (1:317#473)
- ▶ Abu Nuaym, al-Musnad-ul-mustakhraj ala as-Sahih Muslim (2:372#1771)

► Daylami, al-Firdaw bima thur al-khitab (4:143#6442)

► Bayhaqi, Shuab-ul-iman (1:401#536)

► Mundhiri, at-Targhib wat-tarhib (1:170#635)

► Nawawi, Sharh Sahih Muslim (6:68)

Allah (SWT) expresses His pride on His Rememberers (Dhakireen) in front of angels, [and it is recommended to make gatherings of Dhikr unlike some people who consider gathering for dhikr as Bidah \(Naudhobillah\)](#)

Hadith #3

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: خَرَجَ مُعَاوِيَةُ عَلَى حَلْفَةِ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ، فَقَالَ: ... إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ خَرَجَ عَلَى حَلْفَةٍ مِنْ أَصْحَابِيهِ، فَقَالَ: مَا أَجْلَسْتُمْ؟ قَالُوا: جَلَسْنَا نَذْكُرُ اللَّهَ وَنَحْمَدُهُ عَلَى مَا هَدَانَا لِلْإِسْلَامِ، وَمَنْ بِهِ عَلَيْنَا. قَالَ: اللَّهُ مَا أَجْلَسْتُمْ إِلَّا ذَاكَ؟ قَالُوا: وَاللَّهِ مَا أَجْلَسْنَا إِلَّا ذَاكَ. قَالَ: أَمَا إِنِّي لَمْ أَتُحَلِّفْكُمْ نَهْمَةً لَكُمْ، وَلَكِنَّهُ أَتَانِي جِبْرِيْلُ، فَأَخْبَرَنِي أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يُبَاهِي بِكُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةَ

Translation: Abu Saeed Khudri (رضى الله عنه) narrates that Muawiyah (رضى الله عنه) ***came to a group of people in the mosque*** and said, "... The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) came to a group of his Companions in the mosque and said, 'Why are you sitting?' They said, 'We are sitting remembering Allah and paying our thanks to Him for His favour of guiding us to Islam.' The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, 'Do you say that on oath that is what has made you sit here?' They submitted, 'By Allah we are sitting here only for this purpose.' The Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, 'I have not made you take oath for any doubt but the thruth is that Gabriel came and told me that Allah is expressing His pride on you in front of angels.'"

References

► Muslim, as-Sahih (4:2075#2701)

► Tirmidhi, as-Sunan (5:460#3379)

- ▶ Nasai, as-Sunan (8:249#5426)
- ▶ Ahmad bin Hambal, al-Musnad (4:92)
- ▶ Ibn Hibban, as-Sahih (3:95#813)
- ▶ Ibn Abi Shaybah, al-Musannaf (6:59#29469)
- ▶ Tabarani, al-Mujam-ul-kabir (19:311#701)
- ▶ Mindhiri, at-Targhib wat-tarhib (2:259#2317)

Hadith #4

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: صَلَّيْنَا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْمَغْرِبَ، فَرَجَعَ مَنْ رَجَعَ وَعَقِبَ مَنْ عَقِبَ، فَجَاءَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ مُسْرِعًا، قَدْ حَفَرَهُ النَّفْسُ وَقَدْ حَسَرَ عَنْ رُكْبَتَيْهِ، فَقَالَ: ابْشِرُوا هَذَا رَبُّكُمْ قَدْ فَتَحَ بَابًا مِنْ أَبْوَابِ السَّمَاءِ يَبَاهِي بِكُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةُ، يَقُولُ: انظُرُوا إِلَى عِبَادِي قَدْ قَضَوْا فَرِيضَتَهُ وَهُمْ يَنْتَظِرُونَ أُخْرَى

Translation: Abdullah bin Amr (رضى الله عنهما) narrates, "We offered the sunset ritual prayer with the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) . Those who were to leave left and those desirous to stay back stayed. So swiftly the Holy Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) came that he was breathing heavily and his robe was a little above his holy ankles. He said, 'Cheer up! **This is your Lord Who has opened a door of heavens and is expressing His pride on you before the angels, saying: Look at My servants; after performing an obligatory ritual prayer they are waiting for the next one (prayer).'**"

References

- ▶ Ibn Majah, as-Sunan (1:262#801)
- ▶ Abu Nuaym, Hilyat-ul-awliya wa tabaqat-ul-asfiya (6:54)
- ▶ Mindhiri, at-Targhib wat-tarhib (1:172#646)
- ▶ Kinani, Misbah-uz-zujajah (1:102#303)

► Shawkani, Nayl-ul-awtar (2:54)

Angels search streets for Dhikr sittings

Hadith #5

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَلَائِكَةً يَطُوفُونَ فِي الطُّرُقِ، يَلْتَمِسُونَ أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ، فَإِذَا وَجَدُوا قَوْمًا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ تَنَادَوْا، هَلُمُّوا إِلَى حَاجَتِكُمْ

Translation: Abu Huraira (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "Allah has angels who roam about on roads looking for the love-sick rememberers of Allah. When they find such people, they call out other angels: 'Come here to your coveted aspiration....'"

References:

► Bukhari, as-Sahih (5:2353#6045)

► Ibn Hibban, as-Sahih (3:139#857)

► Bayhaqi, Shuab-ul-iman (1:399#531)

► Ibn Rajab, Jami-ul-ulum wal-hikam (1:345)

► Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (2:258#2316)

Hadith #6

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَالَ: إِنَّ لِلَّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى مَلَائِكَةَ سَيَّارَةَ فَضَّلْنَا يَنْتَبِهُونَ مَجَالِسَ الذِّكْرِ، فَإِذَا وَجَدُوا مَجْلِسًا فِيهِ ذِكْرٌ، قَعَدُوا مَعَهُمْ

Translation: Abu Huraira (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "Surely there are some angels of Allah (SWT) who conduct patrolling in search of remembrance assemblies (majālis al-dhikr). When they find such an assembly, they join and sit with them..."

References:

- ▶ Muslim, as-Sahih (4:2069#2689)
- ▶ Ahmad bin Hambal, al-Musnad (2:25#7420)
- ▶ Ahmad bin Hambal, al-Musnad (2:382#8960)
- ▶ Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (2:259#2316)
- ▶ Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (4:244#5523)

Hadith #7

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَلَائِكَةً سَيَّارَةٌ وَفَضْلَاءَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ مَجَالِسَ الذِّكْرِ فِي الْأَرْضِ

Translation: Abu Huraira narrates (رضى الله عنه) that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "There are angels of Allah (SWT), besides those assigned with usual tasks, who travel round the globe (with a particular aim) and keep looking for remembrance sittings (majālis al-dhikr)."

Reference:

Hakim, al-Mustadrak (1:672#1821)

Angels cover remembrance assemblies of Allah with their wings

Hadith #8

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ وَأَبِي سَعِيدِ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا أَنَّهُمَا شَهِدَا عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّهُ قَالَ: لَا يَقْعُدُ قَوْمٌ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِلَّا حَقَّتْهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ، وَغَشِيَتْهُمُ الرَّحْمَةُ، وَنَزَلَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّكِينَةُ، وَذَكَرَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِيمَنْ عِنْدَهُ

Translation: Abu Huraira (رضى الله عنه) and Abu Saeed Khudri (رضى الله عنه) narrate that they visited the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) and he said, "Whenever people sit to remember Allah (SWT), angels cover them (spreading their wings over them) and divine mercy envelops them; inner peace descends on them and Allah (SWT) mentions them to those who are with Him."

