

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

## Foreword

(پیش لفظ)

The first verse of Quran says:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

{All praise is to Allah, the lord of The Creation. (01:01)}

With this verse it appears that God likes admiration and therefore teaches us to praise Him with all affections. In all our prayers, the recitation of this first chapter of Quran has been made obligatory which starts by saying with “All praise is to Allah”.

In Quran, God gives his compliments to his prophets at various places such as:

وَزَكَرِيَّا وَيَحْيَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَإِيلَىٰ كُلٌّ مِّنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

{And Zakaria and Yahya and Eisa and Elias,  
all were of the righteous. (06:85)}

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ and last of the prophets is Muhammad, worthy of praise. He is Ahmad, highly adored. He is Hamid, most acclaimed. He is Mahmood, deserve appreciation.

The words of praise can be expressed both in prose and poetry. Poetry is a form of literature that uses aesthetic and rhythmic qualities of language, such as symbolism and meter etc.

In Islamic culture, particularly in the Indo-Pak subcontinent, poetry is presented in many forms. These are Qasidah, Na’at, Salam and Manqabat etc. The first three forms are earmarked for the Prophet whereas the last form is used for Islamic Saints. These are all the means of praise, characterization, salutation and expressing attributes.

Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is our beloved prophet and he is the best of all Creations. So he is the person in this world who deserves all praises and admirations.

Imam al-Basari of Egypt, the famous poet of Qasidah al-Burdah (Poem of the Mantle), says in his honor:

مولاي صلي و سلم دائما أبدا  
على حببيك خير الخلق كلهم

(My Patron Deity! confer blessings and peace continuously and eternally on Your Beloved, the Best of All Creation)

A famous Persian poet offers his tribute for the Prophet in the following words:

بعد از خدا بزرگ توئی قصه مختصر

(In short, after God you are the most superior.)

God Says in Surah Al-Ahzab Verse 56:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

{Indeed Allah and His angels send blessings on the Noble Prophet; O People who believe! Send blessings and abundant salutations upon him}

Taking into consideration the above order of the God, Muslims all over the world in general and Pakistan and India in particular, offer blessings and salutations in honor of our beloved Prophet in various poetic forms. As a regional and Islamic culture, Qasidah, Na'at and Salam are presented more frequently, in large congregations as well as in small assemblies.

The booklet *Midhat-e-Muhammad (Blessings & Salutations on Prophet Muhammad PBUH)* is a selective compilation of lovely poetry of famous poets in the form of Qasidah, Na'at, Salam and Manqabat. People may recite these marvelous felicitations in their houses get-together.

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