



The Kindest Prophet
Volume 5

GholamReza Heidari Abhari

Identification: Heidari Abhari, GholamReza, 1969
Title: The Kindest Prophet; **Author:** GholamReza Heidari Abhari
Publication Specification: Mehrabe Ghalam, Mahtab Books, 2019
Subject: Islam---Children's and Adolescent Encyclopedia
LCC: BP519-13D2H9
DDC: 03/297



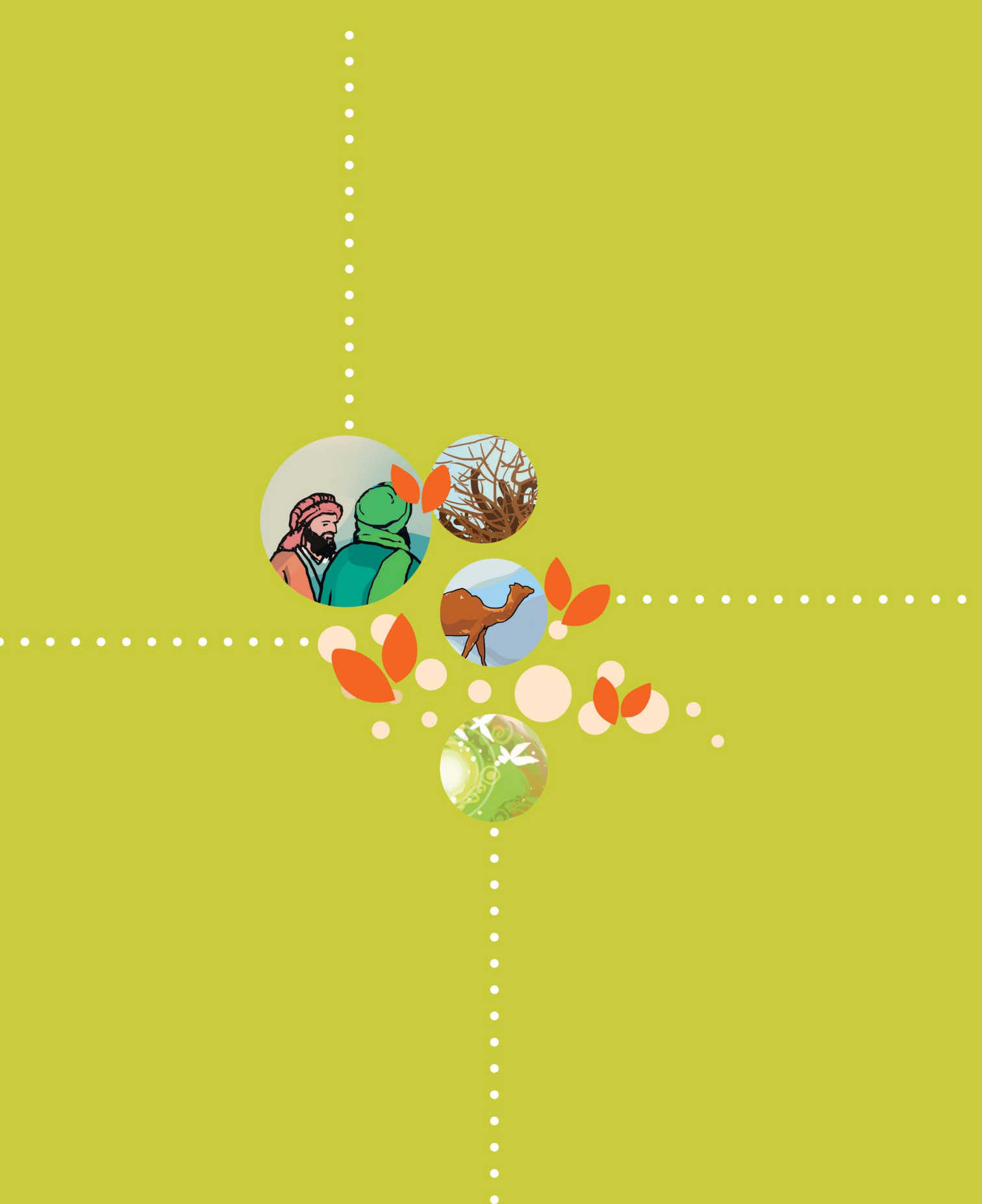
The Kindest Prophet

Author: GholamReza Heidari Abhari
Illustrator: Amir Nasaji
Art Director: Behzad Gharibpour
Translator: Zahra Radpasand
Editor: Melika Dastgheib - Niyayesh Ilkhani
Cover Designer: Kiyanoush Gharibpour
Page Layout: Aminreza Borhani
First Edition: 2019
ISBN: 978-600-413-195-7

