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THE PROPHET (PBUH & HP) IN THE QURAN





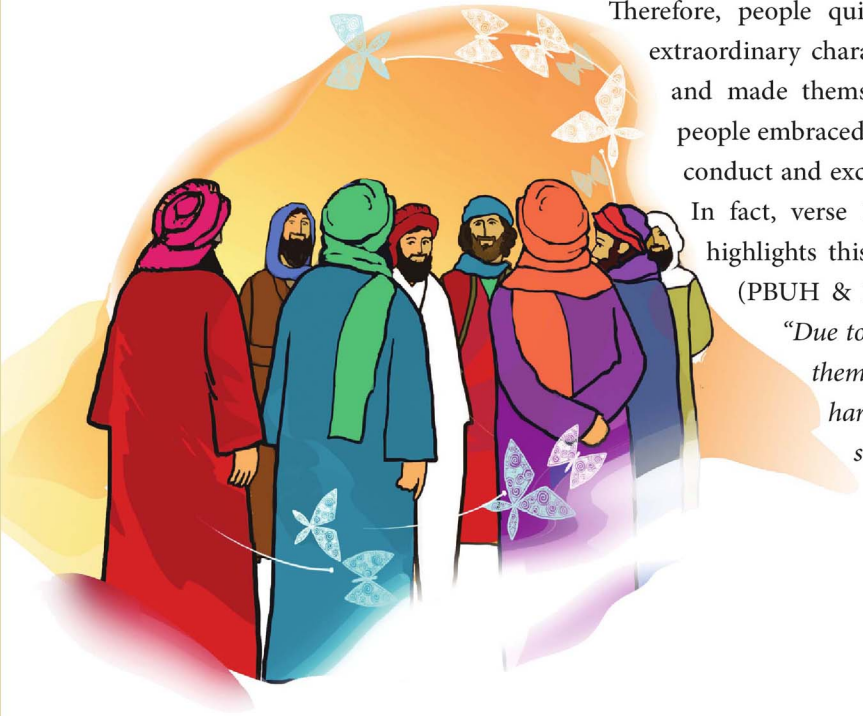
🌟 The Consequence of Good Morals

The Holy Prophet's (PBUH & HP) entire life was a personification of goodness and morality. He became a prophet among people who did not value good etiquette, yet he was able to transform the hearts of many with his good manners. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) used to approach everyone in a friendly, very courteous, and sincere manner and avoided anger and violence.

Therefore, people quickly fell in love with the extraordinary character of this honorable man and made themselves closer to him. Many people embraced Islam due to Prophet's good conduct and exceptional manners in speech.

In fact, verse 159 of Chapter Āl 'Imrān highlights this noble trait of the Prophet (PBUH & HP). In this verse we read:

“Due to God’s mercy, you dealt with them gently, for had you been harsh they would surely have scattered away from around you.”



🌟 The Signs of the Prophet of Mercy

The Jewish and Christian scholars of the Prophet's time expected the arrival of the Prophet from many years before the emergence of Islam. So, when Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) was chosen as a prophet, they recognized him very well. The Prophet had the same signs that they had read in their religious books and heard from their scholars. Just like the way we know our closest relatives, the Jewish and Christians had recognized the Prophet.

In verse 146 of Chapter al-Baqarah we read: *“Those whom we have given a Heavenly book, know the Prophet as they know their own child. But, a group of them consciously conceal the truth.”*



Compassionate to the Believers

The Prophet (PBUH & HP) had a special place in his heart for the believers and was like a kind father to them. Therefore, it was heart-wrenching for him to see a believer wrestling with the difficulties of life. The Prophet's heart filled with sadness when he saw a believer sick, poor, in need, grieving the death of a loved one, or mistreated by others. The Prophet always lent a helping hand to the believers in times of need, during a time when people did not show much empathy towards others.

