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**ASSALATU WASSALAMU ALAIKA YA RASOOLALLAH  
SALLALLAHU ALAIHI WA SALLAM**

For a long time, I have had a desire to compile a book on the objectives of the arrival of the last and final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in the light of the Quran and the Ahadeeth. The motive behind this was to highlight the exalted status of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and to make people aware of his extraordinary achievements, which would help develop the love for RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and inspire them to follow him.

Alhamdulillah, on my recent visit to Africa, I reached Lusaka from Malawi on 20<sup>th</sup> Muharram 1428. I was staying at the house of my respected host Alhaj Abdullah Meem sahib. He had at his house the blessed hairs of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. I stood there admiring the blessed hairs when something inspired me to fulfil my dream on the book. Seeking help and guidance from the Creator of the Beloved Master of the World Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and taking it as a good sign that I was in front of the blessed hairs, I decided to start writing.

I was pleased that I was following the way of Allah Almighty in praising His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. It would also provide me with the opportunity to draw the reader's attention to the unparalleled sacrifices given by RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in the path of Allah, thus inspiring us to present similar sacrifices.

May Allah Almighty take the work which pleases Him and His Beloved Rasool Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam because the fact is that if we are able to do even one act which pleases Allah Almighty then that would be enough for us to succeed in both worlds. As Imam Ahle Sunnat, Sayyedi Aala Hazrat rightly pleads,

Kaam Woh Le Lijiye Tum Ko Jo Raazi Kare,  
Theek Ho Naame Raza Tum Pe Karoron Durood.

In the end, I urge that if there are any shortcomings in this book then please bring it to my attention so that it can be rectified. Please remember me and my parents in your precious duas.

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## Introduction

In the name of Allah, the Almighty and with the help of Mustafa Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

From Adam Alaihis Salaam until our beloved final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, there have been approximately one hundred and twenty four thousand Prophets who were sent down by Allah Almighty towards mankind. Their mission was same and they all came with the same message.

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

*And indeed We sent to every nation a Noble Messenger (proclaiming) that  
"Worship Allah and beware of the devil";*

All the Prophets invited the people to worship only Allah and to follow the straight path, which is the 'Siraat al-Mustaqeem'. Those who were fortunate accepted their invitation and entered the folds of Islam, whilst those who rejected the invitation, remained deprived of faith and guidance.

In order to invite mankind towards righteousness, the hardships encountered by the Prophets have been clearly described in the Quran and Ahadeeth. They called us towards goodness, stopped us from evil, guided us towards success and taught us to bow down to none but Allah. They did all this not for any personal reward, in fact they used to announce *إِنَّا أَعْرَجِي إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ* (our reward is only with Allah). Still there were some selfish souls who, sinking in their own pride and holding on to their false beliefs, left no stone unturned to oppose the Prophets and to diffuse their mission. Nevertheless the Prophets were steadfast and endured all the difficulties with unparalleled patience and never abandoned their duty.

Our Beloved Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was bestowed with the best characteristics of all the Prophets. That means that all



the outstanding individual qualities enjoyed by the Prophets were combined in our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

Husne Yusuf Pe Kati Mist Me Angushte Jina  
Sar Katate Hai Tere Naam Pe Mardane Arab

### **The Universal Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

All the previous Prophets were sent to a particular tribe for a particular time, but our Final Prophet arrived for the whole universe and until the last day, as is mentioned in the Holy Quran:

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا

*O people! Indeed I am, towards you all, the Noble Messenger of Allah*

Thus it is inevitable for all the people in the universe to believe in RasoolAllah, not only as a Prophet, but as the Final Prophet, since no Prophet will arrive after him.

History proves that those who acknowledged the invitation of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and followed him sincerely have always been successful in both worlds. If they were slaves they became masters, and those who rejected his invitation were humiliated and disgraced, even if they were very close to the Prophet in relation.

The Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam arrived to fill the world with guidance as the Holy Quran points out:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

*And O dear Prophet, We have not sent you except with a Prophet-hood that covers the entire mankind, heralding glad tidings and warnings, but most*

*people do not know. (Prophet Mohammed – peace and blessings be upon him – is the Prophet towards all mankind.)*

This verse also indicates that the Prophet-hood of the Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam extends to one and all, whether they are black or white, Arabs or non-Arabs, preceding or following, they are all his Nation.

Bukhari and Muslim narrates that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'I have been given five unique characteristics which were not enjoyed by anyone before me. 1. People would feel my awe [urdu: rau'b] at a distance of one month. 2. The entire earth has been made pure and a place of worship for me. When the time arrives, my followers can pray wherever they are. 3. War-booty or proceeds from wars have been made lawful for me, which was not so before. 4. I have been bestowed with the exalted status of Shafa'at [intercession]. 5. Other Prophets were only sent towards their specific nations, I have been sent to the whole of mankind.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! This Hadith identifies the exclusive qualities of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, one of which is his universal Prophet-hood.

At one more place the Holy Quran states:

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا

*Most Auspicious is He who has sent down the Furqan (the Criterion – the Holy Quran) upon His chosen bondman for him to be a Herald of Warning to the entire world. (Prophet Mohammed – peace and blessings be upon him – is the Prophet towards all mankind.)*

This verse again reiterates the fact that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the Prophet for everyone. May they be Jinns, Humans, Angels or any other creation, they all belong to the nation of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. This is because the above

verse quotes 'Aalam' which corresponds to everything else except Allah.

The Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself states, 'I have been sent as a Prophet towards all the creations.'

Hazrat Mulla Ali Qari Rehmatullah Alaih has stated in relation to this Hadith, 'This means that the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has been sent towards all the creations, Jinns or Humans, Animals or Plants, Angels or anything else.'

Complete research on this subject can be seen in Imam Qistalani's work 'Muwahib Laduniyah'.

It is mentioned in one Hadith, 'My Prophet-hood and the Day of Judgement is like this...' mentioning this the Holy Prophet lifted his two fingers, which means just as there is no third finger between these two fingers, in the same way there will be no Prophet between RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and the Final Day.

As we have revealed before that the Prophet-hood of our Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam extends not only to mankind (as is the misconception) but to all the creations. We present one more verse which proves this theory,

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

*And We did not send you (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) except as a mercy for the entire world. (Prophet Mohammed – peace and blessings be upon him – is the Prophet towards all mankind.)*

In the above verse the Almighty Lord Himself reveals the glorious rank of His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. If He is the One who nourishes all the creation then his Prophet is Mercy for the same. This title 'Mercy for the Universes' has only been conferred

upon the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam by Allah Almighty.

This is the reason that the Holy Prophet not only prayed for his own tribe or people but always remembered every one of us in his prayers. Even at the time of his blessed birth and the moment of leaving this world, his blessed lips were engaged in praying for his entire nation. Indeed it makes us proud to be a part of his nation and in turn to be a part of his prayers.

### **Islam and Terrorism**

Unfortunate are those who levy false allegations on such a Merciful Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and accuse his followers of being terrorists. If only they had studied the blessed life of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, then they would have known as to who changed the stone-hearted Arabs into the flag-bearers of peace.

Today some powers in the world have targeted the Muslim nation and branded them as terrorists. They are using this allegation as an alibi to attack the Muslims and destroy their integrity. But they have failed miserably to notice that the very religion they brand as fundamental, has become the fastest growing religion in the world and the innocent people whose minds they tried to poison are entering the folds of Islam in large numbers.

Let us show you how our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam ended terrorism and practiced peace.

Firstly, the terrorism that we see today is quite different to the one which prevailed in the era of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Nowadays, terrorists have no fixed target; they kill men, women and children alike. They destroy the houses or workplaces or hit the transport system. But these terrorists are very few in number as compared to the whole society. At the time of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, every household had a terrorist in it.

History tells us that the Arabs in those days were humiliated if a daughter was born to them and they would bury her alive. How evil they were that they did not even hesitate to kill their own children and that too in such a cruel and inhumane manner?

But the Merciful Prophet through his teachings and character melted their hearts and completely abolished this barbaric system. The very people who once buried their own daughters were not only proud to have them but were also seen eager to become care takers of the other daughters of the society.

So who transformed those terrorists? We will have to admit that it was RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who revolutionised their lives. Even today if the world needs solution to the existing terrorism then they should break all the barriers of ego and pride, and adopt the teachings and manners of the Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. This is the only way that the world can be peaceful as it once was.

Anyway, this was only a sub-topic which cropped up and we shed a bit of light over it. We were discussing the Universal Prophet-hood of our Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. We have seen that for everything for which Allah is the Deity, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the Prophet for it.

One has to agree that the larger the mission, the more difficult it is. This is the reason why our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam had to face much more difficulties than any other Prophet. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself has expressed, 'I have been troubled the most in the way of Allah.'

The site chosen for RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was also very harsh and severe than the other Prophets. Where the other Prophets were given green and fertile lands, our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam had to cope with the extreme heat of the desert of Arabia, compounded by scarcity of water and crops, which describes the volatile nature of the people there. Their hearts were

made of stone just as their land was and they even worshipped gods made of stone. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was assigned the task of illuminating these stones with the light of Imaan. The world has witnessed that in a short period of 23 years, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam with his love, affection, character and teachings turned them into sparkling diamonds. They became the best of creations after the Prophets. One was turned into the leader of the truthful and came to be known as Abu Bakr Siddique RadiyAllahu Anhu, one was turned into Farooq e Aazam RadiyAllahu Anhu, one came to be known as Usman e Gani RadiyAllahu Anhu and one was turned into the leader of all the saints, Ali e Murtaza RadiyAllahu Anhu.

### Belief in All the Prophets

قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِن رَّبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

*They said "We believe in Allah and what is sent down to us and what was sent down to Ibrahim, and Ismael, and Ishaq, and Yaqub, and to their offspring, and what was bestowed upon Moosa and Eisa (Jesus), and what was bestowed upon other Prophets - from their Lord; we do not make any distinction, in belief, between any of them; and to Allah we have submitted ourselves."*

Thus it is clear, we should believe in all the Prophets and acknowledge their superior qualities. We cannot deny any Prophet nor should we disrespect them in any manner or else we will be out of the folds of Islam and invite the Wrath of Allah Almighty.

We provide one more verse to make things clear,

وَقَوْمَ نُوحٍ لَّمَّا كَذَّبُوا الرُّسُلَ أَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ وَجَعَلْنَا هُمُ لِلنَّاسِ آيَةً وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا (25:37)

*And the people of Nooh - when they denied the Noble Messengers, We drowned them and made them a sign for mankind; and We have kept prepared a painful punishment for the unjust.*

As indicated in the above verse, the nation of Hazrat Nooh Alaihis Salaam only rejected one Prophet but the Quran takes it as rejecting all the Prophets. Because the message of all the Prophets was the same; that is believe in the oneness of Allah and reject all other deities, therefore refutation of one Prophet is like refuting them all.

The Holy Quran states,

وَقَالُوا كُونُوا هُودًا أَوْ نَصَارَى تَهْتَدُوا قُلْ بَلْ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَى وَعِيسَى وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ فَإِنْ آمَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ فَقَدْ اهْتَدَوْا وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا هُمْ فِي شِقَاقٍ فَسَيَكْفِيكَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ (2:137)

*And the People given the Book(s) said, "Become Jews or Christians - you will attain the right path"; say (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him), "No - rather we take the religion of Ibrahim, who was far removed from all falsehood; and was not of the polytheists." Say, "We believe in Allah and what is sent down to us and what was sent down to Ibrahim, and Ismael, and Ishaq, and Yaqub, and to their offspring, and what was bestowed upon Moosa and Eisa (Jesus), and what was bestowed upon other Prophets - from their Lord; we do not make any distinction, in belief, between any of them; and to Allah we have submitted ourselves." And if they believe in the same way you have believed, they have attained guidance; and if they turn away, they are clearly being stubborn; so Allah will soon suffice you (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) against them; and He only is the All Hearing, the All Knowing.*

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! The Jews and the Christians made fundamental changes in their Books and modified their religion according to their wishes but still claimed that their Books were divine and that theirs was the only true

religion. They used to invite people towards their man made faith. Allah Almighty condemned both groups and dismissed their claim and rightly accused them of drifting away from the faith of the founder of their religion Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam. The pure religion of Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam had nothing to do with the Jewish or Christian beliefs.

At one more place Quran mentions,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا آمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ عَلَيَّ رَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِن قَبْلُ وَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا (4:136)

*O People who believe! Have faith in Allah and His Noble Messenger and the Book He has sent down upon this Noble Messenger of His, and the Book He sent down before; and whoever does not accept faith in Allah and His angels and His Books and His Noble Messengers and the Last Day, has undoubtedly wandered far astray.*

Hazrat Mufti Ahmed Yaar Khan Rehmatullah Alaih advises the believers in the light of this verse, 'O Believers! Never be content, your destination is still far away. Be steadfast on your faith on the oneness of Allah Almighty and the final Prophet-hood of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and believe in all the other Prophets and the Divine Books and do not give any place to any doubt in your hearts. Beware! Even if you were born Muslim, if you deny any one of the fundamentals of our Belief, then you will be considered as a disbeliever.'

The Holy Quran explains,

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَن يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيَقُولُونَ نُؤْمِنُ بِبَعْضٍ وَنَكْفُرُ بِبَعْضٍ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَن يَتَّخِذُوا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ حَقًّا وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُّهِينًا (4:151)

*Those who disbelieve in Allah and His Noble Messengers, and seek to cause division between Allah and His Noble Messengers, and say, "We believe in*



*some and disbelieve in others," and wish to choose a way between faith and disbelief; These are the real disbelievers; and for the disbelievers We have kept prepared a disgraceful punishment.*

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! It has been a method of Allah Almighty that in order to guide the nation of his Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, He sometimes mentions the good practices of the pious so that others are inspired to follow them and sometimes reveals the malpractices of the evil so that we can learn lessons from them. This is evident in the above verses, where Allah Almighty has exposed the true faces of the Jews and the Christians in order for us to be cautious and not to take the same path as them. He mentions that O Believers! In reality the Jews and Christians neither believe in Allah or his Attributes nor believe in any of His Prophets. They wish to create a barrier between Allah and His Prophets. They claim to believe in worshipping Allah and Him being worthy of being obeyed and deny some or all of His Prophets. They want to place themselves in between the Mu'mins who believes in Allah and all His Prophets and the atheist who are in outright denial about the existence of God or His Prophets. They want to find a pathway between faith and infidelity [kufr], but there is none. These people are complete disbelievers and Allah has prepared most severe and everlasting punishment which they will have to bear in the most humiliating manner.

From this explanation of the above mentioned verse it must be clear, that just as we believe in our beloved final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, in the same way we believe in all the Prophets of Allah. But that our Prophet is the final Prophet and there will be no Prophet after him Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

## **Darkness Before the Arrival of the Noor of Allah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

It is worth knowing the state of the people around the world before the arrival of the Final Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. As such there were many tribes and religions inhabiting the world. But there were few prominent ones namely the Jews, the Christians, the fire-worshippers, the idol-worshippers and the Arabs. We will see the state of each of them separately.

### **The Jews**

They were the descendants of the son of Yaqoob Alaihis Salaam called Yahood. They started worshipping idols and drifting away from their religion as early as in the era of Hazrat Sulaiman Alaihis Salaam. Therefore Allah Almighty imposed Bakht Nasr upon them, who imprisoned them, tortured them and made them slaves. They were forced to move from one place to another. When Constantinople the first embraced Christianity, the state of the Jews turned from bad to worse. They had no land of their own and no country wanted to adopt them. Wherever they went they were treated as slaves. According to the verse of the Holy Quran **مَلُؤْنِينَ أَيْمَانًا تَقْفُوا** they lived in complete humiliation and disgrace. And as for their faith, they had divided into many sect and groups.

From the era of Hazrat Moosa Alaihis Salaam to that of Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam, there were numerous Prophets sent down by Allah Almighty. The Jews constantly rejected them and gave them trouble. They not only refuted the Holy Books but also made grave changes to it, thus incurring the severe Wrath of Allah Almighty. They were left with no authentic Book for guidance and so were misguided and misled by their leaders and scholars.

**وَأَخَذَهُمُ الرَّبُّا وَقَدْ نُهِوا عَنْهُ وَأَكْلِهِمْ أَمْوَالَ النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا**

*And because they used to take usury while they were forbidden from it, and they used to wrongfully devour people's wealth; and for the disbelievers*

*among them, We have kept prepared a painful punishment.*

It was for the above mentioned atrocities that Allah Almighty subjected the Jews to such degree of humiliation and disgrace. Allah sent Prophets one after the other for their guidance but they neither respected them nor helped them. In fact they stained their hands with the innocent blood of the Prophets. Hazrat Zakaria, Hazrat Yahya, Hazrat Shu'ya and many other Prophets were unjustly killed (Alaihimus Salaam).

Allah Almighty portrays their dark history in these words,

وَضُرِبَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الذَّلَّةُ وَالْمَسْكَنَةُ وَبَاؤُوا بِغَضَبِ مَنْ أَلَّهِ ذَلِكَ بَأْتُهُمْ كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ  
وَيَقْتُلُونَ النَّبِيِّينَ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ ذَلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا يَعْتَدُونَ (2:61)

*And disgrace and misery were destined for them; and they returned towards Allah's wrath; that was because they disbelieved in Allah's signs and wrongfully martyred the Prophets; that was for their disobedience and transgression.*

This was the situation of the Jews until the arrival of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Then RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam decided to liberate the Jews from their own misguidance and mischief. He desired to give them their lost glory and respect. For this reason when the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam arrived in Madina he entered into a treaty with the Jews who were living there and gave them the status of respectable citizens. He also presented the invitation towards Islam in order to end their misguidance and set them free from the curse of denying the Word of Allah.

### **The State of the Christians**

Hazrat Isa, the son of Maryam Alaihimus Salaam had chosen twelve of his disciples to guide the twelve groups of the Children of Israel. But after Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam was lifted towards the skies, there

were major conflicts amongst his followers. In this disruption, a major role was played by a Jew called Boulis. He used to trouble Hazrat Isa and his followers but after Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam was elevated, he disguised himself as a Christian and divided them internally. Now each new sect developed a new faith about Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam.

