

5. MOULOOD CELEBRATION

One should know that Mouloud celebration is held in almost all Muslim countries, Arab or non-Arab, especially in Mecca, Medina, and among the Ulimas and the learned of Turkey, Syria, India etc. For centuries all have approved and confirmed its worthiness and its practice without any doubt.

Thus it is considered a noble and pleasing act to Allah and His Prophet. It is useless to write further but to give quotation of authentic narration from the most reliable books of Hadith. Listen attentively, if anyone should be doubtful on the veracity of Mouloud Shareef, after hearing the narration, he is expected to dispel such doubt at once.

Hafiz Akhair Shamsu-Din of Damascus, who had committed the Hadith to memory, has related: "When a *kafar* like Abu Lahab, a bitter enemy of Muhammad, would be given some relief from his punishment in token of the Prophet's milaad celebration. Glory be to Allah, the luck of that person and *ummat* who relish the milad sharif in love of his Prophet and spend whatever he afford. Surely Allah would give him high reward in Heaven's bliss. And wonderful blessings of Mouloud shareef is that those who keep it, for a whole year they enjoy good health, popularity and Allah Ta'ala fulfils their hearty desires..

It is written in *Fu-yoosul Hirmain* of Hazrat Maulana Shah Wali Ullah Muhadas Deh-la-vi (peace be on him) that he (Hazrat Wali Ullah) was present in a milad celebration on the 12th. day of Rabi-ul-Auwal at a home in Mecca Shareef, birthplace of our last prophet, and at

the time when Mouloud recitations were in progress, suddenly they saw a flash of light appeared in the blessed gathering. When the people looked at it intently, they became aware that the light was due to the reflection of angels being present. Thus the presence of angels in Milad shareef of our Holy Prophet is proved.

Anyone who may doubt this fact or who refuses to hold such a celebration, he does a very evil act. May Allah save us from denying the veracity this truth for the sake of our beloved Prophet. Instead, it is necessary that all Muslims should listen whole heartedly to the beauties and good qualities of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be on him) and be determined to follow in his footstep, avoid evil habits and recite darood shareef slowly in low voices.

When thou hearest the name of Prophet Muhammad it is necessary to recite even as much: "Peace and blessings of Allah be with thee, O Prophet", if not a sin is committed. The Prophet has said: "He is the stingiest of man before whom my name is called and he does not recite darood shareef." Thus it is clear that darood shareef is appreciated as a very noble and pleasing duty by the Holy Prophet of Allah.

O Muslims! This is the fact for earnest consideration. It is incumbent upon you to observe this pleasant duty on every occasion as far as is possible to recite darood shareef with great reverence. Furthermore, in an a-yat of the Holy Qur'an Allah Himself commands: "Surely Allah and His angels recite Salutations for the Holy Prophet: O thou who believe! Send thou blessings and salute him with all respect."

(To stand up in reverence is also respect.)