References:

- ▶ Muslim, as-Sahih (4:2074#2700)
- ▶ Tirmidhi, al-Jami-us-sahih (5:459#3378)
- ▶ Ibn Majah, as-Sunan (2:1245#3791)
- ▶ Ibn Abi Shaybah, al-Musannaf (6:60#29475)
- ▶ Tabarani, al-Mujam-ul-awsat (2:137#1500)
- ▶ Ahmad bin Hambal, al-Musnad (3:92#11893)
- ▶ Tayalisi, al-Musnad (1:296#2233)
- ▶ Tayalisi, al-Musnad (1:314#2386)
- ▶ Abu Yala, al-Musnad (2:444#1252)
- ▶ Abu Yala, al-Musnad (11:20#6159)

Hadith #9

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَالَ: إِنَّ لِلَّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى مَلَائِكَةَ سَيَّارَةً فَضَلَّهَا يَنْتَبِعُونَ مَجَالِسَ الذِّكْرِ، فَإِذَا وَجَدُوا مَجْلِسًا فِيهِ ذِكْرٌ، قَعَدُوا مَعَهُمْ وَحَفَّ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا بِأَجْنِحَتِهِمْ، حَتَّى يَمَلُّوا مَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا

Translation: According to Abu Huraira the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "There are many angels of Allah (SWT), besides those assigned with normal tasks, who travel around looking for remembrance sessions. When they find such a session where remembrance of Allah is in progress, they sit with them and some angels cover the others with their wings ascending one above another until the space between the earth and the lowest heaven gets filled...."

References:

► Muslim, as-Sahih (4:2069#2689)

► Ahmad bin Hambal, al-Musnad (2:252#7420)

► Ahmad bin Hambal, al-Musnad (2:382#8960)

► Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (2:259#2316)

► Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (4:244#5523)

Hadith #10

عَنْ أَنَسِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: إِنَّ لِي سَيَّارَةً مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ يَطْلُبُونَ حِلَقَ الذِّكْرِ. فِإِذَا حَفُوا عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَتَوْا بِهِمْ، ثُمَّ بَعَثُوا رَأْسَهُمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ إِلَى رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى

Translation: Anas (رضى الله عنه) narrates from the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) that he said, "Some angels of Allah (SWT) remain wandering in search of remembrance circles. When the angels come to them, they cover those people and then send their leader to the heavens in the Divine Presence....

Reference:

Haythami, Majma-uz-zawaid (10:77)

Allah (SWT) asks angels about His remembers

Hadith #11

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ أَوْ عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: إِنَّ لِي مَلَائِكَةً سَيَّاحِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَضَلَّ عَنْ كُتَابِ النَّاسِ، فِإِذَا وَجَدُوا أَقْوَامًا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ تَنَادَوْا هَلُمُّوا إِلَيْنَا نُغَيِّبَنَّكُمْ. فَيَحْبِسُونَ فَيَحْفُونَ بِهِمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الثُّنْيَا، فَيَقُولُ اللَّهُ: عَلَى أَيِّ شَيْءٍ تَرَكْتُمْ عِبَادِي يَصْنَعُونَ؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: تَرَكْنَاهُمْ يَحْمَدُونَكَ وَيَمَجِّدُونَكَ وَيَذْكُرُونَكَ. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: هَلْ رَأَوْنِي؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: لَا. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: فَكَيْفَ لَوْ رَأَوْنِي؟ قَالَ: فَيَقُولُونَ: لَوْ رَأَوْكَ لَكُنَّا أَشَدَّ تَحْمِيدًا وَأَشَدَّ لَكَ ذِكْرًا. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: وَأَيُّ شَيْءٍ يَطْلُبُونَ؟ قَالَ: فَيَقُولُونَ: يَطْلُبُونَ الْجَنَّةَ. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: وَهَلْ رَأَوْهَا؟ قَالَ: فَيَقُولُونَ: لَا. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: فَكَيْفَ لَوْ رَأَوْهَا لَكُنَّا أَشَدَّ لَهَا طَلْبًا وَأَشَدَّ عَلَيْهَا حِرْصًا. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: فَمِنْ أَيِّ شَيْءٍ يَتَعَوَّدُونَ؟ قَالُوا: يَتَعَوَّدُونَ مِنَ النَّارِ. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: هَلْ رَأَوْهَا؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: لَا. فَيَقُولُ: فَكَيْفَ لَوْ رَأَوْهَا؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: لَوْ رَأَوْهَا لَكُنَّا أَشَدَّ لَهَا حَقَاقًا وَأَشَدَّ مِنْهَا خَوْفًا وَأَشَدَّ مِنْهَا تَعَوُّدًا. قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: فَايُّ أَشْهُدِكُمْ أَيُّ قَدْ غَفَرْتُ لَهُمْ. فَيَقُولُونَ: إِنَّ فِيهِمْ فَلَانًا الْخَطَاءَ لَمْ يُرِدْهُمْ، إِذَا جَاءَهُمْ لِحَاجَةٍ. فَيَقُولُ: هُمْ الْقَوْمُ لَا يَشْفَى لَهُمْ جَلِيسٌ