Hazrat Naeemuddin Muradabadi, a khalifa of Sayyedi Aala Hazrat, states in his explanation of the Holy Quran: Nastoori believed that Hazrat Isa was a son of God. And Marqoosi believed that gods were three and Hazrat Isa was one of them. There was again great confusion in these theories. Some believed that the three gods were father, son and 'Ruhul Quds', the pure spirit. Father was god, son was Hazrat Isa and the third was spirit. But they in turn took all three as one - One in three and three in one! Some believed that Hazrat Isa was in between human and God. He inherited the former from his mother and the latter from God! May Allah forbid.

The Holy Quran describes them in these words,

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ

*They have indeed become disbelievers who say, "Messiah, the son of Maryam is certainly Allah";*

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَلَاثُ تِلْكَ

*They are certainly disbelievers who say, "Indeed Allah is the third of the three Gods";*

Apart from all this the system of confession was killing their religion. Taking the edge of the false belief that Hazrat Isa will be our saviour and his sufferings have become compensation for us, they became heavily involved in following their desires and lead a sinful life. There was no goodness or modesty left in the society. Some of them believed that there will be no punishment at all whilst others, like the Jews, believed that they will taste punishment for a very short period of time and then will enjoy the fruits of paradise for ever.

This was the fantasy that the Christians lived in when the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam arrived. But with his struggles and teachings he managed to revert a large part of their communities towards the true path of Islam.

### **State of the Majoos (Fire-Worshippers)**

Yafis, the son of Nooh Alaihis Salaam, had a son who was born with very small ears and long hair. That is why he was called 'meekh kosh' which was translated as 'majoos' in Arabic. He became the founder of this religion. He claimed that he was a divine being and that fire was a manifestation of God. He was thus called the Prophet of Fire. Gradually people started worshipping fire as god. They believed fire was the creator of light and all other goodness and that darkness was the creator of all the evil. When the flames were high they believed that god was awake and when they were down they believed that god was asleep. The fire remained lit all the time and they kept feeding wood to the fire in order to avoid it being extinguished.

Majoos lived in Babil and that is where this faith originated. It then moved on to Iran where it was only practiced by commoners. But soon it made its place in the palaces of kings and Gostashop became the first king to adopt it and also made it a state religion. The king had a vizier who later claimed to be a prophet and had a huge fire lit for people to worship. People had to come on a special days and stand in rows before prostrating to the fire. They would then turn to the self proclaimed prophet for prayers.

He even wrote a book called Aartha, in which he modified some principles of his own religion. This way he became the second originator of the religion. The new faith grew stronger by the day and spread to Rome and as far as America. The followers of this religion shaved their beards and left their moustaches to grow. They positioned their hairs to their ears, wore a gown with a belt around their waist.

After the arrival of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, all their power vanished. Most of them were impressed by the teachings of the Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and entered into the folds of Islam.

### **The State of the People of the Indian Subcontinent**

The situation of the people of the subcontinent before the arrival of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was that of chaos and uncertainty. The people there had deep roots in polytheism and so could not be content in believing in one God. They had different gods for different tasks. They worshipped anything and everything like the sun, the trees, cows, monkeys, snakes and numerous idols with different names, forms and gender. Around 600 years before Isa Alaihis Salaam, Buddhism was founded as a religion in India. The new religion did manage to attract some followers initially but it soon lost its appeal. There was also the curse of caste system prevailing in the region. People were treated according to their class. They were four major classes, the Brahmins, the Shatriyas, the Vaishyas and the Shudras. The Shudras was the lowest class and they were literally considered as untouchables. The upper classes treated them as slaves and did not even drink water from the same well as them.

But when the Arab was illuminated with the light of Islam by the teachings of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, its followers helped to spread it far and wide. They came through sea routes to the southern coastal region of India as businessmen but also brought their religion with them. They did not return back to their homeland but settled there to preach the teachings of their beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Soon the people found themselves attracted to the message and slowly but steadily Islam spread through the whole region.

## **The State of the Arabs**

The condition of the Arabs was the worst of all. They lived in Hijaz and boasted about their religious link with Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam. There were some traditions which they inherited from Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam but they were now modified beyond recognition. For example they performed Hajj but naked. They also inherited the tradition of sacrifice and looking after the pilgrims who visited the Holy city of Makkah. Thus overall the inheritance was only in name; in reality they had developed their own evil and immodest society and a false religion.

Fornication and adultery were a norm and they took pride in committing them. The use of wine and other intoxicants were common and not considered bad. Women were kept as slaves and were made to dance and used to satisfy desires. They were even used as prostitutes with the proceeds going to the owner. In general women had no rights. They were deprived of any share in inheritance, from their parents as well as from their husbands. Only men could become inheritors. When a husband died, the wife would be passed over to a close relative and this could sometime be the woman's own stepson. Indecency and immodesty prevailed all through the society. The so called higher class were involved in even more gruesome activities. If a daughter was born to them they would bury her alive or throw her in a dark well. And they did this not with contempt but with pride.

One of the best pastimes was gambling. The people were extremely superstitious and believed in spirits and evil souls. They had made numerous deities of different shapes and sizes and worshipped them. Each tribe would have their own idol and animals would be sacrificed on them.

Wars would start on trivial matters and would continue for generations. Each tribe and family would do everything to dominate over the other tribe.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! Thus we see that the state of Arabs was no better than that of other nations, in fact it was even more appalling. The Holy Ka'ba itself had become a refuge for about three hundred and fifty idols. But all this changed at the arrival of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, the darkness of ignorance turned into light of guidance. Ka'ba became pure once again and the land of Arabs was freed forever from all their evil practices. The glad tidings of the earlier Divine Books, that the Final Prophet will eliminate the darkness of Polytheism (Shirk) and illuminate the world with the light of Faith (Iman), had come true. And the Arabs became the first beneficiaries of this divine task.

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُمْ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ  
وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ

*"Those who will obey this Noble Messenger (Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him), the Herald of the Hidden who is untutored \* (except by Allah), whom they will find mentioned in the Taurat and the Injeel with them; he will command them to do good and forbid them from wrong, and he will make lawful for them the good clean things and prohibit the foul for them, and he will unburden the loads and the neck chains which were upon them; so those who believe in him, and revere him, and help him, and follow the light which came down with him - it is they who have succeeded."*



## **The Arrival of Mustafa Kareem Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

### **The Transfer of the Noor of Mustafa Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

The blessed father of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, Hazrat Abdullah bin Abdul Muttalib RadiyAllahu Anhuma was extremely handsome and beautiful. His beauty was well-known and the women of Quraish wished to get married to him. They would even line up on streets to attract his attention.

The People of Book also noticed some of the signs and believed that he was carrying the Noor of the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. This was not good news for them as they did not want the last Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to arrive from the Arabs and so they decided to have him killed.

Once when Hazrat Abdullah RadiyAllahu Anhu went hunting, a large army of Syrians was already waiting with the intention of killing him. Incidentally, Hazrat Wahab bin Munaf, who was later to be the maternal grandfather of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, was also present in the same forest. He saw that a few horsemen who did not resemble humans appeared from nowhere to fight with the army and saved Hazrat Abdullah RadiyAllahu Anhu. He was astonished to see this and when he returned home, he decided to get his daughter Hazrat Amina married with Hazrat Abdullah, as he was already looking for a good man from a good family. Hazrat Amina was equally beautiful and possessed good qualities and thus Hazrat Abdul Muttalib agreed to the wedding.

It is narrated that the women of Quraish would offer large amounts of money to allure Hazrat Abdullah to get married to them. One such woman was a sorceress. When she saw the beauty of Hazrat Abdullah, she could not hold herself back and proposed to him. He declined and moved on. After marrying Hazrat Amina, Hazrat Abdullah again happened to pass by the same women and she asked Hazrat Abdullah if he had married someone. Hazrat Abdullah

RadiyAllahu Anhu replied positive and asked how did she knew. She replied that the Noor she could see in him had now disappeared as it was transferred from him to Hazrat Amina after they got married. And by this Noor she meant the light of the last and final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

When the Noor of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was transferred to Hazrat Amina RadiyAllahu Anha, there was an announcement in the world of angels to decorate the entire universe and prepare for celebrations. All the Angels from the heavens and earth rejoiced with happiness. The gatekeeper of Jannah was told to open the gates, and it was announced that all this was because the arrival of the Final Prophet was very close.

Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Haqq Muhaddith Dehlvi, after narrating the above incidents, writes, 'The reason for celebration is obvious. It was only for the Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam that Allah created the universe and everything in it and all the blessings and mercy enjoyed by the world was due to him. So at last it was time for the much awaited Mercy of Allah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to be born.' [Madarijun Nubuwwah]

### **The Blessings before the Birth**

That morning, all the idols fell down on their faces. It was now prohibited for the devils to ascend to the skies and so they could no longer eavesdrop on the angels. The thrones of all the mighty kings toppled over. Every corner of the world was illuminated by the angels. Even the angels were sharing the good news with each other.

At that time, the Quraish were under the influence of severe drought. The plantations had gone dry and the animals had become weak. But at the arrival of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, Allah Almighty sent such rain that the Arabs had never seen before, there was greenery all around and the people were rejoicing. That year was named 'The year of victory and happiness' by the Quraish.

Hazrat Amina RadiyAllahu Anha reports, 'At the birth of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, such light was emitted from me that I could see the palaces of Syria from my house in Makkah.'

### **Announcement from the Unseen World**

Hazrat Amina reports, 'I did not even realise that I was pregnant until I heard a voice saying, 'O Amina! You are carrying the best of creations in your womb.' After that I would hear a voice regularly congratulating me that the time is drawing close to the arrival of Abul Qasim (distributor of the bounties of Allah).'

### **The Death of Hazrat Abdullah RadiyAllahu Anhu**

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! Hazrat Amina and Hazrat Abdullah RadiyAllahu Anhuma had no other children other than the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was not yet born when Hazrat Abdullah RadiyAllahu Anhu passed away in Madina Munawwara. He was actually on a business trip with other members of Quraish. When they passed through Madina, Hazrat Abdullah decided to stop over to visit his cousins who were from the tribe of Bani Najjar. When the caravan reached Makkah without Hazrat Abdullah, his father Hazrat Abdul Muttalib enquired about him and he was told that Hazrat Abdullah had stayed over in Madina. But soon the news arrived that he had passed away and had been buried in Daare Nabigah. (RadiyAllahu Anhu).

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas RadiyAllahu Anhuma narrates that when Hazrat Abdullah RadiyAllahu Anhu passed away, the angels urged in the court of Allah Almighty, 'Ya Allah! Our master and leader Mohammed Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, who is also most beloved to You, has been made an orphan?' Allah Almighty replied, 'I will take

care of him and help him. You send abundant salutations upon him and pray for him.'

### **The Blessed Birth**

The Beloved Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam stayed for full nine months in the womb. During that period Hazrat Amina reports that she did not feel any pain and did not go through the difficulties that a woman normally goes through during pregnancy. In fact she did not even realise she was pregnant until she heard the voice and she noticed that her menstrual period had stopped.

Hazrat Amina continues, 'When the labour pain initiated, I was alone in the house and Hazrat Abdul Muttalib was engaged in the tawaf of the Holy Ka'ba. I heard a very loud voice which frightened me. Next I felt soft feathery touch on my heart which settled me down. Then I was presented with a sweet white drink, which I drank and received internal contentment. Then I saw a minaret of Noor appear before me and also some very tall women whom I did not recognise. One of them said, 'I am Aasiya, the wife of Firaun.' The second one said, 'I am Maryam, daughter of Imran (Mother of Isa Alaihis Salaam) and these are the Hoor of Jannah. One after the other I was seeing and hearing astonishing things. Soon I saw a floor in the air and many people were standing on it with silver trays in their hands. Then I saw a large group of birds coming towards me. They soon filled my room. Their beaks and feathers were made of pearls and precious stones. I felt that the veils had been lifted from me and I saw the east and the west. Then I saw three flags, one was fixed in the east, the other in the west and the last one on the Holy Ka'ba. Then after a thrust of pain, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam finally arrived.

As soon as he was born, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam bowed down in prostration. He lifted his index finger and moved his blessed lips as if he was praying something. Soon I saw a white cloud appear which hid the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam from

me. I heard someone saying, 'Show him the east and the west and take him to all the cities. Let everyone know his name and characteristics. And also that he is 'Mahi' that means he will eliminate polytheism from this world.'

Then I heard voices of the sighing of horses and flattering of feathers. A voice then said, 'Show him every corner of the world. Take him over the souls of Jinns and humans; show him the angels, animals and the birds. Bestow him with the character of Hazrat Adam Alaihis Salaam, the understanding of Hazrat Sheesh Alaihis Salaam, the courage of Hazrat Nooh Alaihis Salaam, the friendship of Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam, the language of Hazrat Ismaeel Alaihis Salaam, the content of Hazrat Ishaq Alaihis Salaam, the eloquence of Hazrat Saleh Alaihis Salaam, the wisdom of Hazrat Loot Alaihis Salaam, the glad tidings of Hazrat Ya'qoob Alaihis Salaam, the power of Hazrat Moosa Alaihis Salaam, the patience of Hazrat Ayub Alaihis Salaam, the obedience of Hazrat Yunus Alaihis Salaam, the struggle of Hazrat Yosha' Alaihis Salaam, the sweet voice of Hazrat Dawood Alaihis Salaam, the affection of Hazrat Danyal Alaihis Salaam, the awe of Hazrat Ilyas Alaihis Salaam, the asmat (immunity) of Hazrat Yahya Alaihis Salaam, the meditation of Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam. And dip him in the ocean of superior character.'"

Hazrat Amina RadiyAllahu Anha continues, 'Then the cloud disappeared and I found the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam wrapped in fine green silk and there were drops of water on his body. A voice then said, 'By the Will of Allah, by the Will of Allah, Allah has sent his Final Prophet with supremacy over His creation. There is none in the world who is not under his command. He has been given authority over everything.' Then when I looked at his face I saw that it was sparkling like the full moon and waves of musk and sweet fragrance was emitting from him. Then I saw three men with trays in their hands. One had a silver tray, the other had green and the third had white. They then took a ring which sparkled in our eyes and washed it seven times. The ring was then used to stamp between his shoulders. He was then picked up and passed over to me.'

### **Ka'ba Bowed Down in Prostration**

Hazrat Abdul Muttalib narrates, 'I was near the Holy Ka'ba on the night of birth. In the middle of night I saw that the Ka'ba was bowing down in prostration towards Maqam Ibrahim and I heard this praise from it, 'Allah is Supreme, Allah is Supreme, He is the God of Muhammed, the chosen one, now my Lord will liberate me from the idols and the evil practices of the polytheist.' Then a voice said, 'By the Lord of Ka'ba, Ka'ba has attained its lost glory. Beware! Ka'ba will be the Qibla and the place where the Final Prophet will reside.' Then all the idols which were in and around Ka'ba, including the largest Bubul, toppled down on their faces. A voice said, 'Muhammed (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam) has been born from Hazrat Amina and he is under the cloud of Mercy.'

### **The Month and the Day of Birth**

The most authentic tradition is that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was born on Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of Rabi-ul-Awwal corresponding to 20<sup>th</sup> April 571 A.D. This was the day when the people of Hijaz used to celebrate his birthday.

The choice of Rabi-ul-Awwal and Monday by Allah Almighty for the birth of His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam indicates that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam does not take importance from anything but rather whatever becomes associated with him gains importance. Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Haqq Muhaddith Dehlvi Rahmatullah Alaih comments on this:

'RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was not born in a month already prominent or a day which was already blessed. He was not born in a sacred month such as Muharram or Rajab or in a blessed month such Ramadan. Also days such as Friday or that of Aashura in which most Prophets were born were not chosen for him. Thus it becomes clear that he did not again any prominence by the month or

the day, in fact the day, month and year achieved eminence due to him.'

Hazrat Shaikh further writes, 'To fast on Mondays because the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was born on that day is Mustahab (preferred and rewarding) as it is stated in Hadith that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam fasted on Mondays. When enquired the reason for it, he replied, 'That is the day I was born and this is the day when the first revelation arrived.' [Muslim Sharif]

### **The Shattering of the Palace of Kisra**

There were many extraordinary signs that took place at the birth of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. One of the most prominent one was the shattering of the palaces of Kisra and the toppling over of its fourteen pillars. Kisra was one of the mightiest empires at the time. Some scholars say that the fourteen pillars indicate that the empire would end at the fourteenth king.

At the same time, the greatest scholar of Persia, who was called 'Jobdan' saw a dream that healthy camels and strong large Arabic horses are marching towards the cities of Persia. He saw that they crossed the river Dajla and spread in the cities. The interpreters of dreams interpreted this as a sign of a major event taking place in Arab which will result in all the non-Arab powers losing to it. Kisra, the king, was anxious and wanted to know more. So he sent his men to a famous sorcerer called Sateeh. When they reached Sateeh, he was on his deathbed. When he heard the news he replied, 'This is the time when the Quran will be recited. The Last Prophet Muhammed will arrive. The infamous flame of Persia will extinguish. Sateeh will live no more.' After saying these words, he died.

## **The Idol Spoke Up**

It was a custom of the Quraish to assemble near a much revered idol once a year to celebrate. On the night of the blessed birth when all the idols were humiliated and fell on their faces, they saw that this idol too was lying on the ground. They tried to lift it up but it again fell down. The Quraish were very upset about this and they were even more astonished when they heard the idol say, 'The new born has been wrapped in a shawl of mercy, the light of which has illuminated the east and the west. His tremor has forced the idols to gather dust on the ground and his awe has terrified all the kings in the world.'



