

A Brief Biography of Shaykh ul Hadith Hazrat Sufi Mohammad Sarwar Saheb (*damat barakaatuhu*)

Shaykh ul Mashaikh, Arif Billah, Hazrat Maulana Sufi Mohammad Sarwar Saheb *damat barakaatuhu* - Shaykh ul Hadith, Jamia Ashrafia Lahore. Hazrat Maulana Sufi Mohammad Sarwar Saheb is the Khalifa e Arshad of Arif Rabbaani Hazrat Maulana Mufti Hasan Saheb *rahmatullah alayh*, the founder of Jamia Ashrafia Lahore.

Hazrat Maulana Sufi Mohammad Sarwar was born on 7th of December 1933 in Rajanpur. Hazrat's sincere service to Deen e Islam is manifested throughout Pakistan. The prominence of Allah Ta'ala's love was instilled in Hazrat's heart from childhood, and he was always anxious to study Deen. Therefore, as soon as Hazrat completed Metric, with permission from his Respected Father Chaudhary Mohammad Ramzaan Saheb, he began studying at Jamia Ashrafia with the utmost passion and diligence.

By the Grace of Allah Ta'ala, Hazrat completed his studies in 1954 and was formally honored with 'dastaar bandi'¹ from the founder of Jamia Ashrafia, Hazrat Mufti Hasan Saheb *rahmatullah alayh*. After the completion of one more year and by the command of Hazrat Mufti Hasan Saheb, Hazrat began teaching high-level courses at Jamia Ashrafia Nila Gumbad. Afterwards, Hazrat studied Hadith² in addition to other high-level subjects for 3 years in Multan at Khayr ul Madaaris. These studies gave so much pleasure to Hazrat and he completed them with this consistent fervor.

In 1960, at Kabir Wala Madrasa Dar'ul Uloom, Hazrat taught Hadith Shareef and selected other topics for 10 years. In 1970 at Jamia Ashrafia (Muslim Town, Ferozpur Road, Lahore), Hazrat began sincere service to deen through the Grace of Allah Ta'ala. In 1988, Hazrat was declared the official Shaykh ul Hadith at Jamia Ashrafia Lahore. In 2008, Hazrat is teaching Bukhari Sharif, and Abu Dawud Sharif through the Blessings and Grace of Haqq Ta'ala.

Books written by Hazrat Sufi Mohammad Sarwar

I. Husn ul Ma'bood Fi Hal Sunan Abi Dawud

This is book, written in Urdu, is a Collective Explanation amongst the Authentic Books of Hadith. It was written based on the remarkable book Abu Dawud and was named Husn al Ma'bud. This was originally completed in one volume but was very brief. Now it is has been published in two detailed volumes.

II. Kheyr ul Jaari fi Hal Sahih al Bukhari

This is a six volume Explanation of al Bukhari. A few distinctions of this book are detailed below:

1. This is a compilation of the collective knowledge of three Great Personalities: Muhadith Kabir Hazrat Alaama Nur Shah Kashmiri *rahmatullah alayh*, Hazrat Maulana Mohammad Idrees Kandhelwi *rahmatullah alayh*, and the Scholar of all Scholars Hazrat Maulana Khayr Mohammad Saheb *rahmatullah alayh*.
2. It is has been compiled from about 70 previously written Explanations of Sahih al

¹ Final graduation where turban is palaced on head of the student to acknowledge his proficiency in Deeni knowledge and sciences.

² Word or action or event said by, done or attributed towards Rasulallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.

Bukhari; including Tahfatul Qari, Sharah Bukhari (Gheyr Matboo'ah) from Hazrat Khandelwi *rahmatullah alayh*, in particular.

3. It presents an especially careful and cautious description of the mazhabs¹.
4. These volumes contain the knowledge Hazrat Maulana Kheyr Mohammad Saheb *rahmatullah alayh* which he orated in many lectures.
5. The aim of the chapters in Bukhari Shareef (whose ahaadith have a central point of view), are taken from Tahfatul Qari (Gheyr Matboo'ah)
6. This six-volume Explanation details Hazrat's year-to-year experience as a teacher, his detailed study and assessment therein, and is the outcome of a distinctive study towards the Science of Hadith.
7. It is comprised of fine points and subtle benefits within the following main headings: Debate & Discussion based on the Fundamentals of Hadith, The Circumstances & Conditions of Imam Bukhari *rahmatullah alayh*, Mazhab, Style of Writing, The Significance of Sahih Bukhari above Sahih Muslim, the Style of Writing of other Selected Authentic Hadith books.
8. According to Hazrat, this is not a book, rather a reliable source of reference and direction for the instructor.
9. These are considered the last two volumes for the third volume of Bukhari Shareef, Kheyr ul Jaari.

III. Tehseen al Mubaani

This is a straightforward Urdu summary of the Ilm ul Ma'aani book, Mukhtasir al Maani. This has been put together in the form of a magazine and has been titled Tehseen al Mubaani. There is no doubt that this concise magazine is analyzed and used as a study tool by students all over Pakistan and Hindustan. It is also notable that this is Hazrat's first book.

IV. Husn al Mawaiz

In 1992, the sayings, or 'malfoozaath', of Hazrat were gathered into this beautiful book.

V. Maslik e Thana Bowan

Hazrat has summarized the extensive lectures of Hakeemul Ummat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi *rahmatullah ta'ala alayh* in this book named Maslik e Thana Bowan. This remarkable book is now available for the general public. After some time it will be published with a third volume as well, inshallah ta'ala.

¹ Literally a path, in Fiqh the particular school of thought of one of the four great Imaams.

The Specialties of Hazrat

- ❖ Hazrat's steadfast attachment with deen began at childhood. The reflection of this devotion is seen in the thousands of students who have been satiated with not only knowledge but also the strength to act on that knowledge.
- ❖ Hazrat's adherence to Shari'at¹ is evident throughout Pakistan and Hindustan. High level scholars have often claimed Hazrat's adherence to Sunnah to be incomparable.
- ❖ It is doubtful that Hazrat's indifference to this world is hidden from anyone.
- ❖ In childhood, Hazrat used to solemnly say that 'Every sin looks like the fire of Jahannum to me.'
- ❖ Thus, Hazrat's blessed existence is one in millions whose actions are in accordance with his teachings.
- ❖ There has never been any Jamaat², in any era, who has argued against Hazrat. Throughout life, they have always been pleased with Hazrat and are presently pleased with him as well.
- ❖ Hazrat has actually completed Bukhari Shareef two times. The first completion was in Jamia Ashrafia with Hazrat Maulana Mufti Mohammad Hasan Saheb *rahmatullah alayh* and the second completion was in Kheyr ul Madaaris Multan, with Hazrat Maulana Kheyr Mohammad Saheb *rahmatullah alayh*.
- ❖ Hazrat Maulana Rasool Khan Saheb *rahmatullah alayh* is also included amongst the teachers of Hazrat, in addition to the aforesaid.
- ❖ Hazrat's subtle traits and specialties are beyond estimation. The 'ajeeb o ghareeb', or astounding, events are enormous. To try and detail them all would be an immense attempt.

Hazrat has three brothers: Respected Maulana Nur, Akhtar, and Akhram. Hazrat has three sons as well: Respected Maulvi Shafeeq ur Rahman, Ateeq ur Rahman and Abdul Rahman.

At this time it is a request from Ateeq ur Rahman, that in addition to all of mankind, May Allah have Mercy on this household.

Ameen Sum Ameen ya Rabb ul Aalameen.

¹ Islamic law and its injunctions.

² Congregation, followers, a party of people.