

**In the coming days, Mawlid al-Nabī will be celebrated...**

**Who will celebrate it?**

– Shaykh ‘Arafāt bin Ḥasan al-Muḥammadī

In the coming days, the superstitious, the storytellers, the misguided Ṣūfīs, and the people of innovation will celebrate the birthday of the Prophet ﷺ. They will repeatedly sing the poem *al-Burda*<sup>1</sup> during their Mawlid celebrations. In fact, they will even recite words worse than what is found in that Burda poem itself. Even after al-Būṣayrī (the author of *al-Burda*), there has been **even greater transgression and exaggeration** in praising the Prophet ﷺ.

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<sup>1</sup>*Al-Burda* is a Sufi poem composed by **Muḥammad ibn Sa‘īd al-Busairi** (d. 696H), containing **exaggerated praises** of the Prophet ﷺ that go beyond proper limits. It is one of the most frequently recited poems during Mawlid celebrations.

They go to the Prophet ﷺ and complain, saying:

“O Messenger of Allāh, our sins have multiplied, we seek forgiveness from you.”

“O Messenger of Allāh, intercede for us, O Messenger of Allāh.”

Likewise, in their gatherings they say things like: “Seek refuge in him, then rise up, for Allāh praises him.” Through this, they believe that the Prophet ﷺ is **present in person** at their gatherings.

During their Mawlid celebrations, they say:

“O one who gives me refuge and protects me in times of severe difficulty, help me!”

There is no exaggeration in praise greater than this. It is a transgression even more severe than the exaggeration committed by the Christians.

The **only difference** between them and the Christians is that the Christians openly say: “*Allāh is one of three,*” or “*‘Īsā is one of three.*” These people do not utter those exact words.

But apart from that, their exaggeration in praising is even harsher and more dangerous than that of the Christians.

The same excess and transgression which the Christians committed regarding the noble Messenger ‘Īsā (peace be upon him) is now happening among Muslims in their praise of the Prophet ﷺ.

What is astonishing is that even **al-Būṣīrī**, the very author of the *Burda*, told Muslims in effect: *“Just avoid saying that ‘Īsā is the son of Allāh — but beyond that, say whatever you wish in praise!”*

This itself is clear transgression.

Do you know what he actually said in his *Burda* poem? He wrote:

*“Leave aside what the Christians claimed about their Prophet (‘Īsā), and then judge as you wish in praising him, and go as far as you desire.”*

In other words: go ahead and exaggerate as much as you want; say whatever you want in praise, just don't say: *“He is one of three,”* or *“Muḥammad is the son of Allāh,”* or *“He is a god to be worshipped.”*

This is the extent of his instruction — to allow boundless exaggeration in praise.

And likewise, there are many such poems. Among the most famous of the poems filled with such disbelief that are recited in these Mawlid gatherings are the poems of **al-Bura'ī**.

**'Abd al-Raḥīm al-Bur'ī** was a Sufi poet.

The amount of shirk (associating partners with Allāh) and kufr (disbelief) that he committed in his poetry — **Allāh alone knows its extent**.

He was from **Sudan**, a superstitious storyteller, and belonged to the misguided Sufi order of the **Sammaniyyah ṭarīqah**.

People like him have uttered words even more severe and excessive than what the Christians said (about 'Īsā عليه السلام).

Where did these people study **Tawhīd**?  
How did they understand the religion of Allāh?

When they read the verses of Allāh's Book, which proclaim the commands of Tawhīd — to establish it, to worship the Exalted Allāh alone, and to dedicate the religion purely to Him — how can they still behave in this way?

Has not Allāh warned about the **mushrikīn** (one who is associating partners with allah in worship) and their acts of worship? Has He not said that they took partners besides Allāh, and that they associated others with Him in His exclusive right of worship?

But what is truly sorrowful is that, as the Exalted Allāh has said:

**“Nay, they say: ‘Indeed, we found our forefathers upon a religion, and indeed we are following their footsteps.’”**

*(Sūrat al-Zukhruf, 43:22)*

This is nothing but **following desires** and turning away from the truth and from the Sunnah.

As the line of poetry says:

**“When a man is tested, his desires destroy him, until he begins to see the ugly as beautiful.”**

These Mawlid celebrations contain many reprehensible things: **innovations, shirk, misguidance, songs, dancing, the mixing of men and women, gambling, violation of the sanctity of the mosques, men mingling with adorned women, the use of drums and musical instruments.**

All of these occur in these Mawlid gatherings.

After doing all of this, they then claim:  
*“We love the Prophet ﷺ.”*

**Liars!** What kind of love is this?



No one is further away from the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ and from his true love than you are.

For love is only manifested through following.

Allāh says in Sūrat Āl ‘Imrān:

**“Say: If you truly love Allāh, then follow me, Allāh will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allāh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”**

*(Āl ‘Imrān 3:31)*



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