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The Love of the Poets for the Messenger ﷺ By Shaykh Zulfiqar Ahmad (db)

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

Some poetry is wisdom and other poetry is but vain talk and black magic.

Allah ﷻ has granted some people the special gift of writing and reciting poetry. The beauty and strength in their words compels one to read their poetry over and over again because of the spellbinding effect that they have on the heart. Readers savor these fascinating writings continuously just as a child favors sweets.

It is also very true that today, *nafs* and *Shaytan* have made whims and desires paramount so that people are only attracted by outer beauty and are willing to be sacrificed for it. The young poets cannot free themselves from idle songs and insist on wasting their time praising a false love in their imagination. This is why Allama Iqbal had to say;

Alas! These people's minds are preoccupied with women.

However, not all can be generalized this way. There are lots of people who are drowned in the love of Allah ﷻ and the Prophet ﷺ and who write poetry that inflames passions in the hearts. Such gifted people are the spiritual heirs of *Hadrat* Hasan bin Thabit ؓ and this blessing will continue to be transmitted through the hearts of people until the Day of Judgment.

The following are a few hymns of such lovers of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ:

*Neither does Allah ﷻ await our praise, nor does the Prophet ﷺ desire our appreciation.
Allah ﷻ is sufficient to praise the Prophet ﷺ; the Prophet ﷺ is the best to glorify Allah ﷻ.*

The following invocation is sufficient for supplication to Allah ﷻ, and all else is superfluous:

O Muhammad! I request from you the Knowledge of Allah ﷻ
O Allah ﷻ I request of You the love of Your Prophet ﷺ

The pride of Adam ﷺ is this man of noble descent,

Of Makkah; of Madinah; of Banu Hashim; of Abdul Mutallib.

The pure skies and Paradise,

Are but a resting place for the Messenger of Allah ﷺ

Tread lightly – lower your voices and your gaze –

The ruh of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ sleeps here.

O visitor of this noble house! Beware!

All vain talk is disrespectful here.

How glorious is the beloved of Allah ﷻ!

Whoever loves him also becomes the beloved of Allah ﷻ.

- Hadrat Allama Syed Sulaiman Nadvi ﷺ

Musa was desirous to see Allah ﷻ

But Allah ﷻ was desirous to see you.

How can Tur Sina compare to Miraj?

How can earth compare to the heavens?

How can Yusuf's beauty compare to yours?

He was the beloved of Zulaikha, you are the beloved of Allah ﷻ.

Veiled in the secret of humanity is your flawless beauty

Unknown to all that you are part of the beauty of Allah ﷻ

Prophets and angels cannot claim the same nearness as you,

You are the beloved of Allah ﷻ the Proud.

Everyone else is an outsider.

Many a times the moon has tried to rival your beauty,

But never could it present splendor close to yours.

How can I boast affiliation to you?

I am as unclean as you are pure and chaste.

I would not be surprised if for your sake

The sins of your nation are counted as acts of obedience.

The crimes of your nation are considered so precious,

The least of your nation be showered with a thousand blessings.

Depending on your intercession my rebelliousness increased,

I am sinful, I am disobedient, but still I belong to you

- Hadrat Maulana Mohammad Qasim Nanotvi ﷺ

*Once again the Dome of Masjid-e-Nabawi ﷺ is in front of my eyes,
Once again my feet are honored to step into the House of the Prophet ﷺ
Once again my head bows at your feet.
Is this the dome of Masjid-e-Nabawi ﷺ or the miracle at Tur?
The heart is filled with desire and the eye is tearful.
Once again I have been honored with the guardianship of your house.
There is no more fear, there is no more sorrow.
These are all the favors of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ
Even one as worthless as I become a shining star,
See the status of the slaves of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ
Even if every part of my body acquires a grateful tongue,
The praise will never be enough to match your favors.
He is the mercy for the worlds; he is the king of all creation.
He is the master of the Muslim nation.
The heart is restless to write in the praise of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ
But I am in such awe that I cannot find the words.*

- *Hadrat Maulana Mufti Muhammad Shafii ﷺ*