

Author's Preface

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the universe, and blessings and salutations upon our master Muhammad (S) and his pure progeny.

Said Muhammad Husayn ibn Muhammad ibn Muhammad Husayn al-Hasani al-Husayni – may Allah forgive his transgressions: This is what Allah (SWT) made possible for us to compile from some of the narrations of the Muslim narrators, of the practices of our master, the Prophet (S), in the limited time and restricted period available. We ask the Almighty (SWT) to grant us the ability to follow these practices as much as possible.

The Almighty (SWT) has said:

“In the Apostle of Allah there is certainly for you a good exemplar” (Surat al-Ahzab (33), 21)

And the Noble Prophet (S) said in his advice to ‘Ali (as): “...And sixth is to follow my *sunnah* in my prayers and my fasting and my giving of charity.”¹

And Imam ‘Ali (as) said: “Whoever disciplines himself with the character that Allah wants his servants to have, will be granted everlasting prosperity.”² In addition, Imam al-Sadiq (as) said: “I would hate for a person to die before having adopted any one attribute from the attributes of the Holy Prophet (S).”³

Indeed, following in his footsteps and adopting his traits is the true perfection and final goal and it is with this that one can achieve success in this world and the next.

We have left out the mention of Makruhat (abominable actions), as it is part of our beliefs that the Noble Prophet (S) never performed any Makruh or Mubah action in a way deemed Makruh or Mubah, and this has been proven by rational and scriptural proofs.

We decided to delete the chains of narrators of the narrations for the sake of brevity, however we have mentioned the names of the books and their authors, and we have differentiated between the narrations with complete and incomplete chains so that anyone who wants to find the source of the narration can easily do so.

We have also mentioned his (S) nature because of its auspiciousness and because it relates to his moral character even though it does not fall under the topic of this book. We have not mentioned specific details of events but have instead concentrated on the general aspects and from Allah do we seek help.

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1. al-Mahasin: 17, al-Kafi 8:66, al-Faqih 4:188, Majmu'at Warram 2:91, Da`aim al-Islam 2:347
 2. The Tafsir attributed to Imam al-'Askari (as): 17, Adabu Qira`ati al-Qur'an: no. 3, Bihar al-Anwar 92:214
 3. Makarim al-Akhlaq: 39

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