## **The Declaration of Prophet-hood**

When the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam reached the age of 40, his life began to transform. He preferred isolation than staying with people. He became passionate to stay in seclusion and engage in worship. He was found to be submerged in deep reflection about the signs of the Creator and His creation. He started to see dreams which turned true. There was a cave on a mountain at a distance of 3 miles from Makkah called Hira on Mount Noor. He took some provisions and started to live for days in the cave on top of the mountain. From there he would cool his eyes with the blessed sight of the Holy Ka'ba and simultaneously worship his Lord. It was as if he was lost in the manifestation of Allah Almighty. He worshipped upon the principles he inherited from the religion of Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam or the other Prophet and whatever he thought was good.

When the provisions ran out or when he felt the need to see his family, he would come down the mountain, visit his family and return to the cave with some more provisions. It is recorded in some narrations that right from the beginning it was the custom of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to visit the mountain of Hira once every year for ten days.

### **The Commencement of Divine Revelation**

As we have seen that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was already being prepared for the Divine Revelation through his extensive worship in seclusion. Suddenly one day the he saw the angel Jibrael Alaihis Salaam who said, 'Ya Muhammed! I am Jibrael. I have been sent down by Allah Almighty. You are the Prophet of Allah towards the world. Invite the Jinns and Humans towards the message of 'La Ilaha Illallah' (there is no God but Allah).

Then Jibraeel Alaihis Salaam embraced the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam with full might before releasing him. He then urged the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, 'Iqra (read)'. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam replied, 'I am not going to pray'. Then Jibraeel Alaihis Salaam again embraced with the same might and repeated his request. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam again replied, 'I am not going to pray'. Hazrat Jibraeel embraced him once again and said,

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ عَلَّمَ  
الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ

*Read with the name of your Lord Who created, Created man from a clot.  
Read, and our Lord only is the Most Beneficent, The One Who taught to  
write with the pen. The One Who taught man all what he did not know.*

The reason why Hazrat Jibraeel Alaihis Salaam embraced the RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was to instil the Divine Power in the heart of the Holy Prophet to take the extreme pressure of Divine Revelation. It was also to purify the heart of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam so that nothing could remain in it but Allah.

Hazrat Jibraeel Alaihis Salaam then stamped his foot on the ground and a stream oozed out. Then he ablution with that water. In this way he even showed the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam the method of performing ablution, which he did. Hazrat Jibraeel Alaihis Salaam then moved forward and led the prayer of 2 rak'at. He then turned towards the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and said, 'This is how you make ablution and pray Namaz.' He then returned to the heavens and RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam returned to Makkah.

**Why did RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam Decline to Pray?**

As we have seen that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam declined the first two requests by Hazrat Jibraeel Alaihis Salaam to read. This is because he was so engrossed in his worship and his heart was witnessing such a manifestation of Allah Almighty that he did not want to be interrupted by anyone. Then finally when Hazrat Jibraeel requested to read in the Name of the same Lord that he was worshipping, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam agreed to read.

### **Returning to Makkah**

All the plants and mountains were now proclaiming, 'Assalam Ya RasoolAllah'. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was in the state of extreme apprehension. His heart and body was shaking with anxiety. This was because of what he had just witnessed and the overwhelming power of the Divine Revelation.

When he reached home, he asked his blessed wife, Hazrat Khadijatul Kubraa RadiyAllahu Aaha to put a shawl over him. Hazrat Khadija did so and splattered some cold water on his face in order to comfort him. He narrated the whole incident of her and confided, 'I am fearful that I will fall into some difficulty.' Hazrat Khadija reassuringly said, 'Don't be grieved and be pleased. Your Lord will neither put you into any difficulty nor forsake you. Indeed Allah Almighty will be good to you as you are good to others. You are the one who strengthens ties with family and friends, you take care of your household, you are devoted to Him, you are very hospitable to guests, you help the poor and the needy and assist the disadvantaged, you behave in an exceptional way with one and all, you assist the people in truth and save them from evil, you give refuge to the orphans, you are most truthful and trustworthy.'

## **The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam with Warqa' bin Naufal**

Hazrat Khadija RadiyAllahu Anha was extremely pleased with the recent developments with the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. For further contentment she sent RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to Warqa' bin Naufal. Warqa' was an old cousin of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who had abandoned the evil and ignorant practices of Quraish and was steadfast on the true faith of Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam. He had considerable knowledge of the Holy Book Injeel. Hazrat Khadija briefed what had happened and the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam narrated the whole incident to him. Warqa' replied, 'Congratulation to you Ya Muhammed. You are the Prophet of Allah. I testify that you are the Prophet about whom Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam prophesised and gave the glad tidings that after him will come a Prophet called Ahmed. Soon you will have to struggle with the infidels. I wish I would be alive and strong enough to assist you when your people will force you out of here.' The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam astonishingly enquired, 'Will I be forced to leave this place.' Warqa' replied, 'Yes, indeed. What you have brought with you no one has brought it before. The Prophets who came earlier were fought with and forced to leave. So the same will happen to you as well. This is the way chosen by Allah that the infidels have always created enmity with His Prophets. If I remain alive, I will assist you in every way.

Soon after this Warqa' passed away. He did not receive the period when the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam invited people towards Islam. But still he believed in the Final Prophet and testified in him so he is considered to have died on true faith.

For a while after this there were no Divine Revelations and this made the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam very anxious. Then one day, when he was outside his house he heard a voice say 'Muhammed'. When he looked up he saw Hazrat Jibraeel Alaihis Salaam sitting on a large chair between the earth and the sky. This

extraordinary sight gave a fright to the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and he came inside the house and lied down covering himself with his shawl. It was in this state that the first few verses of Surah Muddassir were revealed.

يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ قُمْ فَأَنْذِرْ وَرَبِّكَ فَكَبِّرْ وَتَيَّابِكَ فَطَهِّرْ وَالرُّجْزِ فَاهْجُرْ

*O the Cloaked One! (Prophet Mohammed – peace and blessings be upon him). Rise up and warn! And proclaim the Purity of your Lord. And keep your clothes clean. And stay away from idols.*

## **The Purpose of the Arrival of the Prophets** (Maqsad e Ba'sat)

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! One might wonder sometimes why Allah Almighty sent his Prophets and what was their actual purpose. Let us explore some of the reasons.

### **1. Recitation of Quran**

كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنكُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَيُزَكِّيكُمْ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُم  
مَا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ (2:151)

*The way We have sent to you a Noble Messenger from among you, who recites to you Our verses and purifies you, and teaches you the Book and sound wisdom, and teaches you what you did not know.*

Hazrat Mufti Ahmed Yaar Khan Naeemi in his infamous explanation of the Holy Quran 'Tafseer e Naeemi' writes, 'O Believers! As such there are immeasurable favours of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam upon us but in the context of the Quran, there are a few particular ones. He conveyed to us the verses of the Quran. He read the Quran to us and taught us the correct method of reading as well as the correct manner and respect of reciting. He corrected our pronunciation. He then purified us from Polytheism, idol worshipping, infidelity, bad manners, jealousy and enmity, disputes, basically from all the apparent and hidden ailments.

The Arabian people, who had fallen below the boundaries of humanity and were animals in human form, were transformed to become teachers of others. He modified the Polytheists into staunch Monotheists who only worshipped Allah Almighty. Those who misled people from the true path became guides towards it. Those who used to get intoxicated with alcohol were now intoxicated by the love of Allah. The shameless were turned into an embodiment of

modesty and so on. He led the creation to the Creator. He also exposed the hidden meanings about the Book of Allah and taught us all that we did not know. He opened the doors of the hidden knowledge for us. He not only came as a Mercy, but also brought with him thousands of Mercies.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! Allah Almighty has highlighted some qualities of his Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in the above verse which also gives us an indication of his duties and tasks. To convey the Quran, to purify us, to teach us the Book and wisdom were the purposes which he fulfilled in his lifetime. Let us look at each one in detail.

## 2. Teaching the Book and Wisdom

### The knowledge of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam

First we need to know that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's obligation was not only to transmit the Holy Quran but also to comprehensively explain its contents. He was sent as the teacher. He arrived to eliminate the darkness of ignorance from mankind. His job was to guide us in every aspect of our lives. For this task it was vital that his knowledge encompassed them all. Nobody should be able to challenge his way, as the success of the world would depend on his teachings.

Unfortunately there are people who believe that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was 'ummi' the literal translation of which is 'illiterate'. But the truth is that it means that he was neither taught by any person nor he required reading any books, in fact the Creator Himself taught him in a way that he became the most learned in the creation. Certainly no one in the world apart from Allah, the All-Knowing, could impart such knowledge. This is the truth which Allah made evident in,

وَعَلَّمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُنْ تَعْلَمُ

*'and taught you all what you did not know'*

Therefore if we sincerely read the Holy Quran and the Ahadith, it is not hidden that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam not only taught us the rules on religion but also informed us on what had happened before and what will happen later. Thus his knowledge encompasses past, present and future.

### **RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam as a Teacher**

وَيُعَلِّمُهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ

*And Allah will teach him the Book and wisdom*

By 'teaching the Book', it signifies to convey the verses, its meanings, its hidden truths, and by 'teaching wisdom' it means to explain the Book in such a way that it can never be challenged. All this constitutes the sayings of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam called Ahadith.

وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ

*He teaches you everything that you did not know.*

It was these teachings of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam which has given the world the masters in each field. Who would disagree that Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique and Hazrat Umar Farooq e Aazam RadiyAllahu Anhum, who were on one side the leaders of the pious, then on the other they were the best of rulers. Hazrat Usman Gani RadiyAllahu, who on one hand was an embodiment of modesty and whose strength of faith is second to none, then on the other hand he was a leading economist and his practices helped eliminate poverty. Hazrat Ali Murtaza RadiyAllahu Anhu, who along with being the most courageous was also an ocean of knowledge and wisdom. The same was the case with Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood RadiyAllahu Anhu. Hazrat Abdur Rahman's generosity is an example and so is the contentment of Hazrat Salman Farsi RadiyAllahu Anhum. The world looks astonished at the



achievements of Hazrat Khalid bin Waleed and Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah as commanders. Thus the students of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were leaders in their respective field, whether it was religious or worldly. It was only the ocean of the knowledge of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam which could satisfy the needs of so many.

### **Unique Characteristics of the Teachings**

One of the unique qualities of the teachings of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was that he laid out the wisdom behind the commands of Allah Almighty. This made it clear to the people as to why they were asked to do a certain task and inspired them to follow the commands.

It can be said that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was a spiritual doctor and presented the religion as a spiritual healing process. That is if you obey this command then it will make your soul stronger in this way, and if you disobey then it will weaken your soul in that way. Thus if one wants a spiritually healthy body, then he need to follow all the commands.

And of course for a healthy body you need a healthy heart as the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'If your heart is good the whole body remains good and if the heart is bad the whole body becomes bad.'

As we have seen the teachings of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the explanation of the commands. Thus if we need to follow the Holy Quran, we need to follow RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. For this reason, his way has been made as an example for us. Only if we act in accordance with his ways then our worship will be accepted as he is the primary teacher.

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ۝

(33:21)

*Indeed following the Noble Messenger of Allah is better for you – for one who is confident of Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah much.*

This is the reason that the Quran only gives indication on things such as ablution, bathing, Salaah, etc, the complete way can only be found in the life and teachings of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Thus our worship can never be complete until we follow RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. His memory is revived every time we follow him and his remembrance elevated,

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ (94:4)

*And We have elevated your remembrance for you*

It is also made clear that there is no doubt in his teachings,

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

*And he does not say anything by his own desire. It is but a divine revelation, which is revealed to him.*

thus to follow him is like following Allah and is a means of gaining the pleasure of Allah .

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا

*And accept whatever the Noble Messenger gives you; and refrain from whatever he forbids you;*

### **3. Purifying the Heart**

The other quality of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam which is mentioned in the Holy Quran is that he purifies people, which means that he purifies their hearts and souls. He relieves the

people from false beliefs, evil practices, and educates people on the effect of sins and prepares them for good deeds.

### **Purification through Quran**

It was not an easy task to purify the hearts which were rusted for centuries, and until the hearts were purified, they would not have the capacity to absorb the Quran and Sunnah. This is the reason that Allah Almighty first advised RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to purify them and then teach them the Quran and Sunnah .

The method used by RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to cleanse the heart was recitation of the Holy Quran, as that would have a maximum effect on those who read. For example, if someone receives a letter from a person of some authority, the reader will feel its effects on his heart which will also reflect on his face. In the same way, if we have received a Book from Allah, its recitation will have a great effect on the hearts. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself recited the Quran to the people and also advised the companions to recite.

The acceptance of Islam by many companions is attributed to the recitation of the Holy Quran, and there are many incidents in history which proves the overwhelming effect that the Words of Allah had on those who recited them. Let us see some examples:

When the non believers were alarmed with the growing number of Muslims, they gathered to come up with a plan to kill the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. But who would do it? They announced in the gathering, 'Is there anyone courageous enough to kill the Prophet of Islam?' No one dared to volunteer for this mission, but Hazrat Umar RadiyAllahu Anhu who was sat in one corner, stood up and accepted the challenge.

Immediately he headed towards the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. On the way he met Hazrat Naeem who asked Hazrat

Umar where he was heading to. Hazrat Umar RadiyAllahu Anhu replied, 'I am going to kill Muhammed (Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam)'. Hazrat Naeem said, 'You need to first look into your own family. Your sister Fatimah and her husband Saeed bin Zaid have left the religion of their forefathers and accepted Islam.' Hazrat Umar could not believe this and became extremely furious. He now changed his direction towards his sister's house. When he reached there he found the doors closed and he heard the recitation of the Holy Quran from within. It was Hazrat Khabbab RadiyAllahu Anhu who was teaching the Quran to Hazrat Umar's sister and her husband.

Hazrat Umar shouted for them to open the door, upon which Hazrat Khabbab hid in one corner. The sister opened the door. Hazrat Umar rushed in and asked, 'What are you up to and who else was with you whose voice I heard?' Her husband tried to dodge the question and changed the subject. But Hazrat Umar was adamant to know and said, 'I have heard that you have abandoned the religion of our forefathers?' Hazrat Saeed replied, 'Yes! Their religion was false and Islam is the true religion.' That was it; Hazrat Umar could take no more. He violently pulled Hazrat Saeed's beard and started to beat him up. When his sister came forward, she too received punches and her face was filled with blood. But she was Hazrat Umar's sister and had the same courage. She daringly said, 'Listen carefully, even if you kill us, we will not leave Islam. Indeed there is no God but Allah and Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is His Messenger.'

When Hazrat Umar saw her courage and heard those words from the blood stained mouth of his sister, he started to wonder what made them so strong. His anger subsided a little and he said, 'Well then, let me hear what you were reading, I want to know what is written in it that has changed your lives.' His sister replied, 'You will need to purify yourself by having a bath before you read the Holy Book.' Hazrat Umar had a bath and started to read the verses from Surah Taha.

إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدْنِي وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِذِكْرِي (20:14)

*"Indeed it is Me, Allah - there is no God except I - therefore worship Me and keep the prayer established for My remembrance."*

By the time Hazrat Umar RadiyAllahu Anhu finished reading his life had changed. He said, 'Take me to the Prophet.' Hazrat Khabbab remarked, 'Let me tell you, last night RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam prayed to Allah, 'O Lord of the Universe! Help your religion with Umar or Abu Jahl, whoever is more beloved to you.' Thus it seems that the prayer has been accepted and you have been chosen by Allah Almighty.'

When all this happened, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was at the house of Hazrat Arqam which was situated at the foot of Mount Safa. Hazrat Khabbab accompanied Hazrat Umar there. Hazrat Hamza RadiyAllahu Anhu, Hazrat Talha RadiyAllahu Anhu and some other companions were guarding the door. When Hazrat Hamza saw Hazrat Umar, he remarked, 'This seems to be Umar. If his intentions are good then he will be safe otherwise nothing will stop me from killing him.' RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam had already received a revelation about the situation. He emerged from the house and holding the sword of Hazrat Umar in his hand said, 'Ya Umar! Are you going to continue with your atrocities until you are defeated and humiliated?' When Hazrat Umar heard this he testified, 'There is no God but Allah and you are His bondman and Prophet.' [Tareekh Al-Khulfa]

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! From the above incident we get a sense of the great power which the Quran possesses. It acts as an effective tool to cleanse the heart of the non believers and instils true faith in them. So if a believer recites it, then it can certainly purify his heart from sins and evil.

This is the reason that everyone is expected to stay silent and listen carefully to the verses of the Holy Quran when they are recited, as this verse commands us,

وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ (7:204)

*And when the Quran is recited, listen to it attentively and keep silent, so that you receive mercy.*

### **Purification through the Remembrance of Allah**

Along with the recitation of the Holy Quran, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam also advised his followers to purify their hearts with the remembrance of Allah Almighty. He recommended them to remain engaged in constant remembrance and acted as a perfect role model. Every act of his was an expression of remembrance. He practiced remembrance when in public and when alone. Remembrance was his best companion and we can verily say that every inch of his body was in constant remembrance of his Lord. Never for a moment did he abandon it, not even whilst sleeping. He himself informed Hazrat Aisha RadiyAllahu Anha, 'My eyes sleep but my heart never sleeps.'

If one, in his own capacity, follows the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in remembering Allah Almighty then his soul will never be careless nor will ever die because remembrance is the nourishment for the soul.

### **Purification through Voluntary Prayers [Nawafil]**

Salaah is obligatory upon every sane, mature Muslim and it cannot be missed under any circumstances. But when we read the life of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, we learn that along with obligatory prayers, he also advised his followers to engage in voluntary prayers and he himself would stand up each night in voluntary prayers.

When we ponder upon the purpose of these voluntary prayers we get to know that they were also used as a means of purifying the heart by

RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. And because he came as a teacher and guide, he demonstrated to the nation the importance of voluntary prayers by practicing it himself.

Allah Almighty addresses his beloved in these words,

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَتَهَجَّدْ بِهِ نَافِلَةً لَّكَ عَسَىٰ أَن يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا (17:79)

*And forego sleep in some part of the night - an increase for you ; it is likely your Lord will set you on a place where everyone will praise you.*

It is stated in a Hadith e Qudsi that Allah Almighty states, 'My slave receives my closeness through his voluntary prayers, until he becomes beloved to me. Then I grant him whatever he seeks from Me.'