This trait of the Prophet (PBUH & HP) has been mentioned in verse 128 of Chapter al-Tawbah. In this verse we read: *“Now there has come to you a Messenger from among yourselves, that your suffering is grievous to him, most concerned for your guidance, and is compassionate and kind to the believers.”*

The Harassment of the Misguided

During the time of the Prophet, the disbelievers harassed and harmed him in different ways. Sometimes, they would walk behind the Prophet, making funny faces. Other times, his opponents mocked his words, insulted him by calling him with inappropriate nicknames, and even called him crazy. In verse 32 of Chapter ar-Ra'd, God gives comfort to the Prophet (PBUH & HP) and

says: *“The Messengers before you were also mocked by disbelievers. I gave the disbelievers a short period of relief, and then I punished them.”*



A Role Model for the Believers

In verse 21 of Chapter al-Ahzab, God has introduced Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) as a role model for the believers. In this verse we read: *“Indeed the Prophet (PBUH & HP) is a good role-model for you.”*





The Prophet was loyal, kind, hard-working, trustworthy, reliable, cordial, polite, friendly, clean, humble, genuine, caring, patient, and faithful.

If our role model is Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP), we must also practice his way of life, and adopt the Prophet's great exalted character and morals. Verse 21 of Chapter al-Aḥzāb is known as the verse of "Ta'assi", which in Arabic it is translated as "Role model".

🌟 Seal of the Prophets (*Khatam an-Nabiyyin*)

The Prophet of God (PBUH & HP) was given several titles by God, and one of these titles is "Khatam an-Nabiyyin", translated as the "Seal of the Prophets". Prophet Muhammad was the last prophet of God, and no messenger was sent after his arrival.

This title has also been mentioned in verse 40 of Chapter al-Aḥzāb. In this verse we read: "Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of God and the seal of the prophets."

🌟 Verse of Salawat (Blessings)

Sending salawat or salutations upon the Prophet is commanded by the Qur'an, and verse 56 of Chapter al-Aḥzāb is about this matter. This verse is recognized as the "Verse of Salawat", and in this verse we read: "God and His angels send their blessings upon Prophet (PBUH & HP). O you who have believed, send salawat and blessings upon him, and obey his commands."

Sending salawat and blessings has lots of rewards. However, a salawat is incomplete without conveying our salutations upon the Prophet's holy Household following the salutations upon the Prophet himself.

The complete phrase for salawat is as follows:

“اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ” (Allāhumma Ṣall-i 'Alā Muhammad-in Wa Al-i Muhammad; O God, send your blessings upon Muhammad and his pure Household).

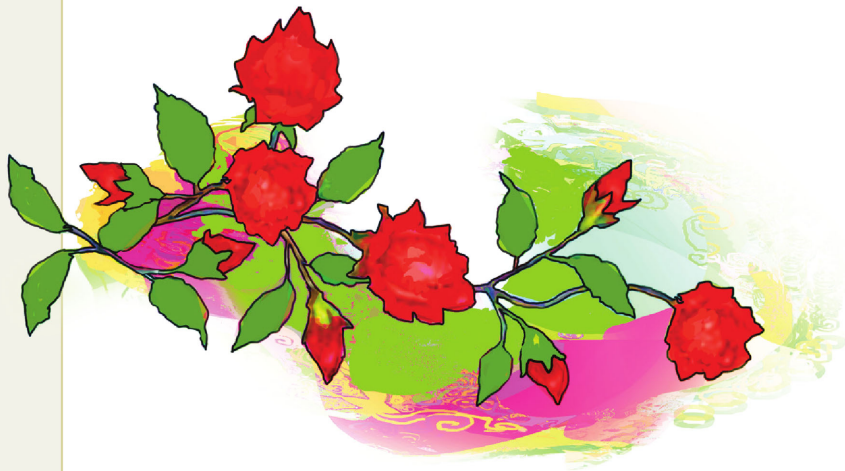
Lastly, conveying our salutations not only means we are mindful of the Prophet and his holy Household, but that we are also seeking to learn lessons from their life.



🌸 A Reward for the Benefit of the People

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) did not ask people any reward in return for the hardships he experienced during his Prophetic mission. He never asked people to give him money, gold, and farm products in return for his prophethood. We also read in verse 23 of Chapter ash-Shurā: “Say: *I ask you no reward for this, but affection of my family members.*”

This meant that the Prophet (PBUH & HP) was asking people to love his Ahlul-Bayt (PBUT), as he was concerned for people’s guidance after himself. Requesting such a reward was also for the benefit of the people, because showing affection towards the Ahul-Bayt (PBUT) guides people to follow their footsteps, and eventually enter Heaven.



