

Shaykhul Islām Hadhrat Sayyid Husain Ahmad Madani (rahmatullāhi alayhi) & his Adherence to the Sunnah

Shaykhul Islām Hadhrat Mawlānā Sayyid Husain Ahmad Madani (rahmatullāhi alayhi) was a very great ālim from India. He was born on 16th October 1878. He was blessed with two pious parents. He studied in the famous Dārul-Uloom Deoband and was most fortunate in achieving the attention of all the great teachers of that era. He is from the prominent students of Hadhrat Shaykhul Hind (rahmatullāhi alayhi). He immigrated with his father to Madinah Munawwarah in 1899.

He spent his entire life in the service of deen. During the day, he would only rest for three hours whilst the remaining time was devoted to his teaching and worship. In this way, he managed to teach fourteen to fifteen lessons daily. In a short time, his fame spread and students from far and wide began journeying to study under him and quench their thirst for knowledge. At the mere age of 24, he was given the title of Shaykhul ‘Arab wal ‘Ajam (The Shaykh of the Arabs and Non-Arabs).

Towards the end of his life, Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) became very ill. But this illness did not stop Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) from completing his daily zikr and worship. Rather, the people around him have mentioned that his worship increased. Despite being severely ill and weak, Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) ensured he performed all of his salāh with congregation and in the standing position including his sunnah and nafl salāh.

Day by day, the illness grew to such an extent that Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi), who was not accustomed to rest, became bedridden. Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) did not have the strength to sit up by himself. Despite this, when the time for eating came, Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) would ensure he was not leaning against anything. The people around him would tell Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) to sit comfortably and eat, but Hadhrat (rahmatullāhi alayhi) would reply, “No my children, this is against the sunnah.”

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Moral

Our pious predecessors gained high and lofty statuses, not only in this world, but Inshā’Allāh in the hereafter also, because they held fast to the beloved sunnah of our Nabi (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam), no matter the circumstance or situation. We should also try and learn as many sunnahs as we can and strive to bring them into our lives.