 mehrabeghalampub

 mehrabeGhalam







Volume 5

LONG STORIES





🌟 The Liberated Camel of the Prophet (PBUH & HP)

The Prophet (PBUH & HP) understood the language of all animals, and the animals knew that he was God's Messenger. One day, a camel came to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) and spoke to him in its own language. By the expression on its face and its mournful tone of voice, one could tell the camel was incredibly sad. When the camel finished speaking, the Prophet smiled and said: *"This camel has a complaint against its owner. The owner is not feeding it enough hay and he tires it by placing heavy loads on its back".*

The Prophet (PBUH & HP) told his companion, Jabir: *"O' Jabir, go along with this camel and bring its owner to me".*

Jabir said: *"I do not know the owner of this camel".*

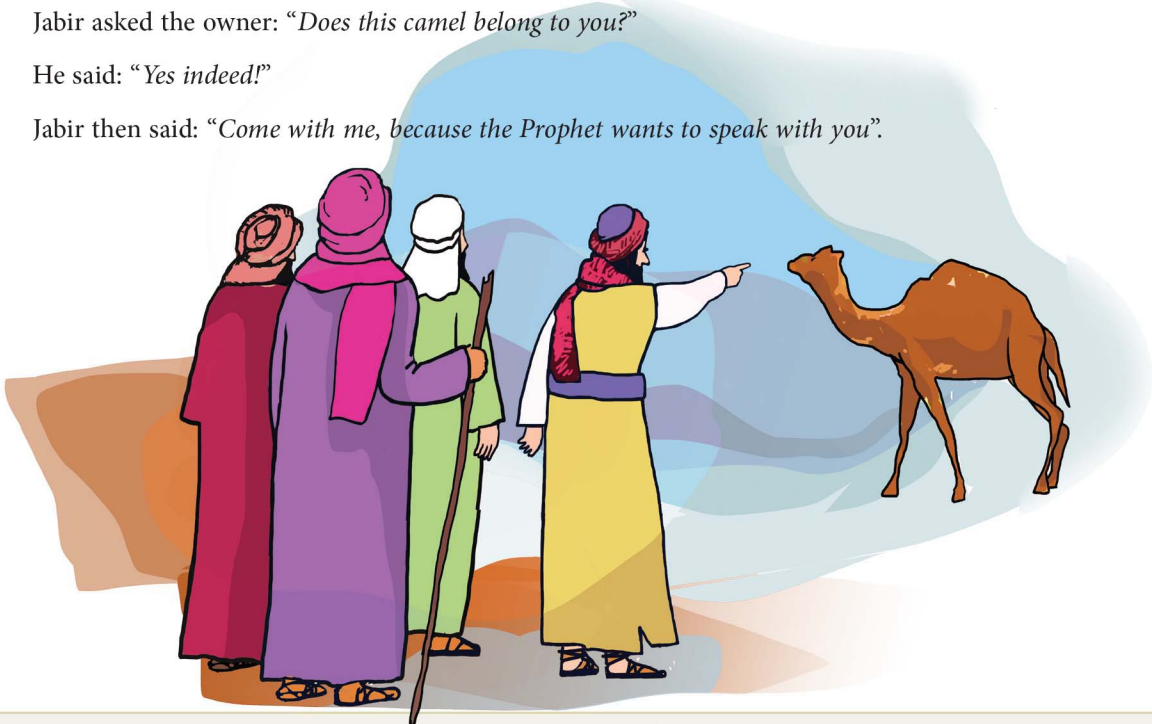
The Prophet said: *"The camel will guide you".*


So, Jabir followed the camel until they reached the tribe of the camel's owner, whom the camel easily found. Jabir recognized the owner with the look on the camel's face.