🌸 The Prophet of All

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) was not just the prophet of the people of his time. Until the Day of Judgment, whoever becomes a Muslim, Prophet Muhammad is also their prophet and guide.

This point is emphasized in the 3rd verse of Chapter al-Jumu’ah. This verse speaks about people who will later join the Muslim community by becoming Muslims, and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) is also their prophet and guide.

One time when the Messenger of God recited this same verse, some people asked: “O’ Messenger of God! What does this verse mean by those who will later join the Muslim community?”

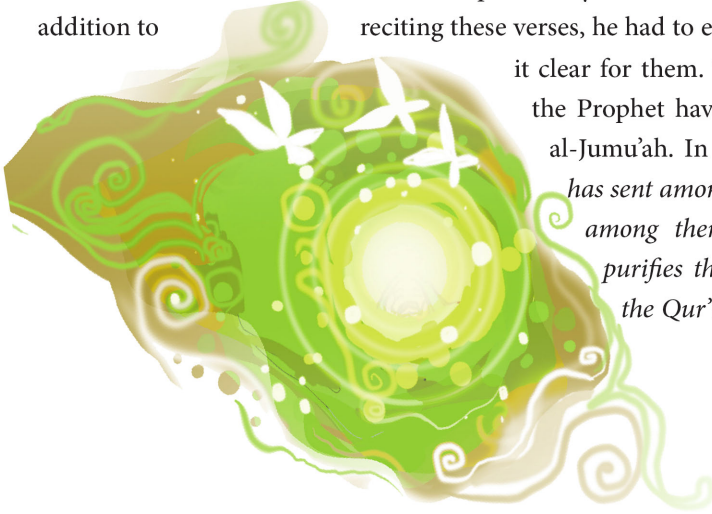


In response to this question, the Prophet placed his hand on the shoulder of his companion, Salman, and remembered the people of the land of Salman, meaning the Persians (The people of Iran). Years later, the Prophet's prediction became a reality, and Iranians embraced Islam and joined the Muslim community. This event was just an example of how Islam becomes widespread and grows across the globe.

✿ Three Important Responsibilities


The Prophet (PBUH & HP) had three important duties. The first responsibility of the Prophet was to read the verses of the Qur'an for the people. The Messenger of God received the Qur'anic verses from Gabriel and read the exact verse for the people. The second obligation of the Prophet was to encourage people to distance themselves away from bad characteristics such as jealousy, arrogance, and resentment. The moral teachings and behavior of the Prophet (PBUH & HP) led people to abandon such bad characteristics. His third responsibility was to explain Qur'anic verses to the people. In addition to

reciting these verses, he had to explain the meaning of each verse, making it clear for them. These three important responsibilities of the Prophet have been cited in the 2nd verse of Chapter al-Jumu'ah. In this verse we read: *“God is the one who has sent among the uneducated people a messenger from among themselves who reads His verses to them, purifies them from bad manners and teaches them the Qur'an, and wisdom.”*



✿ Intercession (Shafa'at)

A person came to Imam Al-Baqir (PBUH) and asked him: *“What is the most promising verse of the Qur'an?”* In response, Imam al-Baqir (PBUH) recited verse 5 of Chapter al-Zuha. In this verse God tells the Prophet (PBUH & HP): *“And soon your lord will grant you so much, that you shall be well-pleased.”*



On the Day of Judgment, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) will intercede with God, on behalf of certain sinners, for the sake of the good attributes they possessed. So, God will forgive and save them from the torments of Hell for the sake of the Prophet (PBUH & HP).



The Prophet (PBUH & HP) is Not Stingy

A mail carrier receives a mail item from the post office and must deliver the mail entrusted to them safely to its owner. The prophets of God had a similar duty as a mail carrier. They received a message from God and had the task of delivering that message correctly and safely to the people, never forgetting or changing that message. The last Messenger of God (PBUH & HP) was also trustworthy in delivering God's word to the people. When the verses of the Qur'an were revealed to him, he delivered verbatim to the people. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) always shared knowledge and was not like selfish people who are stingy in teaching others what they know.

In verse 24 of Chapter al-Takwir we read: *"The Prophet is not stingy of what has been revealed to him."* This verse is denoting that the Prophet (PBUH & HP) never concealed anything that God had revealed to him.

