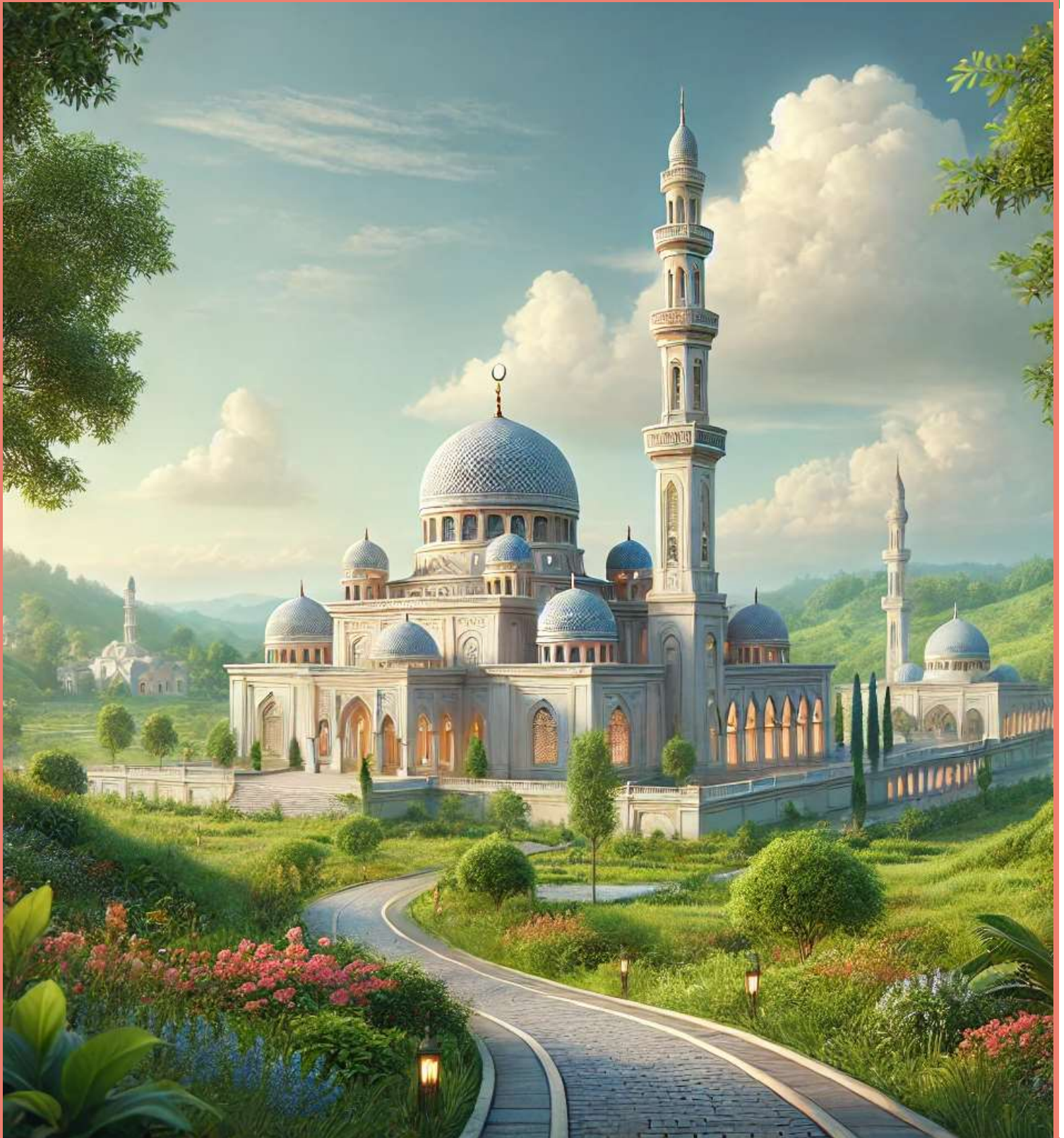


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Dear Beloved Readers!

Welcome to the fifth book in our series, My Journey to Islam.

In the previous books, we learned about the basics of our beautiful Deen, Islam.

We explored the attributes of Allah Ta'ala, the stories of Prophets, the lives of the Sahabah, and essential acts of worship like Salah, Zakaah, and fasting.

Each step of this journey has brought us closer to understanding our Deen and living as true Muslims.

In this book, we will deepen our understanding of these topics.