This narration illustrates that the voluntary prayers are an effective means of purifying the heart because only when the heart is pure then it is worthy of attaining the closeness of Allah Almighty.

### **Purification through Fasting**

Fasting too is a method prescribed by Allah Almighty to cleanse the heart from impurities and ills and achieve piety. Apart from voluntary prayers, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam practiced and preached voluntary Fasts.

Allah Almighty states regarding Fasting,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ (2:183)

*O People who Believe! Fasting is made compulsory for you, like it was ordained for those before you, so that you may attain piety.*

This verse clearly shows that the objective behind Fasting is to attain piety.

It is stated in a narration by Hazrat Abu Hurairah RadiyAllahu Anhu that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam pointed three times towards his heart and said, 'Piety lies here.'

This means that piety is a state of the heart after which a person is always conscious of the fact that Allah is watching him. He develops His fear which results in him staying away from sins which in turn leads to the cleansing of his heart.

We should know that sins are committed due to desires which are the result of our animal instincts being stronger. When a person Fasts, these instincts are suppressed and so the desire for sin is greatly reduced. Thus for a person who cannot marry due to financial or other reasons then RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam advised him to Fast excessively as this would help control his desires.

Consequently, as a result of the purification of the hearts by RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, the Arab society became pure of the evil such as fornication, gambling, etc they were once involved in.

Their hearts became so pure that succumbing to human nature, if someone did happen to commit a sin, then they would present themselves in the court of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and confess about their sins. We present some incidents:

Imam Muslim narrates that Hazrat Ma'iz bin Malik Aslami RadiyAllahu Anhu once came to the court of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and confessed, 'Ya RasoolAllah! I have committed fornication and I want you to purify me.' The Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam turned him away. Next day he came again with the same plea. Again RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam asked him to return back. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam then enquired with the family of Hazrat Ma'iz as to whether he was speaking the truth and if there was anything compelling him to confess. They replied that he was just behaving normally. When



Hazrat Ma'iz came the fourth time and confessed, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam commanded for him to be punished according to the Islamic Law.

In a separate incident, one woman came to the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and confessed having committed adultery. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam turned her away. She came again and said, 'Please do not turn me away, rather purify me.' She also informed that she was pregnant. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam asked her to return when the child was born. After the child was born she came back holding her baby in her hand. He said, 'Take your baby and come back when he is independent of your milk.' She returned back after some years and the boy now had a piece of bread in his hand. She said, 'Ya RasoolAllah! Here I am. My son is not dependent on my milk anymore. Please purify me.' The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam handed over the child to someone and ordered for the woman to be punished.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! Today we see that every society is anxious to rid itself from evil. Each nation is trying hard to control crime and antisocial activities, but they seem to be rising. On the other hand we have a society created by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, in which the members hand themselves over to the Prophet and urge to be punished so that they don't have to face punishment in the Hereafter.

This was because the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam moulded their hearts and instilled the hatred for evil and crime and inspired them towards good. He targeted the root cause of crime and uprooted it. As all evil evolves from the heart, his primary target was the heart as is suggested in his saying, 'Beware! Indeed there is a lump of flesh in a man's body. If this remains good the whole body remains good, and if this goes bad then the whole body goes bad.'

This can be termed as the universal formula in combating evil and crime in any society. If the world follows the principles of our

Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam then we can see a peaceful society.

### What is achieved by Purification?

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! The people of Arab were submerged in the oceans of sins. Intoxicants were common with stalls of alcohol all around the cities and towns with flags flying high above them. Gambling was a norm and those who did not play were considered cowards. They went to the extent of losing their families in gambling. The use of interest was also customary and they were barbaric in their methods of recovering money. The situation regarding fornication was even worse. Let us highlight the importance of purification carried out by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

The Arabs used wine instead of water thus it was an enormous task to liberate them from this evil. For this reason Allah Almighty did not prohibit the use of wine at once but did so gradually. First they were cautioned on the use of wine,

وَمِنْ ثَمَرَاتِ النَّخِيلِ وَالْأَعْنَابِ تَتَّخِذُونَ مِنْهُ سَكَرًا وَرِزْقًا حَسَنًا إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٦٦٧﴾

(16:67)

*And from the fruits of date and grapes, for you make juices and good nourishment from them; indeed in this is a sign for people of intellect.*

Wine was still in use after this. When the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam migrated to Madina, Hazrat Umar and Hazrat Muaz RadiyAllahu Anhu approached RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and urged, 'Please give us some clear verdict on alcohol. Indeed it destroys the senses of people.' Then the second verse was revealed,

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ قُلْ فِيهِمَا إِثْمٌ كَبِيرٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ وَإِنَّهُمَا أَكْبَرُ مِنْ نُّفْعِهِمَا

*They ask you the decree regarding wine (intoxicants) and gambling; say (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him), "In both is great sin, and some worldly benefit for men - but their sin is greater than their benefit";*

This verse developed some hatred in the hearts of believers. Many of them abandoned drinking but some did not as it was not made mandatory. Then one day some companions were invited at the house of Hazrat Abdur Rehman bin Auf RadiyAllahu Anhu. After eating they were having wine when it was time for Magrib. One of the companions led the prayer in which he recited Surah Kafiroon. In it instead of praying 'La Aa'budu Ma Ta'budoon' meaning 'we do not worship whom you worship', he prayed Aa'budu Ma Ta'budoon' which meant 'we worship whom you worship' completely altering the meaning. It was then the verse was revealed,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْرُبُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْتُمْ سُكَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَعْلَمُوا مَا تَقُولُونَ

*O People who Believe! Do not approach the prayer when you are intoxicated until you have the sense to understand what you say*

After this incident there were very few who did not give up drinking. Even those who did drink, did so after Isha or at times after which there was no Salaah for a long time. Then once there was a feast at Hazrat Utban bin Malik's house. After food, they started to drink which resulted in a quarrel and the matter was brought to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Hazrat Umar prayed, 'Ya Allah! Give us Your complete judgment on the issue of wine.' It was then the verse of complete prohibition was revealed,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ (5:90)

*O People who Believe! Wine (all intoxicants), and gambling, and idols, and the darts are impure - the works of Satan, therefore keep avoiding them so*

*that you may succeed.*

Hazrat Anas RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'On the day this verse was revealed, I had organised a feast at my house, and after food we had also arranged for some wine. There used to be containers filled with wine in our homes. Suddenly we heard an announcement on the streets which was about the prohibition of alcohol. When the guests heard the new verdict, whoever had a glass in their hands dropped it, whoever had already taken a sip threw it out and all the containers were emptied. That day wine flowed through the streets of Madina just like rain water.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved follower! This is just one example of how the purification of the hearts by RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam led to the liberation from a habit which was centuries old and a part of an unbreakable culture of the people. From being completely habitual they became the saviours of others. After that day until today anyone who enters the fold of Islam is completely saved from this illness. This is the role of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam as the purifier of hearts.

#### **4. The Domination of Islam**

One of the objectives of the arrival of the Last Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam as mentioned in the Holy Quran is the domination of Islam. The Holy Quran mentions,

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَىٰ الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ (9:33)

*It is He who has sent His Noble Messenger with guidance and the true religion, in order to prevail over all other religions - even if the polytheists get annoyed.*

The above verse refers to three different entities which the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam came with, a) Guidance, b) True Faith, c) Dominance.

## a) Guidance and Islam

In the above verse Allah Almighty mentions sending His Prophet, but does not mention to whom he was sent, indicating he was sent towards everyone. It also shows that true faith is associated with the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam just as light is associated with the sun. No one can receive guidance without the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, as guidance was sent with him or he was sent as means of guidance.

Guidance means to be directed to the correct path or help to reach the destination. Guidance is of two kinds, one is just showing the way and the other is leading to the destination. If after the word 'guidance' the Quran mentions 'Ila' or 'Laam' then this denotes 'showing the way' as is mentioned in the Holy Quran, وَأَنْتَ لَتَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ. And if the word 'guidance' appears without 'Ila' or 'Laam' then it signifies the help to reach the destination. اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ (1:6)

## The Degrees of Guidance

There are certain levels of guidance. For the non believers, to adopt Faith is guidance. For the believers, to attain piety is guidance. For those already pious, to attain the perfection in piety is guidance. Those who are already at that stage then for them to attain the closeness of Allah is guidance. And for the ones who are already close to Allah, to attain maximum closeness is guidance.

## One Doubt and its Resolution

Some people are of the opinion that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam does not have any authority over anything. They present this verse as a proof in which Allah Almighty has mentioned,

إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ (28:56)

*Indeed it is not such that you can guide whomever you love, but Allah guides whomever He wills; and He well knows the people upon guidance.*

It is narrated in Muslim Sharif by Hazrat Abu Hurairah RadiyAllahu Anhu that the above verse was revealed in relation to Abu Taalib who was the uncle of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. When he was on his deathbed, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam approached him and said, 'O Uncle! Say that there is no God but Allah and I will testify for you on the Day of Judgement.' Abu Taalib replied, 'If it was not for the Quraish, I would have surely accepted your invitation.' After that he passed away. Certainly the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was saddened by his death in this state and thus he was consoled by Allah Almighty that it is He who gives guidance to whoever He wishes.

It is due to this verse that some people have the misconception that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam did not have any authority. There are two answers for this. Firstly, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam arrived only to show the true path and he was not personally responsible for every individual. As we have mentioned that if Ilaa or Laam appears after guidance then it means to just show the way and in if Ilaa or Laam appears then it signifies making someone steadfast on religion. The above verse does not have Laam or Ilaa which means to make one steadfast on the religion and this was not the duty of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

#### **b) What is True Faith?**

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! As mentioned in the above verse that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has been sent with guidance and true faith. We have looked at guidance in certain detail; now let us look at true faith.

## Goodness as True Faith

Hazrat Tameem RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'Indeed, Faith is to be good to Allah and His Prophet, and also to the Islamic rulers and general Muslims.' [Bukhari Sharif, Kitabul Imaan]

In the above narration Faith is denoted as goodness. If we read the Holy Quran, we will see that Allah Almighty has described the task of many Prophet as goodness. It is stated about Hazrat Saleh Alaihis Salaam,

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رَسُولَ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ وَلَكِنْ لَا تُحِبُّونَ النَّاصِحِينَ (7:79)

*Saleh therefore turned away from them and said, "O my people! Indeed I did deliver my Lord's message to you and wished you good, but you do not want well-wishers."*

About Hazrat Nooh Alaihis Salaam,

أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رَسُولَاتِ رَبِّي وَأَنْصَحُ لَكُمْ وَأَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ (7:62)

*"Conveying to you the messages of my Lord and wishing good for you, and I know from Allah what you do not know."*

About Hazrat Shoaib Alaihis Salaam,

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رَسُولَاتِ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ فَكَيْفَ آسَىٰ عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ كَافِرِينَ (7:93)

*So Shoaib turned away from them saying, "O my people! Indeed I did deliver my Lord's message to you and gave you sound advice; so why should I grieve for the disbelievers?"*

In the same way the Quran has used the same word in relation to Hazrat Hood Alaihis Salaam. It is stated in a Hadith, 'Religion is goodness...'

### Islam as True Faith

The Quran states at one place, **إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ**  
*Indeed the only true religion in the sight of Allah is Islam;*

Thus the task of all the Prophets was the same.

At one place Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam's prayer is recorded in these words,

**رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا**

*"Our Lord! And make us submissive towards you and from our offspring a nation obedient to You*

It is clear that Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam prayed for himself and his children to be steadfast on Islam.

At one more place (2:131) **إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ أَسْلِمُ قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ**

*When his Lord said to him, "Submit", he said, "I have submitted to the Lord of the Creation."*

Thus it shows that Allah Almighty commanded Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam to be steadfast upon Islam.

Even other Prophets instructed their children to be steadfast on the true Faith,

**وَوَصَّىٰ بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ بَنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ يَا بَنِيَّ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ لَكُمْ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ**  
(2:132)



*And Ibrahim willed the same religion upon his sons, and also did Yaqub (Jacob); (saying), "O my sons - indeed Allah has chosen this religion for you; therefore do not die except as Muslims (those who submit to Him)."*

The following verse also shows that the Prophets were engaged in propagating the same religion, Islam.

قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ (2:136)

*Say, "We believe in Allah and what is sent down to us and what was sent down to Ibrahim, and Ismael, and Ishaq, and Yaqub, and to their offspring, and what was bestowed upon Moosa and Eisa (Jesus), and what was bestowed upon other Prophets - from their Lord; we do not make any distinction, in belief, between any of them; and to Allah we have submitted ourselves."*

### **c) Dominance**

Dominance of Islam: Allah Almighty sent His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam with Quran and Islam. His Prophet was already guided and was sent to guide the people. Islam was set to dominate over all other religions and abrogated them all.

Dominance of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam: The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was made dominant over all other leaders, whether they were political or religious. He is still remembered in history more than anyone else. There have been about hundreds and thousands of books written on him. Even those who believed in him and followed him became leaders of their times. His nation also produced the greatest of saints to arrive in any Ummah.

Dominance of Quran: The Quran has dominated all other scriptures and books. The Quran is the only book which has been completed memorised by millions of people since it was revealed. There have been over a hundred thousand explanations written on it. This is the Book which is most recited, over and over again.

The Masjids of Islam are also dominating than other places of worship. Makkah and Madina are the most revered and sacred places. Madina is the most praised city in the world. Hajj is the biggest rite witnessed by the world every year. The sacred months of Islam are more noticeable and dominant than the sacred days of other religions,

## **The Miracles of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam [The Mu'jizaat]**

The occurrence of an unusual and extraordinary act from the Prophets in order to prove their authenticity is called a Mu'jiza.

Mu'jiza is a sign from Allah Almighty in order to establish the Prophet-hood of the Prophets and for this reason it is beyond ones understanding and reasoning. No one is able to provide an explanation for it and in this way it compels the non believers to believe in the Prophets of Allah.

The occurrence of a miracle from the Prophets is called a Mu'jiza, and the miracle which occurs before their declaration of Prophet-hood is called Irhas. The miracle which occurs from a saint of Allah is called Karamat and that which occurs from a common Muslim is called Ma'oonat. If these strange things happen to occur from a non believer then they are termed as Istidraaj.

It is impossible to count the Mu'jizaat of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam as every moment of his life and every act of his is a Mu'jiza in itself. He is the combination of the Mu'jizaat of the past Prophets and there are numerous Mu'jizaat which are exclusive to him.

Let us look at some of the most prominent Mujizas:

### **The Splitting of the Moon**

The splitting of the moon is one of the extraordinary Mu'jizaat of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. It was revealed when the non believers approached him and demanded to see a miracle in order to believe in him.

Hazrat Ali, Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood, Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas, Hazrat Anas bin Maalik, Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr and Hazrat Huzaifah bin Yamaan (RadiyahAllahu Anhum) are some of the companions who have narrated this incident.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood RadiyAllahu Anhu says, 'I was present when the incident took place and I saw it with my own eyes. At the gesture of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, the moon split into two and I saw each half of the moon on each side of the mountain. I rushed to invite the non believers to see this extraordinary phenomenon so that they could believe and testify.' [Bukhari Sharif, Vol 2, 721,722]

### **The Return of the Sun**

The rising of the sun straight after setting is also one of the most astonishing Mu'jizaat of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and a clear proof of his Prophet-hood.

Hazrat Asma bint Umais RadiyAllahu Anha narrates, 'At a place called Suhba near Khaiber, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, after offering his Asr Salaat lied down with his blessed head in the lap of Hazrat Ali and went to sleep. Hazrat Ali had not yet prayed his Salaat and the time was drawing close to sunset. He was extremely upset and anxious but did not want to disturb the sleep of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. When the sun had set the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam woke up and was informed about what had happened. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam lifted his blessed hands and prayed, 'Ya Allah! Indeed Ali was in Your and Your Prophet's service, so raise the sun so that Ali can offer his prayers.'

Hazrat Asma continues, 'I saw that the sun rose again and sunshine spread over the mountains and Ali offered his prayers.' [Madarijun Nubuwwah]

### **Rock Crushed into Pieces**

During the battle of Khandaq, the companions were digging a trench around the city of Madina in order to avoid the enemy from attacking. During the process they came across a mighty rock which would neither break nor move. All the companions tried together, but without any success. Finally they took the matter to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who came and struck one blow which broke the rock into pieces. [Bukhari Sharif, Vol 2]

### **The Idols Fell Down**

Before the conquest of Makkah, there were 360 idols placed by the infidels in the Holy Ka'ba. On the day Makkah was won over, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam entered the Holy Ka'ba and was reciting the following verse from the Holy Quran,

وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا (17:81)

*And proclaim, "The Truth has arrived and falsehood has vanished; indeed falsehood had to vanish."*

Whilst praying he pointed towards each idol with his stick and the idols came down without actually being touched. [Madarijun Nubuwwah, Vol 2]

### **The Mountain Spoke up**

Hazrat Ali RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'One day I was walking with the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam on the outskirts of Makkah and I could hear 'Assalamu Alaika Ya RasoolAllah.' from every mountain or tree that we came across.' [Tirmizi Vol 2]

Hazrat Jaabir bin Sumrah RadiyAllahu Anhu reports, 'I know of the stone which sent salutations upon RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam even before he declared his Prophet-hood.' [Tirmizi, Vol 2]

### **The Mountain Started to Shake**

It is reported in Bukhari Sharif that once the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was on a mountain with Hazrat Abu Bakr, Hazrat Umar and Hazrat Usman RadiyAllahu Anhum. The mountain was overwhelmed by the blessed presence of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and his companions and started to shake. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam stamped his blessed foot on it and said, 'Stop shaking! Do you not realise that there is one Prophet, one Truthful and two Martyrs on your back?' [Bukhari Sharif, Vol 2]

### **The Wonders of a Handful of Dust**

Hazrat Salman bin Akwa' RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'In the battle of Hunain, when the enemies surrounded the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam from all sides, he came down from his mount, picked a handful of dust from the ground and blew it towards the enemies. The dust filled the eyes of each of the soldier in the army and they all frantically started to rub their eyes which scattered them and ultimately led to their defeat. Meanwhile the Holy Prophet calmly began distributing the war-proceeds to the Muslim army.' [Mishkaat, Vol 2]

Same incident happened on the night of migration when the enemies surrounded the house of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam with the grave intention of killing him. But when the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam emerged, he blew towards them and escaped their siege without being noticed . [Bukhari Sharif, Vol 2]

### **The Tree Started to Walk**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar RadiyAllahu Anhuma reports, 'I was in a journey with the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam when a Bedouin approached us and the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam offered the invitation to accept Islam. The Bedouin asked, 'Can you prove your Prophet-hood?' RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam replied, 'Yes. That tree across the field will testify on my Prophet-hood.' He then signalled to the tree to come to him, upon which the tree started to move with its roots and came close to the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. It then testified three times on his Prophet-hood. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam then commanded it to return back which it did.

