

Chapter Thirty-Eight

Sign in relation to the pure perspiration of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

1. Imam Muslim (d. 875 AH) رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ entered upon us and did Qaylulah (sleep after Dhuhr) by us and the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ perspired so my mother came with a bottle and she sat to gather the perspiration. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ awoke and asked, "O Umm Sulaym (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا), what is this you are doing?" She (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) said, "This is perspiration that we are placing in our fragrance. It is the most fragrant of all fragrances."
2. Imam Muslim (d. 875 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ with another chain extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to visit Umm Sulaym (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) and perform Qaylulah at her residence. She (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) would spread out a mattress and the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would perform Qaylulah on it. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would perspire a lot. She gathered his صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ perspiration and put it in fragrance and bottles. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "O Umm Sulaym (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا), what is this?" She (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) said, "It is your blessed perspiration. I am mixing with my fragrance."
3. Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ extracted a narration from the chain of Sayyiduna Muhammad Ibn Sireen رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ from Sayyidah Umm Sulaym رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا she stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ performed Qaylulah at my residence upon mattress. So when the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ perspired I took a bunch a fragrance and mixed it with his صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ blessed perspiration."
4. Imam Darami (d. 255 AH), Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) and Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Jabir Ibn 'Abdullah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was of such a nature that whichever path the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was present in, whoever was coming from behind would know that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has passed through this path through the fragrance of his صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ blessed perspiration. Whichever stone or tree the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would pass by would prostrate to him صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ."
5. Imam Ibn Sa'd (d. 230 AH) and Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would recognise the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ when he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would arrive through his صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ blessed fragrance.
6. Imam Bazzar (d. 292 AH) and Imam Abu Ya'la (d. 458 AH) عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who stated, "When the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would pass by the a path from the paths of Madinah they would find a beautiful fragrant emanating from the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and they would say, 'The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed by this path.'"

7. Imam Darimi (d. 255 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Ibrahim Nakha'i who stated that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would be recognised in the night through his blessed fragrance.

8. Imam Khateeb (d. 463 AH), Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH), Imam Abu Nu'aym (d. 430 AH) and Imam Dayli extracted a narration from two chains Imam Muhammad Ibn Ismail Bukhari (d. 256 AH) رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ who narrates from Amr ibn Muhammad ibn Ja'far who narrates from Abu Ubaydah Ma'mar ibn Muthanna who narrates from Hisham ibn 'Urwah who narrates from his father who narrates from Sayyidah A'ishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا said who stated, "I was sat weaving whilst the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was stitching his blessed shoes. His blessed forehead began to perspire and it became Noor (light) so I was astonished. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "What is the matter with you that you are astonished?" I said, "Your forehead began to perspire and your perspiration bought about a Noor (light) and if Abu Kabeer al-Hudhali had seen you, he would know that you are more worthy of his stanza were he says;

"He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) is free from every pollution of menstruating women and from the decay of the fostering women and swift destructive illness and when you look towards the appearance of his blessed face (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), it shines like the shining of the lightening during continuous rain."

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ placed what was in his blessed hands and stood towards me and kissed me between my eyes and said, "Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) reward you in the best of ways O (Sayyidah) A'ishah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا). I do not recall being happy like my happiness on your words."

Abu Ali Salih ibn Muhammad Baghdadi stated, "I do not know that Abu Ubaydah narrated from Hisham ibn Urwah anything. But the Hadith is Hasan (good) according to me as the source is Imam Muhammad Ibn Ismail Al-Bukhari (d. 256 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ."

9. Imam Abu Nuaym (d. 430 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Sayyidah A'ishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was the most beautiful of people in his facial complexion and he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was the most enlightened of them in his (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) colour. Whoever described him (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), described his (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) face with the moon on the fourteenth night of the lunar month. The perspiration on his (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) blessed face was like the pearls more fragrant than musk extremely fragrant (al-Adhfir)."

10. Imam Abu Ya'la (d. 458 AH) and Imam Tabarani (d. 360 AH) in his Awsat and Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ who stated, "A man came to the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and said, "O Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), I have given my daughter in marriage and I wish that you assist me. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "I do not have anything (with me at this time). But give me a bottle that has a wide opening and some wood from a tree. So he bought them. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ extracted perspiration from his blessed arms and filled the bottle. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "Take it and tell your daughter to place this wood in the bottle and to use this as fragrance. When she used it as fragrance the people of Madinah would smell that fragrance and that family became known as the house of the fragrant ones."

11. Imam Ad-Darimi (d. 255 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from a man from Bani Hareesh I was with my father when the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stoned Ma'iz ibn Malik. When I took the stone, I was overcome with awe. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ took me close to him

(صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and some perspiration from his (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) blessed under arms came upon me which was like the fragrance of musk which was like the fragrance like musk. Abdan extracted this in As-Sahabah and he stated that this is narrated from Hareesh.

12. Imam Bazzar (d.292 AH) رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ extracted a narration from Sayyiduna Mu'adh Ibn Jabal رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ who said, "I was travelling with the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ when he said, "Come close to me." So I went close and I have not smelt any musk or Ambar that is more fragrant than the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ."