

suspensions, fears; misgivings) and: **“If a person says the Basmala, (i.e. if he says, ‘Bismillah-ir-Rahmân-ir-Rahîm,’) as he starts to make an ablution, angels called Kirâman Kâtibîn will write thawâb for him until he is through with it.”**

One of the Ashâb-i-kirâm asked the Sultân-i-Enbiyâ (Master of Prophets):

“Yâ Rasûlallah ‘sall-Allâhu ta’âlâ ‘alaihi wa sallam’! Will you please tell me about one of the properties of an ablution?” Rasûlullah ‘sall-Allâhu ‘alaihi wa sallam’ stated: **“Whenever one of my Ummat (Muslims) says, ‘Bismillah,’ starts to make an ablution, and washes his hands, all the [venial] sins that he has committed with his hands will be forgiven. As he applies water into his mouth, to his face and to his other limbs, all his [venial] sins will fall down.”**

As he washes his other limbs, his [venial] sins will be forgiven. [Grave] sins and rights of human beings and animals are excluded from this forgiveness. Regardless of who the owner of the right is, [a Muslim or a non-Muslim or an animal alike,] the sin involved will not be pardoned unless the right is paid back to its owner [or to the owner’s inheritors].

As Hadrat Mûsâ (Moses) the Kalîmullah was going to Mount Sinai (Tûr), he met someone performing namâz and imploring Allâhu ta’âlâ in tears. The great Prophet ‘alaihis-salâm’, during his supplication, entreated Jenâb-i-Haqq for the forgiveness of that person. Thereupon a voice came from Allâhu ta’âlâ and declared: **“Yâ Mûsâ! I shall not accept that person’s namâz or benedictions. For, there is harâm money in the purchase of the clothes that he wears!”**

5– O son! A Muslim will respect his parents, his neighbours, his friends, his teachers, government officials, and laws. He will have compassion for his juniors and for animals. He will not cause harm to any creature or subject anyone to religious, sectarian or racial discrimination. He will not harm others’ property, lives or chastity, even if they are disbelievers in (or from) the dâr-ul-harb. He will be kind to people who are unkind to him. He will perform his religious duties and pay his legal debts. He will not cheat or betray anyone. He will work both for his faith and for his worldly needs. He will be extra careful not to cause fitna. A nation whose members are equipped with such ethical characteristics will become powerful and advanced. They will win the entire world’s affection and trust. They will attain happiness in this world as well as in the world to come.