We will also introduce a new chapter on the Shamaail—the physical and moral characteristics of our beloved Prophet Muhammad **صلى الله عليه وسلم**—so we can draw inspiration from his perfect example.

Let us begin this journey with a dua:

**Ya Allah,
Increase us in knowledge, make us love Your
deen, and guide us on the straight path.
Ameen!**

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Chapter 1: Understanding Allah's Beautiful Names

Allah Ta'ala has many beautiful names that teach us about His greatness and love for His creation. Let us learn three more names and what they mean:

- **Al-Majeed (The Glorious):** Allah is perfect in His majesty and honor. Everything in the heavens and the earth reflects His glory.

Example: When we look at the beauty of the stars in the night sky, we are reminded of Allah's greatness.

Saying *SubhanAllah* helps us appreciate His creation.

- **As-Samad (The Self-Sufficient):** Allah needs nothing from anyone, but we all need Him. He is the One we turn to in every situation.

Example: When you feel worried or scared, say *Ya Samad* and trust that Allah will take care of you.

- **Al-Hakeem (The Wise):** Allah's wisdom is beyond our understanding.

Everything He does is for a reason, even if we do not see it right away.

Story: A boy once prayed for sunny weather, but it rained instead. His grandmother reminded him that Allah's wisdom brings rain to help plants grow, even when we wish for sunshine. The boy smiled and said, "**Alhamdulillah**, Allah knows best."

Lesson: Reflect on Allah's attributes when making decisions or admiring His creation. Knowing Allah's names helps us love and trust Him more.

Chapter 2: More Stories of the Prophets

Allah sent Prophets to teach us about His guidance and mercy. Each story gives us Lessons on how to live as good Muslims. Let's learn about two more Prophets:

- **Prophet Ayub (AS): The Patient Prophet**

Ayub Alayhis Salaam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) was a wealthy and respected man, but Allah tested him by taking away his health, wealth, and family. Despite these trials, Ayub Alayhis Salaam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) remained patient and always thanked Allah. After many years, Allah rewarded him with health and blessings greater than before.

Lesson: **Patience** in times of hardship brings Allah's mercy and great rewards.

- **Prophet Shuayb (AS): The Just Prophet**

Shuayb Alayhis Salaam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) was sent to a community that cheated in business and treated people unfairly. He warned them to be honest and reminded them that Allah dislikes injustice. Although many people ignored his message, Shuayb Alayhis Salaam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) stayed firm and trusted Allah.

Lesson: Always be honest and fair in everything you do, as justice pleases Allah.

Chapter 3: Lessons from the Lives of the Sahabah

The Sahabah, the companions of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, showed us how to live as true believers. Let us learn about two more Sahabah:

- **Muadh ibn Jabal (Radiyahahu ‘Anhu رضي الله عنه): The Scholar Companion**
Muadh (Radiyahahu ‘Anhu رضي الله عنه) loved learning about Islam and teaching others. The Prophet ﷺ once said, “Muadh will be raised as a leader of the scholars on the Day of Judgment.” He advised people to remember Allah in everything they did and to always seek knowledge.

Lesson: Knowledge of Islam brings us closer to Allah and helps us guide others.

- **Usama ibn Zaid (Radiyahallahu 'Anhu**

رضي الله عنه): The Young Leader

Usama (Radiyahallahu 'Anhu رضي الله عنه) was a young but brave leader chosen by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to command an army. Despite his age, he earned the trust and respect of the Muslims through his courage and wisdom.

Lesson: Age does not define your abilities. Trust in Allah, and He will guide you to success.

Chapter 4: Perfecting Our Worship

Worship is the way we connect with Allah Ta'ala. Here are ways to make our worship even better:

- **Focus in Salah (Khushoo')**: Think about the words you are reciting and remember that Allah is watching you.
- **The Power of Dua**: Make dua during sujood (prostration) and at special times like after Salah or in the last third of the night.

Lesson: **Worship** becomes meaningful when we do it **sincerely** and with full attention.

Chapter 5: Wudhu: Refining Our Purification

Wudhu is not just about cleanliness—it prepares our hearts for worship.

Here are some additional tips:

- **Stay in a State of Wudhu:** Try to remain in wudhu throughout the day. It helps you stay connected to Allah.
- **Spiritual Rewards:** The Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever performs wudhu and prays two rak’ahs with full concentration will have all their sins forgiven.” (Sahih Bukhari)

Lesson: Wudhu is a physical and spiritual purifier that brings us closer to Allah.