Imam Baihaqi reports that when the tree came close to the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, it presented its salutations. The Bedouin instantly accepted Islam and requested to prostrate to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam declined his request by saying, 'If I was to allow anyone to prostrate anyone other than Allah then I would instruct a woman to prostrate to her husband.' The Bedouin then requested to kiss the hands and feet of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam agreed and the Bedouin did so. [Zarqani, Vol 5]

Hazrat Jaabir RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates that in a journey the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam wanted to relieve himself but could not find any cover. Then we spotted two small plants standing far from each other. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam pulled one of them just like a camel rider pulls him camel and the plant started to move with him. Then he did the same to the second one and did the same until both the plant were standing together providing enough cover. After relieving himself he ordered the trees to return to their original locations.

### **The Wooden Sword**

In the battle of Badr Hazrat Ukasha RadiyAllahu Anhu came to the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and urged that he had nothing to fight with as his sword had broken. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam picked up a branch and asked Hazrat Ukasha to use it as a sword. As soon as it came into the hands of Hazrat Ukasha, it turned into a fine sword which he used for years until he attained Martyrdom in the era of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique RadiyAllahu Anhu.

A similar incident took place in the battle of Uhad with Hazrat Abdullah bin Jahash RadiyAllahu Anhu. He too came to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and was given a branch to fight with. The branch turned into the best sword Hazrat Abdullah ever had and was called Urjoon. It was preserved till the era of the Abbasi emperor Mu'tasim Billah who bought it for 22 Dinars. The sword of Hazrat Ukasha was called 'Avun' and both were preserved as Islamic heritage and as signs of the Mu'jizat of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

### **The Prostration of Animals**

It is narrated in many books of Ahadith that a camel of an Ansari companion went wild. No one was able to tame it and it attacked anyone who came close. When the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was informed he decided to go himself but the people warned that the camel might attack. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam indicated them not to worry. As he came close to the camel, it ran to him and put his head at his blessed feet and prostrated. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam then caressed the camel, who was now completely under control, and handed it over to its master. He then said, 'Every creation of Allah knows that I am His Prophet but there are some in Jinn and Humans who refute my Prophet-hood.' When the companions saw that the camel was prostrating to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, they too expressed their desire to prostrate to him but he said, 'If I was to allow anyone to prostrate to



anyone other than Allah, then I would instruct a woman to prostrate to her husband. [Mishakaat Vol 2]

### **The Plea of a Camel**

Once the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam went to the garden of an Ansari companion. A camel who was shouting was tied in one corner and seemed distressed. When the camel saw RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam it started to jump and tears flowed through its eyes. RasoolAllah came closer to the camel and patted gently on its back which calmed it down. He then enquired, 'Who is the owner of this camel?' When the owner came forward, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam said, 'Allah Almighty has given you control over these animals thus it is your duty to treat them with mercy. Your camel just complained to me that you do not feed it enough and take excessive work which is beyond its capacity.' [Abu Dawood, Vol 1]

### **The Chapattis of Umme Sulaim**

One day Hazrat Abu Talha RadiyAllahu Anhu came to his wife and said, 'Do you have anything in the house which you can cook for RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. I have been with him and realised that he has not eaten.' Hazrat Umme Sulaim prepared some Chapattis and sent Hazrat Anas RadiyAllahu Anhu to invite RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. When he saw Hazrat Anas, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, who was sat in a gathering, enquired, 'Have you brought the food from Abu Talha?' Hazrat Anas replied in the affirmative. Upon hearing this RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam invited all the companions with him for the feast. Hazrat Anas ran to Hazrat Umme Sulaim to inform her that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was coming with a large group of companions to her house. Hazrat Abu Talha waited at the door to welcome RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and asked Umme Sulaim to present whatever she had but she only had those

few chapattis and she put some dates on them as topping. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam sent ten companions into the house at a time and they all ate to their full. With the Mu'jiza of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam the hosts managed to feed about seventy to eighty people with only few chapattis. [Bukhari Sharif, Vol1]

### **The Bag of Hazrat Abu Hurairah**

Hazrat Abu Hurairah RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'I once went to see RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who gave me a handful of dates. I urged him to pray for abundance (barkat) in them. He prayed and asked me to put them in a bag and take from it according to the need but never completely empty the bag. Thus I took the bag and always kept it tied around my waist. I not only ate from it for three years but also fed the poor from it.'

### **Fountain from Fingers**

When we look at all the books of Ahadith, we find that water oozed out as a fountain from the blessed fingers of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallamat least thirteen times. Here we present just one incident,

In 6 Hijri, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam left Madina for Makkah to perform Umrah with his companions. They camped at Hudaibiyah and by this time there was no water left at all. People were feeling extremely thirsty and were getting exhausted in the intense heat. When RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam saw this he asked for a container and as soon as he dipped his blessed hand in it, water started to flow from his fingers. The water was used by all the companions for drinking as well as for bathing and ablution and also for the animals. They also stored for the rest of the journey.

When Hazrat Jaabir RadiyAllahu Anhu was asked as to how many companions were with the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in the journey, he replied, 'Fifteen hundred but even if they were a hundred thousand, it would have been sufficient for them.'

This Hadith is narrated in Bukhari Sharif and similar incident have also been reported by Hazrat Anas bin Maalik and Hazrat Baraa' bin Aazib RadiyAllahu Anhuma.

## **The Blessed Appearance of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! Just as the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the best and most superior in the creation, he is also the most beautiful. Those blessed companions who had the honour to witness this unparalleled beauty had to say, 'Allah Almighty has not created anyone like RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and I am sure He never will.' [Hayatul Haywan, Vol 1]

From head to toe RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the manifestation of the creativity of Allah Almighty. Here we will just try to take a dip in the ocean of his beauty in order to strengthen our love for him.

### **The Blessed Hairs**

The Blessed hairs of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were just perfect, neither too straight nor too curly. There are different narrations as to the length of the hairs. Some report that they reached the middle of the ears, some say they were up to the ear lobes and some suggest that they were just short of his blessed shoulders. This means that the companions reported the different stages of his hair growth.

When the Holy Prophet shaved his blessed head during his farewell pilgrimage, the companions gathered around him and did not let any hair fall on the ground. They would be honoured to receive even a single hair and would protect it more than their life. The Blessed wife of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, Hazrat Umme Salma RadiyAllahu Anha had some hairs which she kept in a bottle. When anyone in Madina was struck by an illness he would come to her and she would dip the hairs in water and the illness would be cured on drinking that water. [Bukhari Sharif]

WO KARAM KI GHATA GESU-E-MUSHK SA  
LAKA-E-ABRE REHMAT PE LAKHO(N) SALAAM

*COUNTLESS SALUTATIONS BE UPON THE SIGN OF THE CLOUD OF MERCY  
WHICH IS INDEED THE CLOUD OF MUNIFICENCE- THE CURLY MUSKY HAIR*

HUM SIYAH KARO(N) PE YA RABB TAPISHE MEHSHAR  
SAYA AFGHAN HO TERE PYAARE KE PYAARE GESU

### **The Blessed Face**

YE JO MEHRO MA PE HAI ITLAQ ATA NOOR KA  
BHIK TERE NAAM KI HAI ISTI'ARA NOOR KA

*THE SUN AND THE MOON GET THEIR LIGHT FROM YOU AND ENJOY FAME  
THE METAPHOR OF LIGHT IS ACTUALLY A GENEROUS GIFT TO GLORIFY YPUR  
NAME*

It is reported in Khasais Al Kubraa that Hazrat Abu Naeem RadiyAllahu said, 'Hazrat Yusuf Alaihis Salaam was considered the most beautiful and handsome in the world but he has only received a part of the whole beauty and our beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam received the full share of it.'

Zarqani reports on the authority of the mother of faithful Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha, 'RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was the most beautiful of all the people and his complexion was also the best. Whoever has tried to praise him has compared him to the full moon.'

Hazrat Jaabir bin Sumrah RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'It was a full moon night and the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was sat wrapped in a shawl with reddish borders. I kept looking at the moon then the brilliant face of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and finally concluded that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was indeed more beautiful than the full moon. [Mishkaat Sharif]

SOZAN GHAMSHUDA MILTI HAI TERI  
SHAM KO SUBH BANATA HAI UJALA TERA

Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha says, 'It was dark in the house and I was sat sewing something when the needle dropped on the floor. I looked for it but could not find due to darkness. Just then RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam entered and the light of his blessed face illuminated the whole room which helped me find my needle. [Khasais Al Kubraa]

The truth is that his true splendour has not been exposed as no one has the capacity to bear its intensity.

Shah Waliullah Muhaddith Dehlvi Rehmatullah Alaih reports, ' My father Shah Abdur Raheem saw RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in his dream and asked, 'Ya RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, seeing the beauty of Hazrat Yusuf Alaihis Salaam the women of Egypt were so lost that they cut their fingers and some even died but we don't see such incidents in your case.' RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam replied, 'The truth is that Allah has concealed my true beauty from people because if it was made evident then it would have much more severe effect on the people then in the case of Yusuf Alaihis Salaam.'

This indicates that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the beloved of Allah and just as a lover wants only himself to see his beloved, in the same way the true beauty of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is only for Allah Almighty.

The great scholar, Allama Qurtabi says, 'The true beauty of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is hidden from us because if it was to be exposed then our eyes would not have the ability to see him.' [Zarqani in Mawahib]

EK JHALAK DEKHNE KI TAB NAHI ALAM KO  
WO AGAR JALWA KARE KAUN TAMSHAI HO

## **The Blessed Forehead**

The Blessed forehead of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was broad and brilliant with no signs of anxiety. Ummul Mu'mineen Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha reports, 'Once I was spinning a wheel and RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was sat across me mending his shoe. I saw his blessed forehead with sparkling beads of sweat on it. This beautiful vision mesmerised me and I forgot what I was doing. On seeing my state RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam enquired, 'What is the matter? I replied, 'The drops of sweat on your sparkling forehead seem like bright shining stars.'

JIS KE MATHE SHAFAT KA SEHRA RAHA  
US JABEENE SA'ADAT PE LAKHO(N) SALAAM

*COUNTLESS SALUTATIONS BE UPON THE FOREHEAD OF HAPPINESS  
WHICH WAS EMBELLISHED WITH THE FESTOON OF INTERCESSION*

TERI HI MATHE RAHA AYE JAAN SEHRA NOOR KA  
BAKHT JAGA NOOR KA CHAMKA SITARA NOOR KA

*O PROPHET, ALLAH PLACED THE CROWN OF LIGHT ON YOUR UNIQUE HEAD  
THE BRIGHTEST STAR WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE YOUR LIGHT SHINING FAR  
AHEAD*

## **The Blessed Eyebrows**

The blessed eyebrows of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were long, thin and semi-circular. There was such a fine gap between them that many companions reported them as joined when they were not.

JIN KE SAJDE KO MEHRABE KA'ABA JHUKI  
UN BHAWO(N) KI LATAFAT PE LAKHO(N) SALAAM

*COUNTLESS SALUTATIONS BE UPON THE DELICACY OF THE BROWS  
WHOM THE UPPER PARLOR OF KA'BAH OFFERED PROSTRATION*

Hazrat Hind bin Abi Haalah RadiyAllahu Anh reports that the eyebrows of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was very fine and separate and there was a vein in between them which prominently swelled when he was angry.

CHASHMA-E-MAHR ME(N) MAUJE NOORE JALAL  
US RAGE HASMEEYAT PE LAAKHO(N) SALAAM

*COUNTLESS SALUTATIONS BE UPON THE HASH MITE VEIN  
WHICH IS A WAVE OF LIGHT OF GLORY IN THE FOUNTAIN OF THE SUN*

### **The Blessed Eyes and its Witnessing**

The Blessed eyes of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were large and extremely beautiful. It naturally seemed as if he had applied Surma to it. The whiteness of his eyes were further beautified with reddish threads which is considered as a sign of Prophet-hood. The beauty of the eyes was further compounded by large black eyelashes.

SURMAGI AANKHEI(N) HARIME HAQ KE WHO MUSHKEI(N) GAZAAL  
HAI FIZAYE LAMAKA(N) TAK JIN KA RAMNA NOOR KA

*YOUR BEAUTIFUL BLACK EYES ARE GAZELLES IN ALLAH'S DIVINE PALACE  
THEY BRISKLY MOVE AROUND EVEN BEYOND THE WORLDS OF TIME AND  
SPACE.*

Allah Almighty not only blessed those eyes with apparent vision but also with the hidden one. He could see things that were far away and was even aware of the intentions of the hearts. He said to his companions, 'You see my face towards the Qibla, but by Allah Almighty, neither your bowing is hidden from me nor your sincerity and I see you as well from behind me.' [Bukhari Sharif]

SHASH JEHAAT SAMT MUQABIL SHABO ROZ EK HI HAAL  
DHOOOM WAN-NAJIM MEI(N) HAI AAPKI BINAAI KI

Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar RadiyAllahu Anhuma narrates RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'Indeed Allah has



lifted the veils from me and I see the whole world and its events until the day of judgement just like I see my palm.' [Zarqani in Muwahib]

Hazrat Uqbah bin Aamir RadiyAllahu Anhu reports that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'Your meeting place will be the pool of Kauthar and I am looking at it from here.' [Bukhari and Muslim Sharif]

These narrations clearly prove that nothing is hidden from the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and he witnessed all the events that will take place till Qayamat.

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'There is nothing that will occur which I have not seen from here, even Paradise and Hell.' [Bukhari and Muslim Sharif]

Paradise is above the seven skies and Hell is below the seven earths, thus the sight of the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam encompassed them all.

During the battle of Mauta, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam gave details of the whole battle taking place in Syria whilst sitting in Madina. He would describe each companion who was killed with tears flowing from eyes. Suddenly, he started smiling. The companions enquired the reason for smiling upon which he replied, 'I was upset at the loss of my companions in the battlefield, but now I see them sitting opposite each other in Paradise, thus I am smiling out of happiness.' [Mishkaat, Khasais Al Kubraa]

Hazrat Abdur Rehmaan bin A'ish RadiyAllahu Anhu reports that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'I have seen Allah Almighty with His beauty.' [Mishkaat]

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas RadiyAllahu Anhuma narrates, 'Indeed Muhammed Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam saw his Lord twice, once with his eyes and once with his heart.' [Khasais Al Kubraa]

Thus, how can the creation be concealed from the eyes that have seen the Creator?

SARE ARSH PAR HAI TERI GUZAR DILE FARSH PAR HAI TERI NAZAR  
MALKUT-O-MULK MEI(N) KOI SHAY NAHI WO JO TUJH PAR AYA(N) NAHI

*MAJESTICALLY YOU WALK IN THE SKY, YET WATCH THE THINGS ON EARTH  
FAR AND NEAR  
THERE IS NOTHING HIDDEN FROM YOUR EYE IN THE CELESTIAL AND  
TEMPORAL SPHERE.*

### **The Blessed Ears and the Hearing**

The hearing of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was unique and extraordinary. He could hear from near and far alike. Once he asked Hazrat Bilal, 'O Bilal! Do you hear what I do?' Hazrat Bilal RadiyAllahu Anhu replied, 'Ya RasoolAllah! I hear nothing.' The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam said, 'Do you not hear the torments on the people (the Jews) in their graves. [Hakim]

DOOR O NAZDEEK KE SUNNE WALE WO KAAAN  
KAANE LA'LE KARAAMAT PE PAKHON SALAAM

Hazrat Abu Darda RadiyAllahu Anhu narrated that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'There is no one who recited blessings (Duroods) upon me but I hear his Duroods, no matter where he is.' The companions asked, 'Ya RasoolAllah! Will this continue even after you pass away?' He replied, 'Yes, because Allah has prohibited the soil to destroy the bodies of the Prophets.' [Qayyim]

### **The Blessed Lips and the Blessed Teeth**

The blessed lips of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were very beautiful and reddish in colour. His blessed teeth were broad and sparkling white. When he spoke the blessed teeth emitted light.

When he smiled it would illuminate the surroundings. He never had the urge to yawn as it is from the devil.

PATLI PATLI GULE QUDS KI PATTIYA(N)  
UN LABO(N) KI NAZKAT PE LAAKHO(N) SALAAM  
*COUNTLESS SALUTATIONS BE UPON THE TENDERNESS OF THOSE LIPS  
WHICH ARE LIKE THE TENDER PETALS OF THE FLOWERS OF THE SANCTITY*

Even though the blessed teeth were naturally beautiful and white, he did take every care to keep them clean in order to teach his nation. It is narrated that he never prayed Salaat until he did Miswak (brushing with a tree stick) and also used Miswaak when he went out or returned home, after eating, before and after sleeping, etc.

### **The Blessed Mouth and the Voice**

The blessed mouth of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was in perfect shape. His voice was sweet and loud and everyone could hear what he was saying, whether they were near or far. His sermons could even be heard by women in their houses.