Jabir asked the owner: *"Does this camel belong to you?"*

He said: *"Yes indeed!"*

Jabir then said: *"Come with me, because the Prophet wants to speak with you".*





When the camel's owner arrived, the Messenger of God (PBUH & HP) told him: "Your camel has complained to me that you do not feed it enough hay and you place heavy loads on its back."

The camel's owner said: "I only did this for two days. The camel would not follow my orders, so I had to punish him".

The owner's words implied that he was no longer mistreating his camel. So, the Prophet (PBUH & HP) felt at ease and was sure the camel would not always be overworked and left hungry. So, the Prophet turned to the camel and said: "Now go with your owner". Then the camel calmly walked towards his owner's house.

The camel's owner said to the Prophet (PBUH & HP): "O' Messenger of God! I have liberated this camel for your sake. From today onward, it can live freely. No one will ride it, nor will anyone place any load on its back".

After this event, the camel lived comfortably and freely in the city of Medina. Whenever people caught sight of the camel, they would point at each other and say: "This is the camel liberated by the Messenger of God (PBUH & HP)".

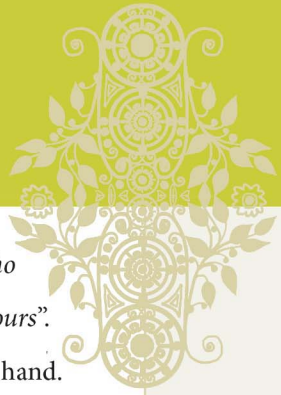
God Will Rescue

In one of the battles, the Prophet (PBUH & HP) and his companions chose a valley to rest in. Each one of the soldiers rested in a different corner of the valley to get their second wind and feel refreshed. Travelling is usually accompanied with tiredness and fatigue, and journeys that involve wars are even more tiring.

The Muslim army had scattered themselves around the valley. Likewise, Prophet Muhammad had chosen a place to rest under the shade of a tree. The area that the Prophet was resting was a bit far from where his companions were resting.

After a few hours of rainfall, the valley flooded, and the Prophet was completely separated from his companions. Thus, the Prophet was left unaccompanied.

When one of the disbelievers saw that the Prophet is alone, he decided to seize the opportunity and martyr him. He told his friends: "I will go and kill Muhammad". So, he took his sword, mounted his horse, and rode towards the Prophet (PBUH & HP).



When he reached the Prophet, he quickly dismounted and arrogantly said: “O’ Muhammad! Who can save you now from dying at my hand?” The Prophet calmly replied: “The Lord of mine and yours”. At that moment, the disbeliever, sprained his ankle, fell on his back, and his sword fell out of his hand. The Prophet (PBUH & HP) quickly took that man’s sword and sat on his chest. Then said: “Now who will save you from me?”

The disbeliever who was very anxious, said: “Your mercy and compassion, O’ Muhammad!”

By uttering this sentence, he was seeking the Prophet’s forgiveness. Also, the disbelievers knew that Muhammad (PBUH & HP) was compassionate and quickly forgives even his deadliest enemies. The Prophet (PBUH & HP) forgave and released him. Then the disbeliever stood up and said: “O’ Muhammad! I swear to God that you are better than me”.

The Reward of a Good Deed

A Jewish man passed by the Prophet and his companions, and instead of greeting Muhammad (PBUH & HP) with Salaam, he said: “As-saam Alaik”. In Arabic, this phrase means: “May death be upon you”. The Prophet’s companions became terribly upset about the man’s ugly and offensive words. The Prophet (PBUH & HP) who saw they were upset, said: “Soon, a black snake will bite the neck of this Jewish man, and he will die”.

One day, the Jewish man went to the desert to gather loose wood and twigs. The Muslims became happy that soon he would be punished for his misdeed.

A few hours later, the Jewish man returned from the desert healthy and in good shape. He had collected plenty of twigs, and no trace of discomfort and illness appeared on his face. The Prophet’s companions were surprised to see the Jewish man alive.

God’s Messenger (PBUH & HP) asked the Jewish man to put down his backpack. He immediately did so. All eyes were on the bag of loose wood. When they looked closely, they saw a black snake, wrapped around one of the branches. This was the same black snake that was supposed to

bite the Jewish man and punish him for insulting the Prophet (PBUH & HP).

One of the companions said: “But why did the snake not bite that man?”

