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Prayer And One Who Stands For Prayer

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1. Prayer is the better of the two means of [attaining] nearness [to Allah].

اَلصَّلاةُ أفْضَلُ القُرْبَتَيْنِ1 ..

2. Prayer is a fortress [that protects] from the influences of Satan.

اَلصَّلاةُ حِصْنٌ مِنْ سَطَواتِ الشَّيْطانِ2 ..

3. Prayer is the fortress of the all-Merciful and the instrument for expelling Satan.

اَلصَّلاةُ حِصْنُ الرَّحْمنِ، ومِدْحَرَةُ الشَّيْطانِ3 ..

4. Prayer causes [divine] mercy to descend.

اَلصَّلاةُ تَسْتَنْزِلُ الرَّحْمَةَ4 ..

5. When one of you stands to perform prayer, then let him pray the prayer of one who is bidding farewell (i.e. he should assume that it is the last prayer he will perform in his lifetime).

إذا قامَ أحَدُكُمْ إلَى الصَّلاةِ فَلْيُصَلِّ صَلاةَ مُوَدِّعٍ5 ..

6. And prayer [was prescribed] as a purification from arrogance.

6والصَّلاةَ تَنْزيهاً عَنِ الكِبْرِ ..

7. How many of those who stand [to perform prayer] have nothing in their prayer but [physical] effort.

7كَمْ مِنْ قائِم لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ قِيامِهِ إلاّ العَناءُ ..

8. If the one who offers prayer knew how much divine mercy is descending upon him, he would surely not raise his head from prostration.

8لَوْ يَعْلَمُ المُصَلّي ما يَغْشاهُ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ لَما رَفَعَ رَأسَهُ مِنَ السُّجُودِ ..

9. I am not worried by a wrongdoing in which I am given time so that I can offer two units of prayer [and seek forgiveness].

9ما أهَمَّني ذَنْبٌ أُمْهِلْتُ فيهِ حَتّى أُصَلِّيَ رَكْعَتَيْنِ ..

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