WO DAHAN JISKI HAR BAAT WAHI-E-KHUDA  
CHASHMA-E-ILMO HIMAT PE LAKHO(N) SALAAM  
*EVERY UTTERANCE OF THAT MOUTH IS THE DIVINE REVELATION  
COUNTLESS SALUTATIONS BE UPON THE FOUNTAIN OF KNOWLEDGE AND  
WISDOM*

### **The Blessed Tongue**

The blessed tongue of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was pure in every sense. There was an ocean of knowledge and wisdom which flowed from it. His voice was sweet, his language was par excellence. He spoke clearly and slowly so that people could memorise what he was saying. He only spoke the truth and his speech was free from any indecency or impurity such as lies, slander etc. Whatever he spoke became the law of Allah,

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۖ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ (53:4)

*And he does not say anything by his own desire. It is but a divine revelation,  
which is revealed to him.*

WO ZABAAN JISKO SAB KUN KI KUNJI KAHEN  
USKI NAFIZ HUKUMAT PE LAKHO(N) SALAAM

*THE TONGUE WHICH IS CALLED TO BE UPON A KEY TO THE WORD OF "BE"  
COUNTLESS SALUTATIONS THE REPUBLIC RUN BY IT*

He spoke many languages; in fact he was a master in every language he spoke. People were astonished at his eloquence and fluency.

It is narrated in Shifa Sharif that when any person from any country would come to the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and speak his native language, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam would reply to him in his own language and that too with perfection.

### **The Blessed Beard**

The blessed beard of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was thick and appealing. He applied oil and kept it neat by combing it. It was also his practice to trim his moustache. He never dyed his hairs. The blessed companions even counted the white hairs in the beard and on the head and they were no more than twenty.

### **The Blessed Neck, Shoulders and the Back**

The blessed neck of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was of perfect length and was so beautiful that it is stated in Khasais Al Kubraa that it seemed it was made of silver.

His blessed shoulders were unique too. It is reported in Zarkani, 'His shoulders always seemed higher than the rest when he used to sit with the companions.'

### **The Blessed Armpits**

The blessed armpits of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were pure, clean and scented. His armpits had no hair. They appeared white and emitted sweet scent.

### **The Blessed Hands**

The blessed palms and arms of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were fleshy. His palms were soft and fragranced. If someone shook hands with him his hands would remain perfumed all day. If he placed his hands on a child, that child would also become scented. The companions would rub his hands on their faces. The keys to all the wealth of the world were in his blessed hands. It is for these hands Allah said in the Holy Quran,

وَمَا رَمَيْتَ إِذْ رَمَيْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ رَمَىٰ

*And O dear Prophet (Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) you did not throw (the sand) when you did throw, but in fact Allah threw;*

### **The Blessed Stomach and the Blessed Chest**

The blessed chest and the blessed stomach of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were aligned. His blessed chest was broad and bulged. There was a thin fine line of hair from the chest to the navel.

### **The Blessed Lap and the Blessed Feet**

The blessed thighs and the blessed shin were flesh, soft and most beautiful. When he walked he lifted his feet slowly and with some pressure displaying awesome courage and patience. At times, even stones turned soft and absorbed his footprints.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Buridah RadiyAllahu Anhu states, 'The blessed feet of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam were most beautiful.'  
[Zarqani]

### **The Blessed Stature**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was neither too short nor too tall but just perfect. When he was with people he appeared the tallest. In reality this was his Mu'jiza, just as he was the highest in merit, so was he in his apparent stature.

YAHİ BOLE SIDRA WALE CHAMANE JAHA(N) KE THALE  
SABHI MAINE CHAN DALE TERE PAYE KA NA PAYA  
TUJHE YAK NE YAK BANAYA

*ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SOUND KNOWLEDGE THE RESIDENTS OF SIDRAH  
HAVE MADE THIS DECLARATION;  
WE HAVE EXPLORED EVERYWHERE AND FOUND NONE LIKE YOU IN STATION  
ALLAH IS ONE; HIS MUSTAFA IS ONE*

## The Blessed Nature and Character of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam

### Truthfulness

Truthfulness is one of the imperative characteristics of Prophet-hood. This is because the credibility of the invitation given by a Prophet depends on his truthfulness in his personal life. Indeed, Allah Almighty has bestowed all the Prophets with this quality and also highlighted some in the Holy Quran. It is stated about Hazrat Sayyeduna Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam.

وَأَذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صِدِّيقًا نَبِيًّا (19:41)

*And remember Ibrahim in the Book; he was very truthful, a Herald of the Hidden (a Prophet).*

About Hazrat Ismaeel Alaihis Salaam, the Quran states,

وَأَذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا (19:54)

*And remember Ismaeel in the Book; he was indeed true to his promise and was a Noble Messenger, a Prophet.*

Our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the most truthful amongst all the creation. He is the leader of the truthful. In fact, he was termed as 'the truthful' and 'the trustworthy' by the people of Makkah even before he declared his Prophet-hood. Everyone used to turn to him to decide on their matters. Abu Jahl, who was his staunch

enemy used to say, 'O Muhammed Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam! I don't believe that you are a liar but I just can't persuade myself to accept your invitation.'

### **Strength and Courage**

Rukana, who was a renowned wrestler of the Arabian Peninsula, challenged RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to ground him. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam grounded him three times.

### **Endurance and Forgiveness**

Endurance and patience is a sign of good nature. It is such a quality that the more it is found in someone the better that person is perceived by others. This quality certainly has a high place in Islam.

Our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was unparalleled to anyone in endurance. His whole life seems to be beautified with endurance. Which was the trouble that he did not encounter? Which were the atrocities that he was spared? But he endured all of this with awesome patience and displayed such high character that it seems impossible for anyone to replicate. There are numerous incidents which highlights his endurance and forgiveness and which will act as a means of guidance for mankind until the very last day.

In the battle of Uhad, Utbah bin Abi Waqqas severed the blessed tooth of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and Abdullah bin Qamiyyah wounded the blessed face. But the only words the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam had for them were, 'O Allah! Guide my people as they don't know who I am.'

In Khaiber, a Jewish woman named Zainab tried to poison the Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, but he refused to take revenge. Lubaid bin A'asim intended to harm him through magic.



Allah revealed the truth about him to the Prophet, but the Prophet did not reprimand him.

Gaurath bin Harith grabbed the sword of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in order to kill him whilst the Prophet was sleeping. When the Prophet woke up, Gaurath said , 'Ya Muhammed! Who will save you from me?' The Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam calmly replied, 'Allah.' This had such an affect on Gaurath that he started to tremble and dropped his sword. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam picked up the sword and said, 'Who will now save you from me?' Gaurath fell at the feet of the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and pleaded to be forgiven. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam set him free. When Gaurath arrived to his people he confessed, 'O People! I have just met the best person in the world.'

The Quraish of Makkah subjected the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to immeasurable atrocities and even forced him to leave his beloved city and birthplace. On the day when the Muslim army invaded Makkah, the Quraish thought that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam would take revenge for all they had done to him and his followers. But the world saw what history had never witnessed before, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam announced, 'There will be no revenge today, you are all free.'

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! There are plenty of other incidents in the blessed life of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam which demonstrates his enduring and forgiving nature in spite of having the power to take revenge. Indeed the world has never seen anyone of a superior nature than our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

### **Humbleness**

The humble nature of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was also very distinctive. He was given a choice by Allah Almighty to live

as a king or as a humble servant and he chose to live as a humble servant of Allah Almighty.

On seeing this Hazrat Israfeel Alaihis Salaam said, 'Ya RasoolAllah! Due to your humble nature Allah Almighty has allocated you the most superior position in His creation. You hold the highest rank in all the children of Adam [Alaihis Salaam]. You will be the first one to be raised on the Day of Judgement and you will be the first one to open the doors of intercession [Shafa'at].' [Seeratul Mustafa, Zarqani]

Hazrat Abdullah bin Aamir RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'One day the shoe-lace of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was ripped and the Prophet himself began to mend it. When I saw this I hurriedly approached him and urged him to give the shoe to me so that I could repair it, but the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam replied, 'I know you would like to do this for me but I do not prefer it because this would be a sign of me being superior to you.'

This was the general practice of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam that he would always prefer to do his own work and not take assistance in order to not distinct himself from the masses.

### **Good Behaviour with Family and Friends**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was so well behaved with his wives, other family members, neighbours and the Muslim people that every one of them would praise his behaviour.

Hazrat Anas RadiyAllahu Anhu says, 'For ten years I served the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam at home and during his journeys. In this period RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam never rebuked nor told me off. In fact he never even said 'uf' and never asked why I did something or why I did not.'

[Tirmizi]

Hazrat Anas RadiyAllahu Anhu further narrates that if someone talked to the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, the Prophet would not move his face away until the speaker had finished. And he would never sit with his legs spread when sitting in a gathering. He would always be first in greeting someone with Salaam. He used to shake hands with the visitors and most of the times would spread his shawl for them to sit on. He always called his companions with good names and titles. He never interrupted anyone when they spoke. He always welcomed everyone with a smile.

The people of Madina would bring their containers filled with water every morning so that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam would dip his blessed hands in the water in order to bless it. Even when the mornings were very cold in winter and the water was freezing the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam never turned anyone away and dipped his blessed hand in every container. [Mishkaat, page 519, 520]

It was part of the daily routine of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to visit his wives and his daughters. He also devoted some of his time to play with the grandchildren. He would even lend his ears to children when they wanted to speak to him. He was immensely caring with the neighbours.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! With his appealing manners and exceptionally good behaviour the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam created an extraordinary and extremely peaceful society. Even today if his teachings are followed the world will be a much better place to live in.

### **Modesty**

The following verse from the Holy Quran underlines the modesty of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam,

إِنَّ ذَلِكُمْ كَانَ يُؤْذِي النَّبِيَّ فَيَسْتَحْيِي مِنْكُمْ

*Indeed that was causing harassment to the Prophet, and he was having regard for you;*

Hazrat Abu Saeed Khudri RadiyAllahu Anhu highlights the modesty of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in the these words, 'He was even more modest than an unmarried and shy girl.' [Bukhari Sharif, Vol 1, page 503]

The life of the Holy Prophet was completely free from any immodest and indecent activity. He never committed them nor tolerated them. His teachings lifted humans from the lower levels of animals to the highest degree of angels.

The mother of the faithful, Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha reports that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam never spoke anything indecent nor would he speak unnecessarily. He never shouted on the roads or marketplace. He never responded to evil with evil but was always forgiving. [Mishkaat Sharif, page 519]

### **Fulfilling Promises**

To fulfil promises and keep ones word is an essential quality attributed to good character. And RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was second to none in this quality as well.

Hazrat Abul Hamsa' RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'Before the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam declared his Prophet-hood, I bought something from him. I was a bit short of cash and so I asked the Prophet to wait whilst I went and got some money from home. The Prophet agreed to wait there but when I went home I completely forgot about it. After three days when I suddenly remembered, I rushed to see the Prophet who was standing and waiting for me at the same place where he had promised me. He did not show any displeasure at seeing me, just advised, 'You have put me in a difficult

situation as I have been waiting here for three days.' [Shifa Sharif, Vol 1, page 74]

### **Justice**

There is no doubt in the fact that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the most just person ever born. And not only friends but enemies too agree with this.

Hazrat Rabee' bin Hasheem RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'Even before RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam declared his Prophethood, the people of Makkah called him as 'the just' and 'the trustworthy'. They always made him the judge in their affairs and would always agree with him and acknowledge his judgements. [Shifa Sharif]

A woman from the Quraish tribe and belonging to the Bani Makhzum family committed theft. The penalty for theft in Islam is the amputation of the right arm (with certain conditions). This became a major cause for concern for the Quraish as this would bring humiliation and disrepute to their tribe. Thus they decided to approach the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to persuade him to change his decision. They pressurised Hazrat Osama bin Zaid RadiyAllahu Anhuma, who was held in high esteem by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to act as a mediator. When Hazrat Osama presented his plea in the court RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, the Prophet's blessed face turned red with anger and he furiously remarked, 'O Osama! Are you trying to negotiate with me in the matter of punishment decreed by Allah Almighty?' [Bukhari Sharif, Vol 2 page 300]

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! This is just one of the golden incidents of justice which are reflected from the life of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

## **Awe [Dignity, Ru'ab]**

Hazrat Kharija bin Zaid RadiyAllahu Anhu used to say that the awe with which the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam would be present in his gatherings was not seen even in the courts of the mightiest kings.

Hazrat Jabir bin Sumrah RadiyAllahu Anhu reports that the gatherings of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam would be the ones with modesty and discipline. No one would dare raise his voice. When the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam spoke the companions would be so attentive and motionless that it felt as if birds were sitting on their heads. The blessed wife of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha conveys that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam would speak with extreme awe in a slow fashion (so that people could understand better). If someone wanted to count his words he could do so.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! In today's times there is an urgent need to revive the practices of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and his companions. We should also learn the importance of respect for RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam from the blessed lives of his companions.

## **Eating Habits**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam did not prefer sleeping without eating at night as this leads to an early old age. He also disliked sleeping straight after eating. He advised to eat less allocating one-third space for water, one-third for food leaving the last one-third for digestion. He also recommended the use of fruits and vegetables in correct manner and proportion.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! One of the major problems of our society is obesity and ill-health. Only if we decide to follow on the foot steps of our Master Sallallahu

Alaihi wa Sallam, we can enjoy lasting good health. This also illustrates that the measures and solutions which science is providing today, has already been prescribed fourteen centuries ago by our Beloved Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

### **Illness and the Patient**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam exercised precaution and also advised others to do the same. When someone was ill, RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam advised him to take medicine and take preventative measures.

### **Visiting the Sick**

When a companion fell ill, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam used to visit him. He would sit besides the patient and console him in the following words, 'La ba'tha tuhoorun' or 'Kaffaratun Insha Allah'. He would enquire with the patient if there was anything he would like to eat, and if that thing was not harmful, the Prophet would arrange for it. When a Jewish boy, who used to serve the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam fell ill, the Prophet also visited him.

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! This demonstrates that visiting the sick was a important part of the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's conduct. Not only did he visit the companions, but also those who did not share the same faith or were even cruel to him. Where would we find a better example of religious tolerance?

### **Treatment**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself used treatment for illnesses and also inspired others to do the same by saying, 'O

servants of Allah! Use medicine as Allah Almighty has made cure for everything except old age.'

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! This proves that using medicine for treatment is not against having trust in Allah (Tawakkul) in fact it is the Sunnah of the Beloved Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. The above narration also emphasises on the fact that old age is incurable therefore one should not waste time and money in trying to stay young.

### **Charity and Gifts**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam never took charity but he did take gifts. He accepted gifts from Muslims and the People of the Book (Ahle Kitaab) like the Jews and the Christians, though he did not accept them from idol worshippers.



## **The Favoured Food of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! We claim that we are the true lovers of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and so we should love whatever was loved by him and leave whatever was disliked by him.

As such RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam would eat whatever was available and thank Allah for His bounty, but some food was favoured over others. Let us look at his blessed diet as it could have immense benefits in them as well as rewards.

### **The Chapattis of Wheat and Barley (Jau)**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam had eaten chapattis made of wheat and Barley but never of Maida (a type of flour). From the health perspective, chapatti is an essential source of nourishment. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam preferred chapattis made of wheat which was not sifted. He only ate enough to support survival and did not eat out of desire.

Hazrat Masrooq RadiyAllahu Anhu reports, 'I came to Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha and she arranged for some food for me. She said, 'I cry whenever I eat to my full.' When I asked the reason she replied, 'I remember the times when the Blessed Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was amongst us. By Allah, there was never a day in his life in which he ate twice to his full.' [Tirmizi Sharif]

She further narrates, 'RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam never had chapatti to his full for two days in a row.'

## **Rice**

Rice also formed a part of the diet of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Hazrat Anas bin Maalik RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam liked the hard rice stuck to the container after cooking.'

## **Meat of Goat**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam liked meat and consumed it regularly. In particular he was fond of roasted meat and also liked the gravy of meat.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Haaris RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'Chapattis and meat gravy was presented to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam when he was sat in a Masjid. He consumed it and so did we. Then he stood up for Salaat and we followed him. [Ibne Majah]

Hazrat Amr bin Umayyah reports, 'I saw the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam with a knife cutting and eating from the shoulder of a goat. Then when the Azaan was called, the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam put the knife down and offered Salaat.' [Mishkaat]

## **The Meat of Chicken**

To eat chicken is also a Sunnah of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. It is a valuable source of nourishment and increases intellect, sharpens the senses and strengthens the body.

Hazrat Zahdam Jurmi RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates, 'We were sat with Hazrat Abu Moosa Ashari RadiyAllahu Anhu when someone brought some meat of chicken. One of those present turned away upon which Hazrat Abu Moosa enquired the reason. He replied, 'I find it dirty'. Hazrat Abu Moosa reassured him by saying, 'Listen, I

have seen the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam eating chicken.” [Tirmizi]

### **Fish**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has also consumed fish. It improves digestion and provides strength. It is best when eaten fresh. It is highly recommended for the weak and the diabetic as it is very rich in Protein and is good substitute for meat.

Hazrat Jaabir RadiyAllahu Anhu reports, ‘There is no creature in the sea but Allah has already slaughtered it for the humans (made it lawful).’ [Darqatni]

### **Paneer**

Paneer is made out of stale milk. It is cold in nature and it benefits the stomach, the kidneys and the intestines.

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam liked it and so it is his Sunnah. Hazrat Umar RadiyAllahu reports, ‘RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was presented with Paneer at Tabook which he cut with a knife (and consumed). [Abu Dawood]

### **Hareerah**

Hareerah is made of ghee, flour, sugar and milk and is very useful for a weak person. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam liked it and advised to have it especially when suffering from high temperature.

