

Kissing the thumbs or the index fingers and putting them to the eyes on hearing the name of the beloved Muhammad, intercessor on the day of Judgement, in the Adhaan is absolutely permissible, good and a source of great mercy and barakah.

Whilst there is no evidence prohibiting it there are many proofs for it. Here are some proofs for the reader:

Proof from Tafseer:

1) The great scholar Shaykh Ismaeel Haqqi in his renowned Tafseer *Ruh ul Biyaan* writes

‘It is in Qass’asul Anmbiyaa and other books that in paradise Adam ﷺ longed to meet Muhammad so Allah ﷻ sent a revelation to him ‘(You cannot because) he will appear from your descendants at the end of time.’ Adam ﷺ then asked to meet him in Jannah so Allah put the nur of Muhammad ﷺ in the index finger of Adam’s ﷺ right hand. That nur glorified Allah ﷻ – and that is why that finger has come to be known as the Kalima (Shahaadah – testimony) finger, as mentioned in Ar Road al Faaiq – Allah ﷻ then showed, like as in a mirror, the beauty of his beloved in Adam’s two thumbnails and Adam ﷺ kissed his thumbnails and wiped them over his eyes. This practice continued in his children. When Jibril told the Prophet ﷺ of this he commented ‘Whoever hears my name in the Adhaan and kisses his thumbnails and touches his eyes with them will never go blind.’ (*Tafseer Ruh ul Biyaan*)

2) It is in *Mubeet*:

The Prophet ﷺ entered the mosque and sat next to a pillar. Abu Bakr was also sat next to him. Bilaal rose and performed the Adhaan and when he proclaimed the words ‘I testify that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah’ Abu Bakr placed both his thumbnails on his eyes and said ‘My eyes are cooled by you Yaa

Rasoolallah'. After Bilaal had completed the Adhaan the Prophetﷺ said 'O Abu Bakr, Allah will forgive the sins of whoever does as you did.' (*Tafseer Rub ul Biyaan*)

3) Shaykh Imam Abu Taalib Muhammad bin Ali Al Makki, may Allah elevate his station, narrates from Ibn Uyayna in his book '*Qunmat ul Quloob*'

'On the 10th day of Muharram the Prophetﷺ entered the mosque to offer Jumuah prayer and sat next to a pillar. (On hearing the Prophet's name in the Adhaan) Abu Bakr placed his thumbnails on his eyes and said 'My eyes are cooled by you Yaa Rasoolallah,' After Bilaal had completed the Adhaan the Prophetﷺ said 'O Abu Bakr Allah will forgive the old, the new, the apparent and the hidden sins of he who like you wipes his thumbs over his eyes on hearing my name and says what you say'. (*Tafseer Rub ul Biyaan*)

Proof from Hadith:

4) Allaama Imam Shams ud deen Sakhaawi quotes Dehmi

'When Abu Bakr Siddiq heard the muezzin say 'As Shahaadu Anna Muhammad ar Rasoolullah' he said the same and kissed the pores of his thumbs and wiped them over his eyes. Seeing this the Prophetﷺ said 'My intercession will be allowable (halal) for whoever does the same as my beloved friend' (*Al Maqaasid ul Hasana fil Abahdith ad Daaira Ala Sunna*)

5) Imam Sakhaawi quotes from Abu'l Abbaas Ahmad bin Abi Bakr Ardaad Al Yamaani's book 'Mujibaat ur Rahmah wa Azaaim ul Magfirah'

Syeduna Khidr said 'Whoever on hearing the Muezzin say 'As Shahaadu Anna Muhammad ar Rasoolallah' says 'Marhaba bi Habeebi' and 'Qurra tu Aini Muhammad ibn Abdillah' and kisses his thumbs and puts them on his eyes will never have sore eyes.'

(Al Maqaasid ul Hasana fil Ahabdith ad Daaira Ala Sunna)

6) Imam Sakhaawi narrates from the faqee' Muhammad bin Saeed Kholaani that Imam Hassan said

'Whoever hears the Muezzin say 'As Shahaadu Anna Muhammad ar Rasoolullah' and says 'Marhaba bi Habeebi' and 'Qurra tu Aini Muhammad ibn Abdillah' and kisses his thumbs before putting them upon his eyes will never go blind or have sore eyes' *(Al Maqaasid ul Hasana fil Ahabdith ad Daaira Ala Sunna)*

7) Imam Sakhaawi quotes from Shams ud deen Muhammad bin Salih Madani's 'Taareekh'

'I heard Majd Misri, who was from the perfect Saaliheen, say 'Whoever sends salawaat upon the Prophet ﷺ when he is mentioned in the Adhaan and joins his index fingers and thumbs and kisses them and wipes them over his eyes will never have sore eyes.' *(al Maqaasid ul Hasana fil Ahabdith ad Daaira Ala Sunna)*