The Prophet then asked the Jewish man: “What have you done today?”

He replied: “I haven’t done anything special. However, I had two loafs of bread. After gathering twigs, I ate one loaf, and I donated the other to a poor man”.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) turned to his companions and said: “*For the sake of this act of kindness, God did not afflict him with calamity*”.



Pray and Make Supplication (Du’a)

Once again, Archangel Gabriel had appeared before Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) and had brought new verses for him. This time he revealed verses 2 and 3 of Chapter Aṭ-Ṭalāq, in which God says: “*He who is virtuous, God will save him from hardships. And God will provide for him from where he does not expect*”.



After he received these verses, Muhammad (PBUH & HP) appeared before the crowd and recited these new verses for them. Some Muslims did not fully understand the meaning of these two verses. They thought that they should no longer work and earn money. They thought that if they went home and worshipped, God would grant them their sustenance and livelihood.

So, they closed their shops and businesses, spread their prayer mats, and engaged in worship and supplication. And whenever anyone questioned their action, they recited those two verses.

But it was obvious that they were wrong. God will only provide and help a person who works.

When the Prophet was informed of their action, he decided to speak with them. He sent someone to bring them over. When the group arrived, the Prophet asked: *“What made you stop working?”*

They replied: *“In Qur’an, it has been mentioned that God will provide sustenance to those who are pure and virtuous. Therefore, we only pray (Perform Sālah) and supplicate (Make du’a). God will provide for us our livelihood.”*

In response, the Prophet said: *“He who stops striving and working, his prayers will not be answered. Go and work and strive to earn a living”.*

So, they began to work, and realized that along with worshipping and supplicating, they must strive to earn a living.





Be Righteous

There was once a perfume seller in Medina named Zainab. Every day, she would place a few bottles of perfume in her bag and go door to door selling perfumes in Medina. Zainab had a decent job. She made good money by selling perfume, enabling her to support her husband. Everyone in the city knew her. The

aroma of her perfumes made every house she stepped in smell pleasant and fresh. One day, Zainab went to the Prophet's house. When she entered the house, the Prophet was not home. The household gathered around Zainab to see what kinds of perfume she has brought. One by one, Zainab would take out the perfumes from her bag, and show them. The room in which Zainab sat would quickly get filled with the pleasant aroma of the perfumes. The household was entertained by what Zainab was doing. They would smell her perfumes and ask her the price of each. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) loved perfume and would often apply fragrance on his clothing, and his household had also learned from him to always smell pleasant and fresh. A while after, the Prophet returned home. The pleasant aroma that lingered throughout the house indicated that again Zainab had come to sell perfumes. The Prophet (PBUH & HP) entered the room and saw everyone sitting around Zainab. The Messenger of God (PBUH & HP) went closer and said to Zainab: *"Whenever you come, our room is filled with a pleasant smell"*. This statement of the Prophet was a kind of greeting, welcoming Zainab to his house. Zainab became extremely happy, and she replied: *"O Messenger of God! These rooms become more fragrant with your pleasant aroma"*. Then, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) looked over Zainab's perfumes, and then gave her some advice: "When you sell a perfume, always do this act the right way. Never deceive anyone. Integrity and righteousness increase the blessing of wealth". The Prophet (PBUH & HP) was implying that a seller should never sell fake goods to buyers. Zainab silently acknowledged the Prophet's words. When everyone had selected their perfumes, Zainab packed her basket, bade farewell to the household, and left the Prophet's house. That day was a wonderful day for Zainab, not only had she sold all her perfumes, but she had also received a worthwhile piece of advice from the Prophet.



Little Drops Make a Mighty Ocean

When they arrived at the first suitable place, they got off their horses and camels. Everyone was tired, and they had to rest for a bit. It would be very difficult to continue the journey without taking some time to rest. Besides, they were very hungry, and they needed to eat as well. To make food, they first had to collect firewood. Without firewood, they would be unable to light a fire and without a fire, they could not cook food. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) told his fellow travelers: *“Go and collect twigs and small branches”*.

They looked at their surrounding area and said: *“O’ Messenger of God! You see that this is a dry, waterless, and grassless land. No twigs or small tree branches could be found here”*.

The Prophet’s companions were correct. In contrast to the deserts surrounding the city of Medina, no twigs could be found in this place.

However, the Prophet again repeated his words: *“Each one of you, go and bring back as much as firewood as you can find”*. The Muslims followed the Prophet’s orders, fully trusting in the Messenger of God (PBUH & HP). They knew that the Prophet knew better and had a reason for every word that he uttered. Therefore, each of them went in a different direction, in the hopes of finding some twigs. Some went towards the north, others went to the south, and the rest chose a different route to find small branches of wood. In this desert, it was almost impossible to find any large logs. So, the Muslims had to gather the small pieces of wood they could find, even though some were only as big as a matchwood. Some gathered a fistful, while others only found a few branches. The companions returned to the Prophet (PBUH & HP) and placed everything they had collected in the cooking area. None of the companions could believe that so much firewood was available in this dry desert.

The Prophet told his companions: *“Good and bad deeds also accumulate little by little like this, eventually collecting into a large pile”*.





Go Out and Work

One of the Prophet's companions had become very poor, and poverty had made his life very difficult. He did not even have any money to purchase bread or food. Even if he could bear the difficulty of hunger, his wife and children were unable to withstand it. But as much as he thought, he could not think of a solution to his problem. Therefore, he decided to go to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) and seek his help.

When he went to the Prophet (PBUH & HP), he explained everything to him and sought his guidance. The Prophet told him: *"Bring me everything that you have at home"*.

The needy man did not know what the Prophet wanted to do. Nonetheless, he trusted the Prophet, and listened to him. He only had one rug and a bowl at his house. He took those items and brought them back to the Prophet. The Prophet took the items, and told his companions: *"Who is willing to buy this rug and bowl?"* Someone said: *"I will buy these for one dirham"*.

One dirham (Silver coin) was not enough for that rug and bowl. It would be much better if another customer could be found. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) said: *"Who is willing to buy these two items for a higher price?"* Another companion of the Prophet said: *"I will buy these for two dirhams"*. Two dirhams was a reasonable price for those items. The Messenger of God told the customer: *"This rug and bowl is yours"*. He took the two dirhams and gave him the rug and the bowl.





The needy man still could not figure out what the Prophet had in mind. The Prophet told him: “Provide food for your family with one dirham of these two dirhams and buy a sickle with the other dirham.” The needy man quickly went to the market. First, he purchased food for his family, and then he bought a sickle. He took the food home and gave it to his wife and brought the sickle to the Prophet (PBUH & HP). His sickle did not have a handle, but then again with one dirham one could not expect a better-quality sickle than the one he had purchased. The Prophet looked at the sickle. A sickle without a handle could not be used for anything, and a handle had to be prepared for it. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) told his companions: “Who has a handle for this sickle?”

One person said: “I have a handle”. So, he went, brought that handle, and gave it to the Prophet. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) attached that handle to the sickle and told the needy man: “Go and cut firewood with this sickle. And do not underestimate any small or large shrubs.” The needy man started his job. He would go to the desert during nights when the weather was cooler to collect firewood with his sickle. By the Prophet’s order, he cut any bush or shrub that he saw. If he saw a small bush, he did not say that it is small and useless. For fifteen straight days, he continued this job. Through selling firewood, he was not only able to gain good money, but his hard work enabled him to save his family from poverty. The Prophet (PBUH & HP) taught him that even in the hardest of times, one can make good money and be needless of people.

Punishment of an Oppressor

One of the Prophet’s companions had a bad neighbor, who annoyed and deprived him and his family of comfort. He had asked his bad neighbor several times to leave them alone and stop annoying them; but he was unsuccessful. Finally, he decided to go to the Prophet (PBUH & HP) and seek his help. He went to Prophet Muhammad and explained to him the story of his bad neighbor. The Prophet told him: “Have patience!” That day when he returned home, he decided to take the Prophet’s advice and have patience with his neighbor for a brief time. He was hopeful that his bad neighbor would stop annoying and bothering them, but this did not happen. So, once again he went to the Prophet and complained about his neighbor. This time again the Prophet asked him to have patience. Again, he returned home, and thought that if he practices patience a little more, his oppressive neighbor would stop annoying and bothering them; however, this did not happen again.