Hazrat Aisha Siddique RadiyAllahu Anha narrates, ‘When anyone would have a high temperature in the family of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, he would order to arrange for Hareerah

and advise for it to be drank sip by sip. He said this provides strength to a weak heart and eases it just as water washes away dirt.' [Tirmizi Sharif]

### **Kaddu Sharif ( Mellow )**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was also fond of vegetables, in which he liked kaddu the most. Kaddu is extremely beneficial to improve the intellect and to balance the body. It relieves fever when pieces are rubbed on the palms and soles.

Hazrat Anas RadiyAllahu Anhu reports, 'RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam loved Kaddu and so I used to make every effort to provide it when the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam ate with me.' [Tirmizi Sharif]

Hazrat Anas RadiyAllahu Anhu also reports, 'I saw RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam looking for Kaddu in his plate. Since then I always preferred to eat it.'

These narrations show that the companions preferred and liked those things which were like by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and made a habit of eating them.

### **Sareed**

To cook chapatti in meat gravy or to soak the chapatti in gravy is called Sareed. One form of Sareed is cooked in ghee and paneer. Sareed is very tasty and extremely useful in providing strength. It formed a regular part of the diet of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas RadiyAllahu Anhuma reports, 'Of all the dishes RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam loved Sareed of meat the most.'

## **Vinegar**

The nature of Vinegar is a unique combination of warmth and cold. It refreshes the body and digests food and kills body worms. Because of its excessive benefits the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam preferred it and also advised its use as a substitute to gravy.

Hazrat Umme Haani RadiyAllahu Anha reports, 'RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam once came to me and asked if I had anything to eat. I replied that I only had some dry chapattis and vinegar. He said, 'bring it; the house which has vinegar is not devoid of gravy. [Tirmizi Sharif]

It is also reported by Hazrat Jaabir RadiyAllahu Anhu, 'RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam asked for some gravy for his family. I said there is nothing but vinegar. He replied twice, 'Vinegar is good gravy.' [Muslim Sharif]

## **Dates**

Dates are found in abundance in the Arabian Peninsula. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam liked them and used them extensively. Dates purify blood, strengthen the heart and digestion and make the body healthier. Thus it is Sunnah to eat them and there are various Ahadith highlighting its benefits,

Hazrat Sa'ad RadiyAllahu Anhu narrates that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam stated, 'If one has seven Ajwah dates in the morning then poison or magic will not harm him for the rest of the day.' [Muslim Sharif]

Ummul Mu'mineen Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha narrates, 'RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam used to come to me and ask 'do you have anything to eat? If I replied in the negative

then he would say, 'I have made intention for fasting.' Then next time he again asked the same. I replied, 'Ya RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam we have received some gift. He enquired as to what it was. I said, 'sweet dish made of dates. He said, 'I have been fasting since morning and consumed the dish.'

### **Honey**

Honey serves as medicine as well as food. Its nature is warm and dry. It is particularly helpful in phlegm and gaseous illness of the stomach and also in cough.

Allah has kept many benefits in it and so RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam expressed his liking for it and consumed it whenever available.

Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua RadiyAllahu Anha narrates that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam liked sweet dishes and honey. [Bukhari Sharif]

It is stated in Madarijun Nubuwwat that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam used to have honey mixed in water in the morning. And after a while when he felt hungry he would eat whatever was available.

### **Figs**

Fig is a very delicate fruit. When ripe it falls from the branches. Many people dry them for preservation. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam consumed it and also highlighted its benefits,

Hazrat Abu Darda RadiyAllahu Anhu reports that a tray full of figs was presented to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. He asked us to eat and we ate. He then said, 'If someone claims that there can

be a fruit which can come from Paradise then I will say it is this. Eat it as it is beneficial in bawasir and joint pains.’

### **Duas of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

The person who makes it his habit to recite the following Du’a regularly will achieve success in this world and the hereafter:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا اتِّنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي  
الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

*“Allahumma Rabbanaa Aatinaa Fid Dunyaa Hasanataw Wafil Aakhirati  
Hasanataw Waqinaa ‘Adhaaban Naar.”*

### **Freedom from all Calamaties**

Rasool Allah Sallallahu ‘Alaihi Wasallam said, “Nothing in the world will be able to harm the person who recites the following supplication three times every morning and night:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

*“Bismillaahil Ladhee Laa Yadurru Ma’as Mihee Shay-un Fil Ardi Walaa Fis  
Samaa-i Wahuzwas Samee’ul ‘Aleem.”*

### **Dua at Time of Distress**

Hazrat ‘Abdullah bin ‘Abbas Radiallaho Almighty ‘Anhuma reports that whenever Rasool Allah Sallallahu ‘Alaihi Wasallam was distressed or worried about anything, he would recite the following supplication:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ

*"Laa Ilaaha Illal Laahul Haleemul Hakeemu Laa Ilaaha Illal Laahu Rabbul  
'Arshil 'Adheemi Laa Ilaaha Illal Laahu Rabbus Samaawaati Wal Ardi  
Warabbul 'Arshil Kareem."*

### Cure from Illnesses

It is reported that 'Abdul 'Aziz bin Suhaib and Thaabit Bunaani Radiallaho Almighty 'Anhuma came to the Companion Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Almighty 'Anhu. Thaabit Bunaani said, "O Abu Hamza (Anas)! I have become ill." Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Almighty 'Anhu said, "Should I not blow away your illness with the supplication that Rasool Allah Sallallaho 'Alaihi Wasallam used to recite and blow on people to cure them of their illnesses?" Thaabit Bunaani replied, "Please do." After this, Hazrat Anas Radiallaho Almighty 'Anhu recited the following supplication:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ النَّاسِ مُذْهِبَ الْبَأْسِ اشْفِ  
أَنْتَ الشَّافِي لَا شَافِيَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ شِفَاءً لَا يُعَادِرُ سَقَمًا

*"Allahumma Rabban Naasi Mudh-hibal Ba'-sishfi Antash Shaafi Laa  
Shaafiya Illaa Anta Shifaa-al Laa Yugaadiru Saqamaa."*

### Dua to Receive Better

Ummul Mu'mineen Hazrat Umm e Salma Radiallaho Almighty 'Anha reports that she heard Rasool Allah Sallallaho 'Alaihi Wasallam say that if a Muslim recites the following supplication upon being inflicted with any difficulty, Allah Almighty will grant them better than what they had before:

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْرِبِي  
فِي مُصِيبَتِي وَاخْلُفِي لِي خَيْرًا مِنْهَا



*"Innaa Lillaahi Wa Innaa Ilayhi Raaje'oon. Allahumma Ajirnee Fee  
Museebatee Wakhluf Lee Khayram Minhaa."*

### **Dua to Pay off Debts**

Hazrat Abu Umaamah Radiallaho Almighty 'Anhu narrated that Rasool Allah Sallallaho 'Alaihi Wasallam asked him, "Should I not teach you a supplication, through the recitation of which Allah Almighty will remove all your anxieties and your debts will be paid off?" Hazrat Abu Umamah Radiallaho Almighty 'Anhu replied, "Why not? Please teach me." Rasool Allah Sallallaho 'Alaihi Wasallam said, "Recite the following every morning and every evening."

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَالْحُزْنِ وَالْأَعْدَاءِ وَالْمُنْجَبِ  
مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْأَعْدَاءِ  
مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْأَعْدَاءِ  
مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْأَعْدَاءِ

*"Allahumma Inni A'oodhubika Minal Hammi Wal Huzni Wa-A'oodhubika  
Minal 'Ajzi Wal Kasli Wa A'oodhubika Minal Jubni Wal Bukhli Wa-  
A'oodhubika Min Ghalbatid Dayni Wa Qaharir Rijaal."*

### **Dua to Have Children**

هُوَ الَّذِي بَصَّرَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

*"Huwal Ladhee Yusaw Wirukum Fil Arhaami Kayfa Yashaa-u Laa Ilaaha  
Illaa Huwal 'Azeezul Hakeem."*

Ablution should be performed and the above verse recited with Durood Shareef 11 times before and after the verse. A black pepper

should then be blown on and given to the lady to eat; this is very beneficial and helpful in conceiving.

### Wealth and Prosperity

The person who desires to be rich and prosperous should recite the following 25 times every day after Fajr Prayer with presence of mind and heart. Insha Allah, in just a few short days, his difficulties will be removed and he will become wealthy and prosperous.

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ ۝ وَرَأَيْتَ  
النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا ۝ فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ  
رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ ۝ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا

*“Idhaa Jaa-a Nasrul Laahi Wal Fath. Wa Ra-Aytan Naasa Yad Khuloona  
Fee Deenil Laahi Afwaajaa. Fasabbih Bihamdi Rabbika Wastaghfirh. Innahu  
Kaana Tawwaabaa.”*

## **Risalat and Nabuwwat**

**Ba'sat:** To make existent something which is non-existent is called creating, and to allocate certain task to someone who is already existent is called 'ba'sat'. Because the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was the first creation, but he was assigned the task of guiding mankind at the end, his sending down by Allah Almighty is called ba'sat.

**Nabi:** Depending on its root, the word Nabi has two meanings. One root of Nabi is 'Nabawatun' meaning 'having a high status', and because the Prophets hold the highest rank in the creation, they are called Nabi. The other root word is 'Naba'un' which means 'hidden voice'. Because a Prophet reveals hidden truths and gives us information of the unseen, he is called Nabi.

There is one more root word which is 'Nabi'un' meaning 'way'. Because the Prophet shows us the way to reach Allah, he is called Nabi.

**Nabi and Rasool:** Rasool is someone who brings the message (Books) from Allah Almighty to His people. And Nabi is the one who receives the revelation from Allah in order to guide people.

### **Faith regarding Prophets**

Just as we should have the correct Faith regarding Allah and His attributes, in the same way we should have the correct faith in relation to the Prophets.

Revelation is exclusive to Prophets. If someone believes it for anyone other than Prophets is a non-believer.

The dreams of Prophets are also true and part of the Revelation from Allah Almighty.

Prophet-hood cannot be earned by excessive worship or other tasks, Prophets are chosen by Allah at His will. But of course those who He chooses for this high position are the best in creation. Even before they are allotted this position, they possess the best character and are exceptionally pure from sins or any disliked qualities. The masses are attracted to them due to their good nature and they have already surpassed all the levels of sainthood. Their intellect is perfect and much higher than any other intellectual in his time. Allah Almighty states,

اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ حَيْثُ يُجْعَلُ رِسَالَتَهُ

*Allah knows best where to place His message (Prophethood);*

وَاللَّهُ يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ (2:105)

*and Allah chooses whomever He wills by His Mercy; and Allah is the Most Munificent.*

If someone believes that Prophet-hood can be attained by worship or in any other way becomes a non-believer. If someone believes that a Prophet can cease to be a Prophet or that his Prophet-hood can be ended also becomes a non-believer.

### **The Immunity of Prophets**

All Prophets are immune to sins, that is they cannot commit sins. This quality of the Prophets is only shared by the Angels. If someone believes immunity for any other creation apart from Prophets and Angels, like some people believe it for the Imams, then he is an infidel.

We believe that the Prophets have been promised by Allah Almighty that they will be saved from sins. On the other hand, the Imams and

the Saints (friends of Allah) are not immune but are protected by Allah and hence do not commit sins, but it is not impossible for them to commit sins.

The Prophets are always immune from all major and minor sins and they never commit or are inflicted with something which will cause others to hate them.

It is part of our Belief that the Prophets completed their task and conveyed the full message. If someone accuses a Prophet to hide any message or leave the task incomplete, then he is an infidel.

### **The Knowledge of the Unseen [Ilm e Gaib]**

Allah Almighty has revealed His Knowledge of unseen to the Prophets. A part of this knowledge is the knowledge about everything in the world. There is no question of comparing this knowledge with the knowledge of Allah Almighty, as this knowledge to the Prophets has been imparted by Allah Almighty and that of Allah Almighty is His own. And even though the knowledge of the Prophets is enormous, it is like a drop in the ocean in front of the knowledge of Allah, in fact the knowledge of Allah is limitless and incomparable, whereas the knowledge of the Prophet is limited.

There are some who deny the Knowledge of Unseen for the Prophets. It is for these kinds of people Quran states,

أَفْتَرِمُونَ بَعْضَ الْكِتَابِ وَتَكْفُرُونَ بِبَعْضٍ

*so do you believe in some of Allah's commands and disbelieve in some?*

And as is clear, the Prophet gave us information about Paradise, Hell and everything else that we could not have known by ourselves, in fact he told us about Allah who is the biggest Gaib (unseen), then how can we deny the knowledge of the unseen of the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

### **The Excellence of the Prophets**

It is our Belief that the Prophets hold the highest rank in the creation. They are even higher than the Prophets in Angels. No saint can ever reach the rank of a Prophet. If someone believes so then he is an unbeliever.

### **The Number of Prophets**

It is not allowed to fix the number of Prophets that have arrived. There is confusion in their actual number, and so if we fix then we might believe more or less Prophets than they actually are and this would be infidelity. Thus we should say that we believe in all the Prophets of Allah.

There have been numerous Prophets between Adam Alaihis Salaam and our Beloved Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Some have been mentioned in the Holy Quran such as Hazrat Adam Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Nooh Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Ismaeel Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Ishaq Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Yaqoob Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Yusuf Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Moosa Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Haroon Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Shoaib Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Loot Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Hood Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Dawood Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Sulaiman Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Ayub Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Ilyas Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Yasa'a, Hazrat Zakariyya Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Yahya Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Yunus Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Idrees Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Zul Kifl Alaihis Salaam, Hazrat Saleh Alaihis Salaam and the leader of them all Hazrat Muhammed Mustafa Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. The first Nabi was Hazrat Adam Alaihis Salaam and the first Rasool sent towards the disbelievers was Hazrat Nooh Alaihis Salaam.

## **The Levels of Prophets**

There are ranks within the Prophets. The highest rank is of our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. After his is the rank of Hazrat Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam. Then is the rank of Hazrat Moosa Alaihis Salaam and then Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam and Hazrat Nooh Alaihis Salaam. They are collectively known as 'Ulul Azm minar Rusul' and they are higher in rank than the rest of the creation. Our Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is indeed the leader of them all and also the Prophet of all the Prophets.

## **The Life of the Prophets**

The Prophets, after passing away, are alive just as they were in this world. They eat, drink, and can travel the entire universe (as we know from the incident of Me'raj). As per the promise of Allah, they did taste death, but the soul was then returned to the body. It is stated in Hadith, 'Indeed Allah Almighty has prohibited the earth from destroying the bodies of the Prophets, so the Prophets are alive and receives sustenance.' [Mishkaat]

Their life after death is superior to that of the Martyrs. The wealth of a Martyr is inherited and his wife can marry after he dies, whilst in the case of Prophets, their wealth is not inherited and their wives cannot marry again.

Note: The oversights of the Prophets as should never be mentioned apart from when reading in the Quran and the Ahadith (as they are mentioned there). Allah Almighty is their Creator and only He has the authority to question them or refer to their oversights. We are their slaves and cannot take their oversights as an evidence to commit sins or to disrespect the Prophets. Moreover, their mistakes were not result of following their desires, but rather there was wisdom and good intention behind it and the end result was always good. Their oversights are far better than most sincere good deeds of the saints. The oversight of Hazrat Adam Alaihis Salaam led him to leave

Paradise and come down to the world. It was a result of this that the earth was inhabited, the human race developed, thousands of Prophets and saints arrived, the Books of Allah were revealed and the believers will ultimately enter Paradise. All this was a result of one oversight!

### **Faith regarding the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was the first Prophet of Allah Almighty but he was last to be sent down to the earth. Allah first created the Light of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and from that Light He created all other creations. Allah Almighty took an oath from all the Prophets to believe in the Final Prophet and to assist him. All the Prophets are from the nation of the Holy Prophet that means the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is also Prophet to other Prophets. They are all his deputies. Allah Almighty has made the Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam as His manifestation. It is duty of every creation to follow him. He is the Mercy for all the creation, whether they are living or non living, believers or non believers. وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And for the believers,

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ (9:128)

*Indeed there has come to you a Noble Messenger from among you - your falling into hardship aggrieves him, most concerned for your well being, for the Muslims most compassionate, most merciful.*

### **The Perfection of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the perfect creation of Allah Almighty. He is the combination of all the exceptional qualities possessed by all the Prophets. In fact any exceptional quality of any



Prophet was due to him as he is the reason for the creation of the universe. There were numerous qualities exclusively enjoyed by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and no one else had a share in it.

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam enjoys the position of being the most beloved to Allah Almighty. The creation seeks the pleasure of their Lord and He seeks the pleasure of His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

One of the unique characteristics of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was the Me'raj, the ascension, in which he was taken from Masjid al Haram in Makkah to Masjid al Aqsa in Jerusalem, where he led all the Prophets in prayer. From there he ascended towards the skies, the Arsh and even beyond. He passed over all the creation and witnessed it and most exclusively even witnessed Allah Almighty. All this happened in a fraction of a second.

### **The Intercession of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam will be the primary intercessor on the Day of Judgement. He will be the one who will open the door of Intercession, when no one else will be able to. Everyone will be exhausted of waiting for the accounting to begin. They will approach all the Prophets but they will not be in a position to help. Then finally, all the creation will plead in the court of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and he will present their pleas in the court of Allah.

This intercession will be for one and all whether they are believers or non believers, obedient or disobedient. All of them, even those who did not believe in him will start to praise him. This is 'Maqam e Mehmood', the Position of Praise. The Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself states, 'I have already been allotted the position of Intercession.'

Once the accounting begins, everyone will be judged according to their deeds. The non-believers will receive no more Intercession but the believers will receive further Intercession by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

### **The Love of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

The love of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the base of our Faith, in fact it is the essence of Faith. We cannot be true believers until we love him the most.

The obedience of Allah lies in the obedience of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. One cannot obey Allah until he obeys RasoolAllah. If one is offering obligatory prayers and if RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was to call him, then he should at that very moment in the middle of prayers, attend RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. After he has served him, then he can resume the prayer from where he stopped.

