

# **FATIMA'S GLORIFICATION OF ALLAH**

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It is reported in Bihar that Ali (A) said to a man from Bani Sae'ed:  
*Should I speak to you about Fatima and Myself?*

- She was my spouse who was the most beloved to the Prophet.
- Once, she carried water using a waterskin until it scarred her chest;
- She ground (grain) using a hand mill until blisters appeared on her hands;
- She swept the floor until her clothes became dusty;
- And lit the fire under the cooking pot until her clothes became mud colored from the smoke.

Fatima was inflicted by great pain as a result of this, so I said to her:  
*Why don't you ask your father for a servant to relieve you from these jobs?*

When Fatima (A) went to the Prophet she found that he had company; and was too shy to talk to him, so she left the house. But the Prophet (S) knew that she had come for something.

Imam Ali (A) continued:  
*The next morning, the Prophet came to the house while we were still under our quilt and said: Assalamu Alaikum!*

Yet because we were ashamed (of being under the quilt), we preferred to remain silent.

*The Prophet once again said: Assalamu Alaikum!*

Once again we remained silent. Then for the third time the Prophet said *Assalamu Alaikum*.

Now we feared that he would depart, for it was the prophet's habit to say *Assalamu SALaikum* three times and then wait for permission to enter or leave.

So I said:  
*Wa Alaik As-Salam, Messenger of Allah! Come in.*

He (S) sat near our heads and said: *Fatima, what was your need when you came to Muhammad yesterday?*

Imam Ali added: I was afraid that she (Fatima) would not tell him, so I pulled my head from under the cover and said: *I will inform you, Messenger of Allah!*

- Surely she carried water using a water skin until her chest was scarred.
- She ground (grain) using a hand mill until blisters appeared on her hands;
- She swept the floor until her clothes became dusty;
- And lit the fire under the cooling pot until her clothes were mud colored from the smoke.

So 1 said to him:

*Why don't ask your father for a servant to relieve you from these jobs?*

The Prophet (S) upon hearing this, said:

*Shall I teach you something that is better for you than a servant and a world with everything in it?*

After every prayer say:

**Allahu Akbar** thirty four (34) times,  
**Alhamdu Lillah** thirty three (33) times and,  
**Subhan Allah** thirty three (33) times,  
 then conclude that with **la illaha ila Allah**.

*Surely this is better for you than that which you wanted and the world and its belongings.'*

Thus, Fatima adhered to this glorification after every prayer; and it came to be known as **Tasbih Fatima**.

Abu Haroun says:

*Surely we command our children to adhere to **Tasbih Fatima** the same way we command them to perform prayers. So perform the tasbih, for whoever adheres to it shall never be miserable.*

In reference to Fatima's beads, it was reported in Makarim al-Akhlaq that it was made of woven wool threads which had knots by the number of Takbir (Allahu Akbar), until when Hamza Ibn Abdal Muttalib (A) was martyred, she made them from the mud of his grave.

Since the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (A), people have been using the mud surrounding his tomb for making beads for the great blessings, which lie in it.

Imam Sadiq (A) said:

*Beads should be made with blue thread and thirty four (34) beads, which was the way Fatima's beads were made after Hamza's martyrdom.*

There are various narrations, which were reported about Tasbeeh Fatima's importance and order. Yet, the most famous order on which our jurisprudents agree is to start with Allahu Akbar, then Al-Hamdu Lillah, and end with Subhanallah.

When we review the aforementioned narrations, it becomes clear that Lady Fatima Zahra (A) performed her housework by herself, despite her honor and nobility, and that Ali (A) helped her to do the housework.

It has been reported in Bihar that Imam Ali (A) said:

*Once, the Messenger of Allah came to us while Fatima was sitting near the pot and I was cleaning some lentils; when the Prophet saw us he said:*

*Abu Al-Hassan!*

*I said:*

*At your service! O Messenger of Allah!*

*He then said:*

*Listen to me, for I say not save that which is the word of Lord: There is not a man who helps his wife in her housework, save that with very hair on his body a whole year of worship-during which he fasted the days and kept up the nights in prayer is counted for him....*

### **Teaching the Tasbih to the Children**

The Prophet (S) taught her daughter, Fatima (SA), the best lesson, which was the Tasbih. From that time, millions of people have been saying that Tasbih after their prayers. They have been asking the Lord for help via the Tasbih.

*In the book Qorb-al-Asnad, it is quoted from Imam Jafar as-Sadiq (AS):  
We instruct our children to say the Tasbih just as we instruct them to pray. You, too (addressing Abu Haroon) do it, because whoever doesn't recite the Tasbih, falls into misery.*

### **The Tasbih with a Long Presence of Heart**

Sheikh Ali bin Jazaeri, said the Tasbih for one hour because with each word of the praises he said, his tears flowed down his cheeks.

