



The importance of seeking Waseelah

In current times, due to the abundance of sin, the negligence of the Hereafter and a great shortcoming in the love of the final messenger of Allah, Muhammad ﷺ, there is a constantly increasing amount of trials and troubles befalling the Ummah of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. Even our actions of good have become soul-less and without benefit. However, if the *Waseelah* or medium of an accepted action or person is used, we have hope of our actions being accepted and our supplications answered.

Among these means or *Wasaa'il*, there is the act of sending salutations upon the Prophet, (*Salatu-alan-nabi*), which in itself is an act of worship and is always accepted. One other such *Waseelah*, which has been tried and successfully proven, is the blessed *Na'l* or sandal of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ which holds an enormous amount of blessings and is quick to reap.

The method of *Tawassul* -seeking *Waseelah*- has been mentioned by Shaykh Ashraf Ali Thanwi.

The method of Tawassul

It is preferable to awake during the last portion of the night, perform ablution and establish the *Tahajjud* prayer according to one's capacity.

Thereafter, one should send salutations on our beloved Prophet ﷺ 11 times; recite the following *kalimah* 11 times;

لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله

'*La ilaha illAllah muhammadun rasulullah*'

And then seek forgiveness for their sins 11 times.

After doing this one should place the impression of the blessed *Na'l* upon their forehead with utmost respect, and with complete humility implore Allah saying: "Oh Allah, I am using this blessed *Na'l* as a *Waseelah*, so through the blessings of the exalted owner of this *Na'l*, compared to whom I am totally inferior and undeserving, fulfill this need of mine." One should beg for one's worldly and religious needs, taking extreme care not to ask for anything unlawful.

Thereafter, taking it off one's head, rub it upon the face and kiss it with love and recite couplets of praise and love for the Messenger, our Master ﷺ.

An amazing incident

Abu Ja'far reports: "I gave an impression of the blessed *Na'l* to a student of mine. He came to me one day and said, 'last night I experienced an amazing blessing of the *Na'l*. My wife was in severe pain and close to death so I placed the impression of the *Na'l* upon the area of the pain and supplicated; *Oh Allah, show me the blessings of the owner of this sandal.* Allah cured her immediately.'"

The benefits as mentioned by Scholars

There are countless blessings when the *Na'l* is used as a *Waseelah*, amongst them are:

- The vision of the messenger of Allah in ones dream.
- Safety from oppressors.
- Protection from enemies.
- Refuge from the mischief of the devil.
- Protection from the evil-eye of the jealous.
- Ease from labour pains.
- Victory in battle.
- Safety from theft.
- Safety from drowning.
- Ease from hardships.
- Fulfillment for every need for which it is used as a *Waseelah*.

To conclude...

It is impossible to even attempt to praise the Messenger of Allah ﷺ enough. Poets have expressed their love with couplets of praise and have seen the Prophet in their dreams ﷺ.

It is to this extent that it has been recorded in authentic books that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, in a dream, placed his blessed hand over a seriously diseased part of a poet's body, and, by the grace of Allah, the poet was completely cured.

It has also been recorded, that the papers upon which the praises of our Nabi ﷺ were written were placed upon the eyes of a sufferer of conjunctivitis (the inflammation of the membrane covering the eyeball and inner eyelid), and he was cured, by the will of Allah.

In the same way, the blessed Na'l, simply drawn or sewn upon a piece of paper, holds such blessings that it becomes a means of cure and even a means of protection. As a result of its status, countless blessings for one's worldly and religious affairs are attained, as experienced by the pious slaves of Allah.

The Na'l itself is not the reason for the blessings, but rather it is due to the fact of

its being attributed so greatly to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, and anything which is even remotely attributed to him is blessed.

و نعل خضعنا هيبه لبهاثها

و إنا متي نخضع لها أبدا نعلو

فضعها علي أعلي المفارق إتها

حقيقتها تاج و صورتها نعل

"We are lowered by awe to honour this sandal

And when we lower ourselves before it we are always raised

So place it on a high shelf

For indeed in reality it is a crown and only appears to be a sandal"

- Abu Bakr Ahmad Al Qurtubi

مثال لنعل المصطفي ما له مثال

لروحي به راح لعيني به كحل

فأكرم به تمثال نعل كريمة

لها كل رأس ودّ لو آتته رجل

"There is no equal to the impression of the

sandal of the Chosen One ﷺ

It is solace for my soul, Kohl for my eyes

So respect the imprint of the exalted sandal

For every head wishes to be its foot"

- Shaykh Yusuf Nabhani

The Blessed Na'l

The Sandal of The Prophet ﷺ



"...It is not for the image that my heart is longing – it yearns for the one who wore this sandal..."

- Shaykh Yusuf Nabhani

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