8) Imam Sakhawi quotes from Imam Muhammad bin Saalih Madani's 'Taareekh'

'It is narrated from many Iraqi Mashaaiikh that when one kisses the thumbs and wipes them over the eyes one should read the following durood 'Sallaallahu alaika Yaa Syedi Yaa Rasoolallah Yaa Habeeba Qalbi wa Yaa Nura Basari wa Yaa Qurra ta Aini'. Allah willing his eyes will never be sore and this is tried and tested (Mujarrab).'" Imam Saalih then added that after hearing this he practised this beautiful act, since when his eyes had never been sore and insha'allah never will be!' *(Al Maqaasid ul Hasana fil Ahabdith ad Daaira Ala Sunna)*

9) Imam Sakhaawi quotes from Imam Taa'os that he heard the following hadith from Shams ud deen Muhammad bin Abi Nasr Bukhaari

‘Whosoever on hearing the kalima from the Muezzin kisses his thumbnails and wipes them over his eyes and recites ‘Allah hummahfaz hadaqa tayya wa nura huma bi barakati hadaqa ta’i Muhammad ir Rasoolillah wa nuri himaa’ will never go blind.’ (*Al Maqaasid ul Hasana fil Ahabdith ad Daaira Ala Sunna*)

Proof from Fiqh:

10) It is in Shara Niquaaya

‘Know that is good to say ‘Sallallaahu alaika Ya Rasoolallah’ on hearing the first shahaada in the Adhaan and ‘Qurra ta Aini bika Ya Rasoolallah’ on the second shahaadah and then putting the thumb nails (after kissing them) upon the eyes and saying ‘Allah humma Matti’ni bi Sammi wal basari.’ Whoever does this will have the Prophet lead him into paradise.’

11) Allaama Shaami in Radd ul Mukhtaar, the Shara of Durr e Mukhtaar, writes under the above statement

‘Similar is mentioned in Kanz ul Ibaad of Imam Qehstaani and similar in Fatawwa Sufiya. Further it is stated in ‘Kitaab ul Firdous’ that whoever on hearing ‘Ashaadu Anna Muhammad ar Rasoolallah’ in the Adhaan kisses his thumbnails (according to the statement of the Prophet ﷺ) I will be his guide and lead him into the ranks of jannah.’ There is a complete discussion of this in Ramlee’s Hawaashi of Bahr ur Raaiq.’ (*Radd ul Mukhtaar Shara Durre Mukhtaar*)

12) The head of the Hanafi Fuqaha Allaama Tahtaawi has the same above narration in his Shara Maraaqi ul Falaa and Abu Bakr Siddiq’s narration from Dehlmi. He then writes ‘And similar is narrated from Prophet Khizr alaihi salaam and these ahadith are acted upon in Fadaail.’ (*Al Tahtaawi Ala Maraaqi ul Falaah*)

13) Imam Qehstaani in Shara Kabeer (the famous hanafi book) quotes from Kanz ul Ibaad

‘Know that is virtuous to say ‘Sallallaahu alaika Ya Rasoolallah’ on hearing the first shahaada in the Adhaan and ‘Qurra tu Aini bika Ya Rasoolallah’ on the second shahaadah and then putting the thumb nails (after kissing them) upon the eyes and saying ‘Allah humma Mattini bi Sammi wal basari.’ Whoever does this will have the Prophet leading him into paradise.’

14) & 15) It is in the Famous shaafi book ‘Taanata hut taalibeen Ala Hallil faaz Fath il Mueen’ p247 and in the famous Mailiki book ‘Kifaaya tu’ taalib ir Rabbaani li risaala Ibn Abi Zaid Al Qerwaani’ p169

‘When one hears the Prophet’s ﷺ name in the Adhaan one should read Durood and kiss one’s thumbs and put them both upon the eyes, (by doing so) one will never go blind nor ever have sore eyes’

15) Shaykh ul Mashaaiikh, Raees ul Muhaqiqaan, chief of the Hanafee ulama in Makkah, Molaana Jamaal bin Abdullah bin Umar Makki writes in his fataawa

‘I was asked whether it was permissible or not to kiss the two thumbs and place them upon the eyes upon hearing the Prophet’s ﷺ name in the Adhaan. So I replied with the following words ‘Yes, kissing of the two thumbs and placing them upon the eyes when his name is mentioned in the Adhaan is (not just) permissible, but is Mustahab (recommended) as made by clear by our Mashaaiikh.’ *(Muneer ul Ain fi Hukm Taqbeel il Ibhaamaain)*

Proof from the Pious Predecessors:

16) Shaykh Aalim Al Mufasssir Allaama Nur uddeen AlKharaasaani states

I used to kiss my thumbs on hearing the name of the Prophet ﷺ in the Adhaan but then stopped and my eyes became sore. I then witnessed the Prophet ﷺ in a dream and he ﷺ asked me ‘Why have you stopped (kissing your thumbs) and wiping over your eyes in the Adhaan? If you want your eyes to become better start wiping them over your eyes again.’ When I awoke I restarted this and my eyes became better and until now they have never again been sore.’
(Nahj us Salaama fi Taqbeel il Ibhaamain fi'l Iqaamah)

17) Wahhab bin Manba states

‘There was a man from the Bani Israil who had spent two hundred years disobeying Allah and when he died the people threw his body onto a rubbish tip. Allah sent a revelation to Musa ordering him to recover the body and perform its funeral. Musa pleaded ‘O My Lord, The Bani Israil all bear witness to his disobedience.’ Allah replied ‘That is true, but he had the habit of whenever he opened the Tawrah and saw the name of Muhammad he would kiss it and put it onto his eyes and recite durood. I have rewarded him for that and forgiven his sins and married him to 70 hours.’ *(Hilya t’ul Awliyya of Abu Nuaim and Seera Halbiya)*

18) Molaana Rum in his Mathnavi writes

‘The name of Mustafa was in the Injeel; he is the chief of the
 Prophets and their source
 Mentioned is his physical description; his face; character; battles,
 fasts and so too is his eating mentioned

When reading his name and mention, a group of the Nasaara for
 reward,
 Would do good by kissing the blessed name; and placing it upon
 their faces out of respect
 (because of this) their offspring increased greatly; and the nur of
 Ahmad helped and accompanied them in every matter

And as for the other group of Nasaara; that gave no credence to
the name of Muhammad ﷺ

They were disgraced and humiliated; and they lost their lives and
religion

When the name of Ahmad brings such help; contemplate the help
the nur of Ahmad would bring!

If the name of Ahmad is such a strong fortress; how strong would
the Zaath (person) of the Prophet be?!

(Mathnawi of Molaana Rum, Book 1)

Some doubts:

Some people claim that all of the above ahadith are Daeef (weak) because not one of them is Sahih Marfooh. The Muhadditheen have denoted them all 'Not Sahih Marfooh' so how can an Islamic matter be proven from weak ahadith?

In response it is sufficient simply to say that just because the Muhadditheen say that a hadith is not sahih does not automatically mean it is false and rejectable! It just means that the hadith has not reached the highest possible level of narration which the muhadditheen have denoted as the highest. Remember that in the terminology of the Muhaditheen the highest rank of hadith is Sahih and the lowest is Modhoo and in between these two there are many levels. After Sahih there is Hassan so just because a hadith is not Sahih it does not mean it is not Hasan, Furthermore even if a hadith is Daeef the ummah, with Ijma, has agreed that it is acceptable in proving virtuous acts. In terms of these ahadith, when the Muhadditheen have said they are 'Not Sahih Marfooh' it means that their chain of narration to the Prophet is not sahih so consequently they must be Sahih Moqoof (sahih to the companions). Consequently the Muhaddith Mulla Ali Qaari wrote

'I state that if the hadith is proven back to Abu Bakr Siddiq then that is sufficient because of the Prophet's statement 'My Sunnah

and the sunnah of my Righteous Caliphs is compulsory upon you'.
(Modooaat e Kabeer)

This reveals that a moqoof hadith is sahih because it is proven to Syeduna Abu Bakr Siddiq and the sunnah of Abu Bakr Siddiq is the sunnah of the Prophet. It is for this reason that the chiefs of the critics, Khalil Ahmad Ambetvi and Rashid Ahmad Gangohi write 'If something's permissibility is proven from the first three generations ... it is sunnah' (Baraaheen e Qaatia p28)

This proves that according to Gangohi sahib kissing the thumbs during the Adhaan on hearing the blessed name is sunnah because, as per Mulla Ali Qaari, it is based on a practice of the first three generations. Consequently claiming this practice to be bidah etc is based on ignorance and venem.

Ahl e Sunnah Brothers, pay attention! Come to your senses, be aware, this is a very delicate and troubled time, a time of great trials, the typhoon of atheism and evil beliefs is in full force. So protect your belief and creed and stay upon the path of the religious predecessors. Stay away from the friendship, gatherings, speeches and literature of others and study the life of the rightful ulama and salaf us saaliheen and read their books and establish the prayer and fast. Make plentiful durood and salaam. Wear clean and plain clothing, do not make your hair in the style of others but keep it according to the sunnah. Keep the company of a true man of Allah. Stay united and affectionate to one another. May Allah Ta'aala, for the sake of His beloved Prophet, keep us on the creed and actions of the Ahl e Sunnah wa'l Jamaat and end our days on Imaan.

***Aameen, Thumma Aameen, bi Hurma ti Syedil Mursileen
Shafee il Mudhnibeen.***

Requesting dua

Muhammad Shafee Al Khateeb Okaarvi