Translation: Abu Huraira or Abu Saeed Khudri (رضى الله عنهما) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "There are many angels of Allah (SWT), other than the ones who record deeds, who wander around on earth. When they find some people performing remembrance of Allah (SWT), they call other angels, saying, 'Come to what you are looking for.' So they come and cover those people up to the lowest heaven. Then Allah (SWT) says, 'What were My servants doing when you left them?' The angels say, 'O Lord, we left them praising You, magnifying You and remembering You.' Allah (SWT) says, 'Have they seen Me?' They reply, 'No.'" The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "Allah (SWT) says, 'What would have been their condition if they had seen Me?' They say, 'If they had seen You, they would have praised You, magnified You and remembered You far more.' Allah (SWT) says, 'What are they asking for?' They reply, 'They are asking You for Paradise.' He says, 'Have they seen it?' They reply, 'No.' He says, 'What would have been their state if they had seen it?' They reply, 'If they had seen it, they would have asked for it more intensely and desired it more earnestly.' Allah says, 'What are they seeking My protection from?' The angels say, 'They are seeking Your protection from the Fire.' Allah (SWT) says, 'Have they seen it?' They reply, 'No.' Allah (SWT) says, 'What would have been their condition if they had seen it?' They reply, 'If they had seen it, they would have fled from it, feared it and sought Your refuge from it even more intensely.' Allah says, 'Then bear witness that I have forgiven them.' They say, 'There is so and so a great sinner among them; he came only for his personal interest and not to join in remembrance.' Allah (SWT) says, 'These are such people that even their companion is not left destitute and unfortunate.'"

Reference:

Tirmidhi, al-Jami-us-sahih (5:579#3600)

Hadith #12

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: يَتَعَاقَبُونَ فِيكُمْ مَلَائِكَةٌ بِاللَّيْلِ، وَمَلَائِكَةٌ بِالنَّهَارِ، وَيَجْتَمِعُونَ فِي صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ وَصَلَاةِ الْعَصْرِ، ثُمَّ يَخْرُجُ الَّذِينَ بَاتُوا فِيكُمْ فَيَسْأَلُهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِمْ: كَيْفَ تَرَكَتُمْ عِبَادِي؟ فَيَقُولُونَ: تَرَكَنَاهُمْ وَهُمْ يُصَلُّونَ وَأَتَيْنَاهُمْ وَهُمْ يُصَلُّونَ

Translation: Abu Huraira (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "Angels come among you in turns by night and by day, and they all assemble at the fajr (morning) and asr (afternoon) ritual prayers. Then the ones who visited you ascend and their Lord asks them, although He knows better about them, 'In what state did you leave My servants?' The angels reply: 'They were offering ritual prayer when we left them while they were also praying when we approached them.'"