Chapter 6: Preparing for the Day of Judgment

The Day of Judgment is a reality every Muslim should prepare for. Here are some ways to get ready:

- **Shafa'ah (Intercession):** The Prophet ﷺ will intercede for his Ummah. Strive to be among those he will speak for by following his Sunnah.
- **Good Deeds:** Even small deeds, like smiling or helping someone, can weigh heavily on the Scale of Deeds.

Lesson: Live each day as if it is your last, always seeking Allah's forgiveness and pleasure.

Chapter 7: The Shamaail (Attributes) of Nabi ﷺ

The Shamaail describes the beauty and character of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Let us learn about him:

- **Physical Beauty:** His face shone like the moon, and his smile brought comfort to everyone around him.
- **Moral Traits:** He was gentle, forgiving, and always truthful. Even when people harmed him, he responded with kindness.

Story: A Bedouin pulled harshly at the Prophet's cloak, demanding help.

Instead of getting angry, the Prophet ﷺ smiled and fulfilled his request. This kindness won the man's heart.

Lesson: Emulate the Prophet's ﷺ kindness and gentleness in your own life.

Chapter 8: Strengthening Our Worship: Dhikr and Sunnah Acts

Dhikr and Sunnah acts bring us closer to Allah. Here are some you can practice:

- **Morning and Evening Dhikr:**

Say SubhanAllah wa bihamdihi and La ilaha illallah wahdahu la sharika lahu.

These duas are light on the tongue but heavy in reward.

- **Acts of Worship:** Pray Tahajjud, give charity, and help others. Small consistent deeds are beloved to Allah.

Lesson: Build daily habits of worship to strengthen your faith.

Chapter 9: Lessons from Islamic History

Islamic history is filled with Lessons for us:

Hijrah from Makkah to Madinah:

When the Muslims faced intense persecution in Makkah, Allah commanded the Prophet ﷺ and his followers to migrate to Madinah.

The journey was filled with challenges, but the trust they placed in Allah brought them safety.

Upon arriving, the Prophet ﷺ united the Muhajirun (migrants) and Ansar (helpers), establishing a strong, peaceful Muslim community.

Story: During the journey, the Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr (RA) hid in the cave of Thawr while the Quraysh searched for them.

When the Quraysh approached, Abu Bakr (RA) feared for the Prophet's safety, but the Prophet ﷺ reassured him, saying, "Do not be sad; indeed Allah is with us." (Quran 9:40).

Lesson: Trusting Allah during hardships brings ease, and unity among Muslims strengthens the Ummah.

- **Battle of Uhud:**

After their victory at Badr, the Muslims faced a challenging test at Uhud. Initially,

they were winning, but some archers misunderstood the Prophets **صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم** command to stay at their posts. This gave the enemy an opportunity to attack, leading to a setback for the Muslims. Despite the loss, the Muslims learned important lessons in obedience and perseverance.

Story: Even after being injured during the battle, the Prophet **صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم** prayed for his enemies, showing his immense patience and mercy.

Lesson: **Success** comes from obedience to Allah and His Messenger **صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم**, and hardships are opportunities for growth

- **Battle of the Trench:**

Facing a coalition of tribes intent on destroying Madinah, the Muslims dug a trench around the city under the guidance of **Salman Al-Farsi** (Radiyahallahu 'Anhu (رضي الله عنه)).

This innovative strategy protected the city and ultimately led to the enemy retreating without a battle.

Story: During the digging of the trench, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم struck a rock and proclaimed, “The keys of Sham (Syria) have been given to me!” This inspired hope and trust in Allah’s promises.

Lesson: Unity, effort, and trust in Allah are vital for overcoming challenges.

Chapter 10: Everyday Sunnahs to Practice

Sunnah's are simple but powerful ways to follow the Prophet ﷺ:

- **Greet** others with *Assalamu Alaikum*.
Spread peace and earn rewards.
- **Eat** with your **right hand** and
say Bismillah before eating.
- **Help others**, even in small ways, like
carrying groceries or opening a door.

Lesson: **Following** Sunnats makes our daily actions more rewarding and brings us closer to Allah.

Conclusion

Dear Readers,

Alhamdulillah You have now completed
Book 5 of *My Journey to Islam*.

As we learn more about our Deen,
let us strive to practice these teachings in
our daily lives.

May Allah Ta'ala make us among those who
obey him at all times, follow His commands
and the sunnats of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم and
enter us into Jannah without reckoning.

Aameen

*Ya Allah, keep us on the straight path and
make us among the righteous. Ameen.*

NB:

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