### **The Tasbih, the Sign of a Faithful Person**

It is written in Makarim-ul-Akhlaq that the Tasbih of Fatima (SA) is one of the five signs of a faithful person.

### **The Tasbih and Imam Sajjad (AS)**

It is said that when Imam Sajjad (AS) was taken to Yazeed, he decided to kill Imam. So, he started speaking to Imam and intended to make him say something that would give him a pretext to cause his death.

But the Imam said nothing more than Yazeed had said.

In his hand, there was a Tasbih and while speaking he turned it. Yazeed said:  
*I speak to you and you answer me while your fingers turn the Tasbih. How do you permit yourself to do that?*

The Imam said:

*My father informed me that the Prophet (S) didn't move from his place after the morning prayers and didn't say anything. Sometimes he took the Tasbih and said: O Lord! I entered morning while I was praising You equal to the number of the beads of the Tasbih that is in my hand.  
Then he turned the Tasbih and spoke without praising.*

The Imam continued:

*This will be counted for me and will protect me till bedtime.*

When he went to bed he also gave a special praise to Allah.  
*I follow my great grandfather and do the same thing.*

Then Yazeed looked at the people around him and said:  
*He defeated me by his answer*  
and ordered them to let him go.

### **The Favors of the Angels**

When one of you goes to bed an honorable angel and a mulish Satan come to you quickly. The angel says:

*End your day in a good way and start your night doing the right.*

At the same moment the Satan says:

*End your day committing sins and start your night with wrongdoings.*

If the person obeys the angel and ends his day and begins his night in Allah's name and says the Tasbih, that angel drives the Satan away and protects the person till he/she gets up.

When the person gets up, the Satan comes to him again and repeats what it said the night before. If the person recites the Tasbih, the Satan flees and Allah gives the reward a heavenly reward equal to the reward of the one who has prayed the whole night.

### **Fatima's (AS) Tasbih (Rosary)**

It is written in Makarim-ul-Akhlaq that Fatima (S) had a Tasbih made of woolen thread, which had 100 knots, and she used it to recite the Tasbih.

When Hazrat Hamzah (Prophet's uncle) was martyred, she used his soil for making Tasbih.

After the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS), the people used his soil to make Tasbih.

Imam Sadiq (AS) said:

*The first Tasbih was our mother's (i.e. Fatima's (AS)) which was made of blue thread and after that, she made beads of Tasbih from the soil of Hamzah's grave.*

### **The Soil of Imam Husain's Grave**

Imam Sadiq (AS) said:

*Prostration on the soil of Hussain (AS) illuminates the seven layers of the earth, and if somebody keeps a Tasbih made of Imam Hussain's soil, they are considered the prayers of Allah, even if they don't say anything.*

### **The Value of Tasbih**

Imam Baqir (AS) said:

*Allah has not been praised in any way better than saying the Tasbih. If there had been something better, the Prophet (SAW) would have taught Fatima (AS).*

### **The Effects of the Tasbih**

Imam Sadiq (AS) said: Two brothers went to the Prophet (SAW) and said:

*We want to go to Syria for trading. What shall we do to be protected from dangers?*

He (Prophet) said:

*When you go to bed, say the Tasbih, and after that say Ayat-ul-Kursi (A verse of the Holy Qur'an, surah Baqara). Then, you will be protected from all the dangers.*

On the way thieves followed them, and when they entered the caravanserai, the thieves sent their slave to see what they were doing.

When the slave reached them, the two brothers went to bed and did whatever the Prophet (S) had told them. Suddenly, the slave saw walls surrounding the brothers. He came back to the thieves and told them the story, but they didn't believe him and went in the caravanserai themselves. They also didn't see anything but walls.

The next morning the thieves went to the brothers and said:

*We wanted to steal your goods but last night we didn't see anything but walls.*

The brothers told them the whole story and the thieves said:

*We will not follow you anymore because with what you say nobody can rob you of your goods.*

Imam Sadiq (AS) said:

*Whoever says the Tasbih after saying his prayer, before moving from his place the heaven is their reward.*

### **Tasbih in the Qur'an**

Imam Sadiq (AS) said about the Verse: Praise Allah a lot.

*The one who says the Tasbih has obeyed Qur'anic verses and has praised Allah a lot!*

Imam Muhammad Al Baqir A.S. has said:

*One who recites the Tasbih as performed by Fatima Az Zahra A.S. and after that asks for forgiveness from Allah swt, he/she will be forgiven (by Allah). This Tasbih on the tongue (Dikr) is 100 times, but in weight on the scale (of deed) it is counted as one thousand (good deeds), it will distance Shaitan from one's self, and will make the Beneficent (Allah) pleased.*