References

- ▶ Bukhari, as-Sahih (1:203#530)
- ▶ Muslim, as-Sahih (1:439#632)

Remembrance of Allah is better than fighting in His way

Hadith #13

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ سُئِلَ: أَيُّ الْعِبَادِ أَفْضَلُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ؟ قَالَ: الذَّاكِرُونَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا وَالذَّاكِرَاتُ. قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! وَمِنْ الْغَارِي فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: لَوْ ضَرَبَ بِسَيْفِهِ فِي الْكُفَّارِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ حَتَّى يَنْكَسِرَ وَيَخْتَضِبَ دَمًا لَكَانَ الذَّاكِرُونَ اللَّهَ أَفْضَلَ مِنْهُ دَرَجَةً

Translation: Abu Saeed Khudri (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) was asked, "Who will be superior in the sight of Allah on the Day of Resurrection?" He said, "The men and the women who remember Allah (SWT) greatly." The narrator states: I submitted, "O Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم), are they superior even to those who fight in the way of Allah (SWT)?" He said, "Even if he wields his sword among infidels and polytheists until it breaks blood stained, the remembrances of Allah are superior to him in grade."

References

- ▶ Tirmidhi, al-Jami-us-sahih (5:458#3376)
- ▶ Ahmad bin Hambal, al-Musnad (3:75#11738)
- ▶ Abu Yala, al-Musnad (2:530#1401)
- ▶ Ibn Rajab, Jami-ul-ulum wal-hikam (1:238)

► Ibn Rajab, Jami-ul-ulum wal-hikam (1:444)

► Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (2:254#2296)

► Ibn Kathir, Tafsir-ul-Quran al-azim (3:489)

Hadith #14

عَنْ مُعَاذِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: مَا عَمِلَ ابْنُ آدَمَ عَمَلًا أَنْجَى لَهُ مِنَ النَّارِ مِنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ. قَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! وَلَا الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: وَلَا الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ. تُضْرَبُ بِسَيْفِكَ حَتَّى يَنْقَطِعَ ثُمَّ تُضْرَبُ بِسَيْفِكَ حَتَّى يَنْقَطِعَ ثُمَّ تُضْرَبُ بِهِ حَتَّى يَنْقَطِعَ

Translation: Muādh (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, **“No action of man is more protecting against the Fire (of Hell) than remembrance of Allah.”** He (the narrator) submitted, “O Messenger of Allah, not even fighting in the way of Allah?” He said, **“No, not even jihad even if you fight so much that your sword breaks, and then you fight again and that sword also breaks, and then you fight on until another sword breaks.”**

References:

► Ibn Abi Shaybah, al-Musannaf (6:57#29452)

► Ibn Abi Shaybah, al-Musannaf (7:169#35046)

► Abd bin Humayd, al-Musnad (1:73#127)

► Ibn Abd-ul-Barr, at-Tamhid (6:57)

Hadith #15

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: ذَكَرُ اللَّهُ الْغَدَاةَ وَالْعَشِيَّ الْأَعْظَمَ مِنْ حِطْمِ السُّيُوفِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَإِعْطَاءِ الْمَالِ سَخًا

Translation: Narrated from Abdullah bin Amr, he said, **“Remembrance of Allah (SWT) morning and**

evening is superior to breaking swords in fighting for Allah (SWT) and spending generously in His way.”

References:

- ▶ Ibn Abi Shaybah, al-Musannaf (6:58#29456)
- ▶ Ibn Abi Shaybah, al-Musannaf (7:170#35047)
- ▶ Ibn Mubarak, az-Zuhd (1:394#1116)
- ▶ Ibn Abd-ul-Barr, at-Tamhid (6:59)

Remembrance of Allah (SWT) is superior to giving gold and silver in charity

Hadith #16

عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: أَلَا أَنْبِئُكُمْ بِخَيْرِ أَعْمَالِكُمْ وَأَزْكَاهَا عِنْدَ مَلِيكِكُمْ، وَأَرْفَعِيهَا فِي دَرَجَاتِكُمْ، وَخَيْرٌ لَكُمْ مِنْ إِنْفَاقِ الذَّهَبِ وَالْوَرَقِ، وَخَيْرٌ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْ تَلْقَوْا عَدُوَّكُمْ فَتَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَهُمْ وَيَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَكُمْ؟ قَالُوا: بَلَى. قَالَ: ذِكْرُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى. فَقَالَ مُعَاذُ بْنُ جَبَلٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ: مَا شَيْءٌ أَنْجَى مِنْ عَذَابِ اللَّهِ مِنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

