

# The Sunnah Response to Rain

When referring to rain, Allah Ta'ala has mentioned dual purpose. In one verse, He says: "And he is the One who sends the winds ahead of his mercy" i.e, rain (Surah Furqan, verse: 48)

**In another** verse Allah Ta'ala says: "When they (the nation of Aad) saw a cloud approaching their valleys, they said, 'This could will give us rain' Nay! **It is the calamity you were to be hastened.** A wind wherein is a grievous punishment." (Surah Ahqaf, verse: 24)

## The Multi Effect

Allah Ta'ala has complete control over everything. Within the blink of an eye He can change good conditions into adversity and adversity into good. He can create benefit for a certain people and yet harm others with the very same matter.

Rain for example, is one of those components as is witnessed by all and could be understood by the above verse of the Quran. A Sahabi (radiyallahu 'anhu) once requested Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) during the Friday sermon to make Du'a for rain. The following Friday, the very same companion asked Nabi (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) to ask Allah to stop the rain as it had rained continuously the entire week and was causing difficulty. (Sahih Bukhari)

## Sunnah Du'as

Due to this multiple effect of rain it was the practice of our beloved Nabi (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) that whenever the winds would blow –which is a natural forecast of rain –his colour would change and he would become worried. Upon enquiry, he would say: "I fear that it could be a punishment for my ummah." He would also recite the following du'a:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَهَا وَخَيْرِ مَا فِيْهَا وَخَيْرِ مَا اُرْسِلَتْ بِهِ،  
وَءَاذُكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ مَا فِيْهَا وَشَرِّ مَا اُرْسِلَتْ بِهِ

*Allahumma inni as-aluka khayraha wa khayra ma fiha wa khayra ma ursilat bihi,  
wa a'uzhubika min sharriha wa sharri ma fiha wa sharri ma ursilat bihi*

## Translation:

O Allah! I beseech thee for the good of it, the good in it, the good that it brings, and I seek refuge in you from its evil, the evil that's in it and the evil that comes with it.

(Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 2082)

Thereafter, if it rained calmly, he would become relieved to such an extent

that he would even go into the rain, open his chest or any part of his body and let the rain fall on his body so as to take blessing from it. Upon enquiry, Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) said: "Indeed it (the rain) has just recently come from my lord." (Sahih Muslim Hadith: 2080)

The following Du'a were also recited by Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) whilst it rained:

اللهم صَيِّبْنَا نَافِعًا

*Allahumma sayyiban nafi'a*

**Translation:**

O Allah! let it be a beneficial downpour.

(Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 1032)

During a severe downpour Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) would recite:

اللهم > وَآلَيْهِ نَا وَلَا آءِلَاءَ نَا

*Allahumma hawalayna wala 'alaina*

**Translation:**

O Allah! (let rain) around us and not upon us.

(Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 1013 and Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 2076)

And if it thundered, Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) would recite:

اللهم لَا تَقْتُلْنَا بِرِغَضٍ بِكَ وَلَا تُهْلِكْنَا بِرِعْدِكَ وَاعْفَ عَنَّا قَبْلَ دَلِكِ

*Allahumma la taqtulna bi ghadhabik wa la tuhlikna bi 'adhabik, wa 'afina qabla dhalik*

**Translation:**

O Allah! do not kill us through your anger, and do not destroy us through your punishment. Save us before your punishment.

(Sunan Tirmidhi, Hadith: 3450, Musnad Ahmad, Hadith: 5763 and Al-Adabul Mufrad, Hadith: 742)

*This Hadith has been classified sahih by Imams: Hakim and Dhahabi (rahimahumallah)- Mustadrak, vol.2 pg.286 as well as by Hafiz Ibn Hajar and 'Allamah Jazri (rahimahumallah)- Al-Futuhatur Rabbaniyyah, vol.4 pg.284*

After it rains, one should say:

مُطِرْنَا بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَرَحْمَتِهِ

*Mutirna bi fadlillahi wa rahmatihi*

**Translation:**

It has rained through the grace and mercy of Allah.

(Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 846/1048 and Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 71)

These are only some of the sunnah du'as to be recited when it rains.

**Acceptance of Du'a**

Du'as are accepted at the time of rain: Sunnan Abu Dawud Hadith 2533; Mustadrak Hakim vol.2 pg.114-Hadith 2535. This Hadith has been classified as Sahih by Imams Hakim, Dhahabiy-ibid and Shawkani; Tufatul Dhakirin pg.69. Also refer to Adhkar of Imam Nawawi)

In some countries, the masses are so aware of this, that when it rains you will see people standing and making du'a, from wherever they may be.

Lets implement these sunnats and respond to rain the sunnah way!

وَاللَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ أَعْلَمُ بِالصَّوَابِ  
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