Again, for the third time he went to the Prophet (PBUH & HP). He said to the Messenger of God (PBUH & HP): *“I have been patient all this long, but it has been useless, and my neighbor has not ceased from his wrongful acts and continues to annoy us.”*

This time the Prophet said: *“When people want to attend the Friday prayer, place your home furniture and goods in the middle of the way, so whoever is heading to Friday prayer can see them. If you are asked why you have placed your home furniture and goods there, tell them you have been forced to leave your home because of your neighbor’s harassments”.* That man followed what the Prophet told him to do and on Friday morning, he placed his home goods and furniture in the way of those heading to the Friday prayer. Whoever asked him why he was doing this, he replied to them: *“My neighbor is annoying me, and I can no longer live in my house”.* When informed about this incident, the oppressive neighbor was embarrassed and regretted his wrongful act. So, he went to that man and said: *“Return your furniture and goods back to your house. I swear to God, I will no longer repeat my past wrongful deeds. I promise not to harm and annoy you anymore”.* When that man saw his neighbor was regretting his past wrong actions, he returned to his house.



He is Not a Clown

There was once a man who stood on a street corner and entertained people with his strange and odd talents, like moving and shaking his hands in unusual ways, making everyone laugh. His torn and ripped clothes made his actions even more amusing. He had a scary face, but it appeared that he was harmless. And just as he entertained the people watching him, he was entertained by them. Every moment that passed, the size of his audience increased.

After a few minutes, he was surrounded with many people, and their screams, laughter, and happiness could be heard from every corner of the town.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) who was passing by there, caught the sight of the crowd. He became curious and asked people: *“Why have you all gathered here?”*

They replied: *“O’ Messenger of God! There is a clown here, who moves in funny ways. We have gathered here to watch him”.* The Prophet (PBUH & HP) felt sorry for the man. He was mentally ill, and that is why he was doing peculiar things, but he had done nothing wrong, and he did not deserve people laughing and making fun of him.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) told the crowd: *“This man is not a clown. He is in fact sick. Do you want me to tell you who the real clown is?”*

They replied: *“Yes, O Messenger of God! Please, tell us”.*

The Prophet said: *“The real clown is the one who is arrogant and conceited, walks arrogantly, and instead of helping people, harms them. He is the real clown. This person who you have all gathered around to laugh at is only sick”.*

The words of the Prophet made everyone think very deeply. The people acknowledged the Prophet’s words



with a nod and slowly, the crowd began to disperse and moved away from that sick man.

The Wild Camel

No one had the courage to go near that camel. Whenever anyone got near the camel, it would attack them. People didn't know how they could get that wild animal to settle down, and because of it, the garden had also become unsafe. The owners decided to seek the Prophet's help. They went to him and told him the story of how their camel had gone wild.

The Prophet (PBUH & HP) accompanied the owners of the camel and headed towards the garden. The Prophet entered and called the camel without any fear, and the camel calmly approached the Prophet. Everyone was filled with fear, gazing worriedly at the camel, because they expected it to attack the Prophet.

As the camel approached the Prophet (PBUH & HP), it kneeled before him, placing its lips on the ground. It appeared to be showing respect to the Prophet (PBUH & HP). This action of the camel displayed his pure love for the Prophet, making everyone realize that it also understood that the Prophet is the Messenger of God.

Thereafter, the Prophet wrapped a rope around the camel's neck and muzzle and handed it to its owners. The camel had completely calmed down.

The Prophet's companions were astonished and asked: *"Do animals also know that you are the Prophet of God?"*

The Prophet replied: *"Yes! All creatures are aware of my prophethood".*

Another companion of the Prophet asked: *"This camel brought its head down out of respect. Please, will you also allow us to prostrate and perform Sujūd to you too?"*

The Prophet replied: *"I will also die one day. Prostrate before someone who is alive and will never die".*





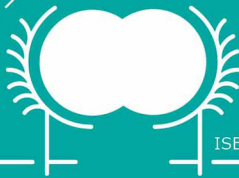
He did not have a spiteful and revengeful spirit.

Many harassed and bothered him;

but he never sought to revenge on them.

*After the conquest of Mecca, he forgave and protected
all the residents of the city who once had fought against him.*

His life was filled with acts of generosity and forgiveness.



mehrab-e-ghalam.ir



ISBN 978-600-413-195-7