Translation: Abu Darda (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "Shall I not inform you the best and the purest of your deed in the sight of your Master, which is the highest in your degrees, is superior to your spending gold and silver in charity, and is better than confronting and fighting against your enemy, cutting one another's necks?" The Companions submitted, "Yes, indeed!" He said, "It is remembering Allah." Muādh ibn Jabal (رضى الله عنه) said, "There is nothing more effective to deliver you from the torment of Allah (SWT) than remembrance of Allah (SWT)."

References:

- ▶ Tirmidhi, al-Jami-us-sahih (5:459#3377)

► Ahmad ibn Hambal, al-Masnad (5:195#21750)

► Hakim declared its chain of transmission sahih (sound) in al-Mustadrak (1:673#1825).

► Bayhaqi, Shuab-ul-iman (1:394#519)

► Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (2:253#2294)

► Haythami, Majma-uz-zawaid (10:73)

Hadith #17

عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ أَنَسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: الذِّكْرُ يُفْضَلُ عَلَى النَّفَقَةِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ مِائَةَ ضِعْفٍ

Translation: Muādh ibn Anas (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, **“Remembrance of Allah (SWT) is hundred times superior to spending in the way of Allah.”**

Reference:

Tabarani, al-Mujam-ul-kabir (20:185#404)

Hadith #18

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: لَوْ أَنَّ رَجُلًا فِي حِجْرِهِ دَرَاهِمٌ يُنْفِقُهَا وَأَخْرَجُ يَذْكُرُ اللَّهَ، كَانَ الذَّاكِرُ لِلَّهِ أَفْضَلَ

Translation: Abu Musa (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, **“If someone possesses money and distributes it and some other is engaged in remembrance of Allah (SWT), the one who remembers Allah is superior.”**

References:

► Tabarani, al-Mujam-ul-awsat (6:116#5969)

► Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (2:257#2310)

► Ibn Rajab, Jami-ul-ulum wal-hikam (1:238)

► Haythami, Majma-uz-zawaid (10:74)

► Manawi, Fayd-ul-qadir (5:309)

Remember Allah (SWT) so much that hypocrites call you insane

Hadith #19

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: أَكْثَرُوا ذِكْرَ اللَّهِ حَتَّى يَقُولُوا مَجْثُونَ

Translaton: Abu Saeed Khudri (رضى الله عنه) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "Remember Allah (SWT) so much that people start saying, 'He has gone mad.'"

References:

► Ahmad ibn Hambal, al-Musnad (3:68#11671)

► Ahmad ibn Hambal, al-Musnad (3:71#11692)

► Ibn Hibban, as-Sahih (3:99#817)

► Abu Yala, al-Musnad (2:521#1376)

► Abd ibn Humayd, al-Musnad (1:289#925)

► Hakim, al-Mustadrak (1:677#1839)

► Bayhaqi, Shuab-ul-iman (1:397#526)

► Daylami, al-Firdaws bima thur al-khitab (1:72#212)

► Ibn Rajab, Jami-ul-ulum wal-hikam (1:444)

► Mundhiri, at-Tarhib wat-tarhib (2:256#2304)

Hadith #20

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا يَقُولُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ: إِنَّكُمْ تُرَاءُونَ

Translation: Abdullah ibn Abbas (رضى الله عنهما) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said, "Perform remembrance of Allah in such a way that hypocrites start saying: 'He is showing off.'"

References:

► Tabarani, al-Mujam-ul-kabir (12:169#12786)

► Abu Nuaym, Hilyat-ul-awliya wa tabaqat-ul-asfiya (3:81)

► Ibn Rajab, Jami-ul-ulum wal-hikam (1:444,448)

► Ibn Kathir, Tafsir-ul-Quran al-azim (3:496)

► Manawi, Fayd-ul-qadir (1:456)