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Commerce that will never fail

Dear Muslims,

In the commercial or the investment field, planning is very crucial for success. The best investor is who directs his resources and spends for a successful project or investment. At the end, the gained profit will indicate how good the investment was.

Having said that one can now question what is worthy to invest in? Is it the blessings and prosperity in this life, which will end and be transferred to others by your death, or that of next life, which, besides giving privilege in this life, remains forever?

Indeed the eternal rewards and blessings are better than the fleeting ones; however, the nature of these rewards and profit can also influence your investment decision. To understand the nature of the next life profit, let us review the rewards for two basic practices in the Islamic religion.

1- Remembrance of Allah: which refers to the ways of remembering Allah: Keeping His attributes in mind, reciting them again and again, affirming them with eagerness and sincerity, and reflecting upon His Omnipotence and Power.

Verily, the Muslims: men and women, the believers: men and women, the Qanit: men and the women, the men and women who are truthful, the men and the women who are patient, the Khashi` : men and the women, the men and the women who give Sadaqat, the men and the women who fast, the men and the women who guard their chastity and the men and the women who remember Allah much with their hearts and tongues, Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward [Al-Ahzab 35]

Remember Me, I will remember you. [Al-Baqarah 152]

Sa'id ibn al-Musayyab said "Its meaning is 'Remember Me with obedience and I will remember you with reward."

Abu Hurayrah, May Allah be pleased with him, said: "The Messenger of Allah was walking along a road in Makkah, and he came to (the mountain of) Jumdan, and said: ***This is Jumdan, go ahead, for the Mufarridun have gone ahead*** his companion asked: ***who are the Mufarridun? He answered: The men and the women who remember Allah much.*** [Muslim]

Abu Musa al-Ashari, May Allah be pleased with him, reported Prophet Mohamed as saying: **The example of the man who remembers Allah and the person who does not remember Allah is the example of a living and dead person.** [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

In hadith reported by Abu Hurayrah, the Prophet (PBUH) related to us that Allah says: **I am as My servant thinks of Me. I am with him when he remembers Me. If he mentions Me within himself, I mention him within Myself. If he mentions Me in an assembly, I mention him in a better assembly. If he comes near to Me a handspan, I come near to him the distance of a cubit. If he comes near to Me the distance of a cubit, I come near to him the distance of two outspread arms. If he comes to Me walking, I come to him running.** [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

In another hadith The Prophet said: **Shall I inform you of the best of your actions and the purest of your property and the highest of your degrees and what is better for you than spending gold and silver and better for you than encountering the enemy and striking their necks and their striking your necks? They said, Yes, indeed!. He said, Remembrance of Allah Almighty.** [Al-Termithy and Ibn-Maja]

Abu Sa'eed Hareez, May Allah be pleased with him, said: **When Allah wants to choose Wali from his servants, He opens for them the door towards his Remembrance, when they find sweetness in His Remembrance, then He opens for them the door of Closeness**

Al-Hasan Al-Basri said: **Seek sweet happiness in three things: performing prayer, remembering Allah, and reading the Holy Quran. If you find (delight in those three things), it is alright. But if you do not, it means that the door (to Allah's Love and Mercy) is closed; so search for the reason.**

One of the ways of Allah remembrance is to continuously ask His forgiveness, it brings blessings, prosperity and Mercy

Further I have spoken to them in public and secretly in private. Saying, 'Ask forgiveness from your Lord; for He is Oft-Forgiving; He will send rain to you in abundance; 'Give you increase in wealth and sons; and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers (of flowing water) [Nuh 9-12]

We sent (aforetime), to the Thamud, their brother Salih, saying, "Serve God": But behold, they became two factions quarrelling with each other. He said: "O my people! why ask ye to hasten on the evil in preference to the good? If only ye ask God for forgiveness, ye may hope to receive mercy. [Al-Naml 45-46]

That is why Prophet Mohamed used to perform it and urged us to follow him in that.
O people repent to Allah, because I repent hundred times a day. [Muslim]

2- Saying Salah (prayers) upon the Prophet:

Allah sends His Salah on the Prophet, and also His angels (do so). O you who believe! Send your Salah on him, and greet him with Taslim. [Al-Ahzab 56]

Al-Bukhari said: **Abu Al-'Aliyah said: "Allah's Salah is His praising him before the angels, and the Salah of the angels is their supplication." Ibn 'Abbas said: "They send blessings." Abu 'Isa At-Tirmidhi said: "This was narrated from Sufyan Ath-Thawri and other scholars, who said: 'The Salah of the Lord is mercy, and the Salah of the angels is their seeking forgiveness.**

In his Tafsir of this Ayah, Al-Bukhari recorded that Ka'b bin 'Ujrah said, **"It was said, 'O Messenger of Allah, with regard to sending Salam upon you, we know about this, but how about Salah' He said: (Say: "O Allah, send Your Salah upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your Salah upon the family of Ibrahim, verily You are the Most Praiseworthy, Most Glorious. O Allah, send Your blessings upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your blessings upon the family of Ibrahim, verily You are Most Praiseworthy, Most Glorious.").**

Saying Salah on Prophet Mohamed has many benefits:

- Obeying the order from Allah as He says:
O you who believe! Send your Salah on him, and greet him with Taslim. [Al-Ahzab 56]
- Following the act of other prophets as they say *salah* on Prophet Mohamed.
- Blessings from Allah. Prophet Mohamed (peace and blessings be upon him) said,
If a person were to say benediction on me once, Allah will bless him 10 times. [Muslim]
- Amplification of reward, removal of sins and receiving the blessings of Allah:
Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-'As (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) saying: Whoever supplicates Allah to exalt my mention (i.e., send salah), Allah will exalt his mention (i.e., send salah) ten times and remove from him ten sins and raise him ten degrees. [Al-Nasai]
- Forgiving sins and be freed from worries:
Ubai ibn Kaa'b reported that, after the first quarter of the night is gone prophet Mohamed used to call out, (O people, remember Allah. The Rajifah (i.e., the first

Blowing of the Trumpet which will shake the whole universe and thus cause all life to cease) has come, followed by Ar-Radifah (i.e., the second Blowing of the Trumpet which will restore life and thus mark the Resurrection Day). Death has approached with all that it comprises. Death has approached with all that it comprises.') I said: "O Messenger of Allah (PBUH), I frequently invoke Allah to elevate your rank. How much of my supplications should I devote to you?" He said, (You may devote as much as you wish) When I suggested a quarter, he said, (Do whatever you wish, but it will be better for you if you increase it) I suggested half, and he said, (Do whatever you wish, but it will be better for you if you increase) I suggested two-thirds, and he said, (Do whatever you wish but it will be better for you if you increase it) I said, "Shall I devote all my supplications invoking Allah to elevate your rank?" He said, (Then you will be freed from your worries and your sins will be forgiven) [Al-Termithy]

Dear muslims,

These are only some examples of the great rewards and pleasures that we can achieve by investing for the next life. To help yourself for doing that, always remember the fleetingness of this world and the eternity of the next life.

We ask Allah to help us stay fasting on his path, to accept our investment for next life and good deeds, to forgive our sins and reward us paradise.

Amen