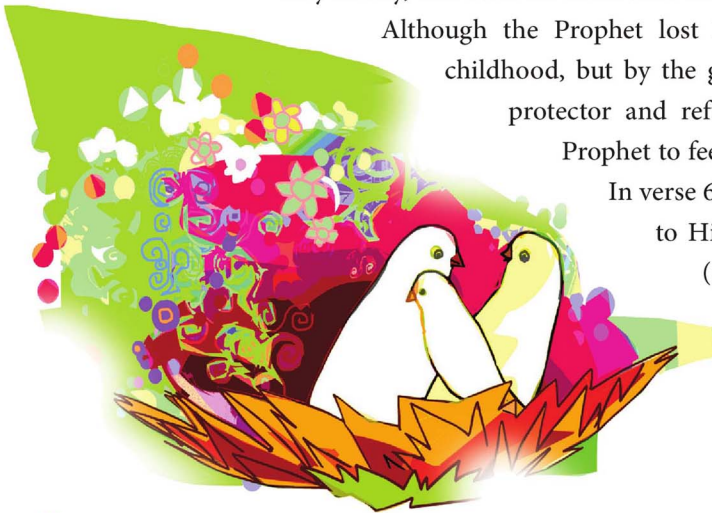


Did God not Grant You Refuge?

The Prophet was in the womb of his mother when he lost his father, Abdullah. He also lost his beloved mother, Aminah, when he was six years of age. However, he was never left without a guardian and caretaker. When he was born, his mother Aminah and his grandfather, 'Abdul-Muṭṭalib looked after him and took care of him. After the death of Aminah, he was still under the guardianship of his beloved grandfather. When the Prophet was eight years old, 'Abdul-Muṭṭalib also passed away. Thereafter, the Prophet's uncle, Abu-Talib undertook the responsibility to look after him. Abu-Talib and his wife, Fatimah bint al-Assad treated the Prophet very kindly, and even cared for him more than their own children.


Although the Prophet lost his caretakers one after the other in childhood, but by the grace of God, he never lived without a protector and refuge. The dear God did not allow the Prophet to feel the crushing pain of being an orphan.

In verse 6 of Chapter "Al-Zuha", God has referred to His grace and has addressed the Prophet (PBUH & HP) by saying: "*Did He not find you an orphan and sheltered (you)?*"



His Good Morals

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP) possessed an exceptionally moral character. He never sought revenge, or held grudges, and quickly forgave people for their shortcomings. He greeted everyone, even children with Salaam and was always the first to greet another. He never uttered bad words, never insulted others, and a pleasant smile always adorned his face. He never mistreated or mocked anyone. He was very loyal and trustworthy and was never a man of arrogance. He had a special place in his heart for the poor, and always lent a helping hand to them. He showed compassion to animals, never mistreating them. The Messenger of God was steadfast in the face of difficult times. He always stroked the head of orphans and was like a kind father for them. The Prophet visited the sick, and the families of the deceased, providing them consolation.



God has praised the virtuous and noble character of Prophet Muhammad in verse 4 of Chapter al-Qalam. In this verse God has told the Prophet: “*You have great morals and a heavenly conduct.*”

The Famous Prophet

The Almighty God has commanded us just as we bear witness to His oneness in the call to prayer (Azān), that we should also testify to the Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP), and say two times: “أشهد أن مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ” (Ash-hadu Anna Muhammad-an Rasulullah; I bear witness that Muhammad is God’s Messenger).

In addition to this, in the Tashahhud portion of prayer (Salah), we recite the name of the Prophet, bear witness to his prophethood, and send salutation (salawat) upon his pure family. We recite the Tashahhud as: “وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَ رَسُولُهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ” (wa-’ashhadu ’anna Muhammad-an ’abduhu wa-rasūluh. Allāh-umma Ṣalli ’ala Muhammad-in wa-’āli Muhammad; And I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His prophet. O God! bestow blessings upon Muhammad and the household of Muhammad).

Likewise, God has mentioned the Prophet and his virtues in the Qur’an, a book that all Muslims recite and should have in their houses. All of this contributed in elevating the status of God’s Messenger, making him more reputable and famous across this globe. Today, people around the world recognize Islam by the name of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH & HP), and his name is always accompanied with the name of Islam.

In verse 4 of Chapter al-Inshirah we read: “*We have made you famous.*”





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.



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