### **The Respect of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

To respect the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is part of our Faith. This obligation is superior to any other obligation or prayers. His respect should be observed in the same way just as it was, at the time when he lived in this world. When we hear the name of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, it is wajib upon us to present salutations upon him with utmost respect like Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Slightest disrespect of anything which is even related to RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is infidelity.

### **The Authority of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the chief deputy of Allah Almighty. His authority prevails in the world. He can allot

whatever he wishes and to whoever he wishes. No one can overturn his decisions or judgements. He commands over everyone and he is only under the command of Allah Almighty. He is the master of all the creation. The Heavens and the earth and also the Paradise fall under his domain. He has the keys to the wealth of the universe. Sustenance and everything else is distributed from his court. He is the law-maker and the rules depend on his decisions. He can make anything lawful or unlawful for anyone.

### **The Finality of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ﴿٣٣:٤٠﴾

*Mohammed (peace and blessings be upon him) is not the father of any man among you – but he is the Noble Messenger of Allah and the Last of the Prophets \*; and Allah knows all things.*

In the above verse, Allah Almighty clearly mentions that Muhammed Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the last and final Messenger. Now if someone believes that there can be a prophet after the Final Prophet, then he is refuting the above verse and is therefore a disbeliever. The scholars are unanimous on the fact that the Holy Prophet is the seal of Prophet-hood. We have seen in the era of the first caliph, Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique Radiyallahu Anhu, who killed Musailimah the liar because he claimed false prophet-hood. This proves that to believe in the finality of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is part of our Faith and those who deny this should be killed.

It is interesting to note that since the above verse was revealed, no other nation has claimed to have a prophet amongst them, even though this was a regular practice of the people of Iran, India, China, etc. If they found someone with some extra powers they would treat him as divine and call him a prophet or even God. But after the Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam arrived, Allah Almighty put an end to these practices.



## **The Rights of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam on His Ummah**

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! We have already seen the love that RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has for his nation and the extent to which he is concerned about our well being. But to bring all the goodness to us was not easy at all. As soon as he announced his Prophet-hood, the same people who once called him 'the Truthful' and 'the Trustworthy, turned against him and subjected him to the greatest troubles ever inflicted on anyone. He was refuted, called a liar and a magician, he was stoned, and the dirt of animals was thrown on his back when he was in prostration, and so on. But the beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam endured all this with complete patience for our sake. He continued to convey his message on the Oneness of Allah and showed the true path. It was due to him that we received the Quran, the meanings of the Quran, the knowledge about what is lawful and what is unlawful, and so on.

When we are indebted to him for so much then certainly he should have some rights over us. We present some rights enjoyed by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam over his nation as mentioned by Imam Qazi Ayaz in Shifa Sharif:

### **1. Faith upon the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam:**

We have already seen this in detail. We have to believe and testify that he is the true, final, beloved and the most superior Prophet of Allah Almighty.

وَمَنْ لَّمْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ فَإِنَّا أَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ سَعِيرًا (48:13)

*And whoever does not accept faith in Allah and His Noble Messenger - We have indeed kept prepared a blazing fire for disbelievers.*

### **2. To Follow the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam:**

It is our duty to follow RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in every aspect of our life. This is the key to our salvation and success as this verse proves,

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ (3:31)

*Proclaim, (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him), "O mankind! If you love Allah, follow me - Allah will love you and forgive you your sins"; and Allah is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful.*

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا (33:21)

*Indeed following the Noble Messenger of Allah is better for you – for one who is confident of Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah much.*

The above verse clearly mentions that we cannot attain the closeness and the love of Allah Almighty unless we follow His Beloved. As we have seen earlier, he has been made a role model for us. And history proves that those who followed him enjoyed success in both the worlds.

Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique RadiyAllahu Anhu who enjoys the highest rank after the Prophets only received this status by following RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Even before his death he showed eagerness in following the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. His beloved daughter, Ummul Mu'mineen Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua says, 'Just hours before he passed away, my father asked me about the shroud of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and the day he passed away. This is because he had followed the Prophet in everything in his life and wanted to do the same in his death.'

### **3. To Obey the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam:**

It is vital for us to obey each and every command of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and we should not even imagine to disobey him in any respect, because to obey him is to obey Allah Almighty,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

*O People who Believe! Obey Allah and the Noble Messenger and those amongst you who are in authority;*

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

*Whoever obeys the Noble Messenger has indeed obeyed Allah;*

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ  
وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا (4:69)

*And whoever obeys Allah and His Noble Messenger, will be with those upon whom Allah has bestowed grace - that is, the Prophets and the truthful and the martyrs and the virtuous; and what excellent companions they are!*

These verses reveal that to follow the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is a sign of our Faith and the high positions are only for those who follow him.

The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has expressed, 'None of you can be a true believer until and unless he devotes his desires to my commands.' [Bukhari Sharif]

This devotion is clearly reflected from the lives of the companions. RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam once saw a companion wearing a gold ring on his finger. He took the ring off the companion's hand and threw it, expressing his dislike in these words, 'Does any one of you prefer to have rings of fire around his fingers?'

After the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam left the companion was told by other companions to pick the ring and bring it in some use but he said, 'By Allah I can never pick the ring which has been thrown by the RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.' [Mishkaat Sharif]

#### 4. The Love of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam:

It is one of the duties of a believer to sincerely love RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam more than anyone else in the world, even more than his own self, as the Holy Quran mentions:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ تُرَضُّونَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ (9:24)

*Say, "If your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your tribe, and your acquired wealth, and the trade in which you fear a loss, and the houses of your liking - if all these are dearer to you than Allah and His Noble Messenger and fighting in His way, then wait until Allah brings about His command; and Allah does not guide the sinful."*

This verse clearly shows that the love of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is vital just as the love of Allah and nobody in the world should be loved more than him.

The following narration makes it clearer in which the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has said, 'None of you will be a true believer until and unless he loves me more than his parents, his children and everyone else.' [Bukhari Sharif]

Again, the lives of the companions are living example of such love for the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique RadiyAllahu Anhu was the only companion chosen by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam to accompany him during



the migration. He chose to give up his life when he was bit several times by a snake but did not prefer to disturb the sleep of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who was resting with his blessed head on his lap. On another occasion he sacrificed his entire wealth upon the call of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and did not even any leave clothes on his body, but rather just wrapped himself in a sack.

In the same way we have seen that Hazrat Ali chose to sacrifice his Salaat but did not wish to disturb RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

## 5. The Respect of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam:

The respect of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is obligatory upon everyone of us and the slightest disrespect will result in loss of our Faith and all the good deeds.

The Holy Quran states,

لَتُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتُعَزِّرُوهُ وَتُوَقِّرُوهُ وَتُسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا (48:9)

*In order that you, O people, may accept faith in Allah and His Noble Messenger, and honour and revere the Noble Messenger; and may say the Purity of Allah, morning and evening.*

It is interesting to note that Allah Almighty has fixed mornings and evenings for His Praise (tasbeeh) but did not set any time for the respect of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam which indicates that the respect should be observed at all times during his life and also after he leaves this world. At another place Allah Almighty states,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَن تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ (49:2)

*O People who Believe! Do not raise your voices higher than the voice of the Prophet, nor speak to him loudly the way you shout to one another, lest your deeds go to waste whilst you are unaware.*

Thus, even raising voices is a mark of disrespect and can destroy our deeds.

In one verse it indicates that the respect is the key to success.

فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ (7:157)

*So those who believe in him, and revere him, and help him, and follow the light which came down with him - it is they who have succeeded."*

## **6. To Praise the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

A believer is expected to praise the RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and remember the high rank and position which Allah Almighty has bestowed upon him. This is a Sunnah of Allah Himself as he has praised His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam throughout the Holy Quran,

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ (94:4)

*And We have elevated your remembrance for you*

The companions too expressed their love and respect for the RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in form of poems. Thus Hazrat Hassab bin Saabit, Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawahah and Hazrat Ka'b RadiyAllahu Anhum were some prominent companions who praised the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in their poems and the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself heard them and also rewarded them for it.

## **7. Sending Salutations Blessings (Duroods) :**

Every believer should send excessive Duroods upon the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam just as Allah Almighty Himself does,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا (33:56)

*Indeed Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet; O People who Believe! Send blessings and abundant salutations upon him. (Everlasting peace and unlimited blessings be upon the Holy Prophet Mohammed.)*

Allah Almighty first informs us the importance of Duroods , that He and all His angels pray Duroods on His Beloved Prophet and then He commands the believers that they too should send excessive Duroods upon His Beloved.

There have been thousands of books written on the etiquettes of Duroods, one of which is Dalail Al Khairat. There is a very inspiring story behind the compilation of this book,

Hazrat Shaikh Jazooli was once on a journey along with his followers. They reached a village and because it was time for Salaat, they started looking for some water to make ablution. After a tiresome search they did find a well but to their dismay there was no rope or bucket around to remove water from it. They were in this dilemma when they saw a young girl who asked why was everyone so upset. Shaikh Jazooli introduced himself and said it was time for Salaat and they wanted to make ablution but could not find a bucket or a rope. The little girl astonishingly said, 'You are a great Shaikh and I have heard a lot about you. I am surprised that you cannot solve this petty issue.' Saying this she went near the well and spat in it. The Shaikh and the followers could not believe their eyes as they saw the water of level rising in the well until it reached the brim.

The Shaikh requested her to stay back till they performed their prayers. After prayers he turned to the girl and said, 'I beg u my child, please tell me how did you attain this high status at this young

age?’ The girl humbly replied, ‘I am just an ordinary person and this is no miracle of mine, this is just the reward of sending excessive Duroids on the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who our Master and our caretaker. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam too once dropped his blessed saliva in a well and quenched the thirst of his followers and I have just tried to follow his example.’

Shaikh Jazooli was so impressed by this incident that he decided to compile a book on the Duroids for the nation to benefit from. He has also included the Durud prayed by the girl in the seventh chapter of his book.

### SOME MORE DUROODS & THEIR BENEFITS

#### **Excellence and Benefits of Duroid e Razvia**

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَالْإِلهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ  
صَلْوَةٌ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ

There are forty benefits of this blessing, which are proven from authentic and credible Hadith, and some of them are being mentioned here. The person who has love for Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam, who respects him more than the world and everything in it, who stays away from those who try and belittle his rank and respect, stays away from those who try to stop his remembrance, and is disgusted with the enemies of Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam with his heart, such a person will have three thousand favours bestowed on him when he recites this blessing. Some of the other benefits are as follows:

- He will have two thousand salutations bestowed on him.
- Five thousand rewards will be entered into his book of deeds.
- Five thousand of his sins will be wiped away.

- Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam will shake his hand on the Day of Judgement.
- On his forehead will be written that he is not a hypocrite.
- It will be written on his forehead that he is free from the fire of Hell.
- Allah Almighty will keep him with the Martyrs on the Day of Judgement.
- He will receive increased wealth.
- His children and their children and their children will be blessed.
- He will be victorious over his enemies.
- Love for him will be put into people's hearts.
- He will be blessed with seeing Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam in his dream.
- He will die with faith.
- Intercession of Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam will be made compulsory for him.
- Allah Almighty will be pleased with him in such a way that He will never be displeased with him.

This permission for reciting Durood e Radwiyya will be placed in the hearts of all people provided they stay away from misguided sects and misguided people.

#### **Method of Reciting Durood e Razvia**

This blessed Durood is also called Durood e Jum'a. After Jum'a prayer, turn your face towards Madinah Munawwarah and stand with arms folded and with respect, and recite it one hundred times. It is better if a group of people recite it together. This one blessing is equivalent to ten blessings and the reward for each blessing is multiplied ten times. Therefore, if this blessing is recited one time, reward for one hundred blessings is awarded. Therefore if ten people recite it one time each together, each person receives one thousand rewards; one thousand sins are removed; one thousand good deeds are written, and divine favours are showered on each person one thousand times. All this is if it is recited only once, if it is recited one hundred times each; the rewards are multiplied one hundred times.

The people who know about this should ensure that they make their family, friends, acquaintances, and people who pray Jum'a prayers aware of it, so that there can be a substantial gathering of people to recite the blessing because the reward is multiplied by ten times for each extra person that is part of the gathering. The person who organises this or makes people aware of this will receive the reward of everyone multiplied by ten times, and the reward of the rest will not be reduced.

Understand it this way that ten people get together and recite it one time each. Each person will receive the reward for reciting it one thousand times. The person who brought everyone together receives ten times more than everyone else and therefore receives ten thousand rewards. May Allah Almighty guide us all to perform this, Aameen.

When the quantity of blessings have been recited, raise your hands as you would for supplication; the Imam, or another appointed person, should recite the verses of the Shajrah. After that, recite Fatihah and present the reward to Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam, his Companions, his family, and all our pious predecessors. Next, recite the Supplication of Acceptance (Munaajaat), and then make

supplication for yourselves. Ensure that you supplicate for all Sunni Muslims and for all of us to die with faith.

#### Durood e Shifa

«اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ طِبِّ الْقُلُوبِ وَدَوَائِيهَا وَعَاقِبَةِ الْأَبْدَانِ  
وَشِفَائِيهَا وَنُورِ الْأَبْصَارِ وَضِيَائِيهَا وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ»

Translation: O Allah send blessings upon our Master Muhammad Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wasallam who is the physician and the medicine of hearts; he is the safety and the curer of our bodies; he is the light in our eyes and it's splendour, and send blessings and salutations on his family and his Companions. <sup>1</sup>

Benefit: Physical and spiritual illnesses are cured.

#### Durood e Hallil Mushkilaat

«اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ لَدَى مَا لَمْ يَنْفَعْ حَيْثُيْ أَدْرَكْنِي يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ»

Translation: Oh Allah send blessings upon our Master Muhammad Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wasallam, Yaa Rasool Allah Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wasallam, help me as my attempts and means have failed.

Benefit: The Mufti of Damascus, Haamid Aafandi Rehmatullahe Almighty 'Alaih was arrested one time and was in great trouble. The president was an archenemy of his. At night he was in great pain and difficulty when he suddenly fell asleep. Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam came into his dream, comforted him and taught him this

Durood, and said when you recite this, Allah Almighty will ease your difficulties. He woke up, recited this Durood and the difficulties were removed.

Many of our noble predecessors in Islam would recite this blessing during difficulties. Allama Syed Ibn Aabideen has quoted the proofs and details of this in his "Fatawa e Shaami."<sup>1</sup>

Method of Reciting: The way to recite this is to perform fresh ablution after 'Isha prayer and perform two rak'ats Nafl prayer. In the first raka'at, after "Alhamdu", recite "Surah Kaafiroon" and in the second, after "Alhamdu", recite "Surah Ikhlaas." When completed, sit facing the Qibla in a place where you will be able to sleep. Repent with a true heart and recite "*Astagfirullaahal 'Adheem*" one thousand times. After that, sit respectfully (as you would sit in Salaah), and imagine that you are pleading in the court of Rasool Allah Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wasallam. Recite the Durood one hundred, two hundred, three hundred times; keep reciting it until you start to feel sleepy. When you feel sleepy, lie down and go to sleep on your right side, facing the Qibla. When you wake up in the latter part of the night, sit respectfully in the same spot and recite the Durood until Fajr prayer. When you are reciting, keep your need or difficulty that you want help with in your mind. Insha Allah, in one night or three nights, your desire will be fulfilled. If the final night is the night of Friday, that is better.

Visiting the Rawdha of Beloved Rasool Sallallahu alaihi wasallam:  
Like sending blessings on Beloved Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam, even visiting the rawdah mubarak of Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam is of great importance for one muslim.

Allah subhanuwatal states:

"And if when they do injustice unto their souls, then O beloved! They should come to you and then beg forgiveness of Allah and the



prophet should intercede for them, then surely they would find Allah Most Relenting, Merciful" (Surah Nisa, verse 64)

In regards to the virtues of the people visiting the Rawdah mubarak, the Beloved Prophet has said, "Whoever visits my resting place, my intercession is compulsory for him." (Baihaqi)

Another narration states, Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam has said, "Whoever visits me after I leave this world, it is as though he visited me during my life on the earth. The one that dies in the precincts (Haram) of Makkah or Madinah, he will be raised with the peaceful ones on the day of judgement." (Dar Qutni)

It has also been stated by Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam "Whoever performs Hajj and does not visit me, definitely he has committed tyranny against me." (Kaamil Ibne Adi)

## Eid e Milaad un Nabi Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! Allah Almighty has favoured us with immeasurable bounties which cannot be counted. Every breath we take is a bounty and favour of Allah, if we cannot breathe in for a little while then that could mean the end of our life and if we cannot exhale that air then the case would be the same.

Likewise, Allah Almighty has blessed us with body parts such as eyes, hands, etc and bounties such as parents, food, shelter are signs of His immense Mercies on us. But Allah Almighty has never expressed His favour on any of these Mercies, except when He blessed us with His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, He has stated,

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ  
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ (3:164)

*Allah has indeed bestowed a great favour upon the Muslims, in that He sent to them a Noble Messenger (Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) from among them, who recites to them His verses, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom; and before it, they were definitely in open error.*

Now that we know that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is the greatest bounty of Allah Almighty upon us, then we should know that Quran asks us to rejoice on the bounties of Allah.

This is what we do in Eid e Milaad, to rejoice on the greatest favour of Allah Almighty as it is the arrival the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who showed us the way to our Lord, who liberated us from the evil and entered us into the gardens of goodness, who made our hearts worthy to hold the love and manifestation of Allah, who gave us a peaceful heart and a peaceful society, who is more concerned about us than our own selves and if any one of us was to

encounter any difficulty then he is most disturbed by it, as is made evident by this verse,

*Indeed there has come to you a Noble Messenger from among you - your falling into hardship aggrieves him, most concerned for your well being, for the Muslims most compassionate, most merciful. Then if they turn away, say (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him), "Allah suffices me; there is no worship except for Him; only Him have I trusted, and He is the Lord Of The Great Throne."*

When the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has given us so much then should we, as a nation, not celebrate his Milad, to remember his blessed life and the sacrifices that he made for us?

### **The Sunnat of Allah Almighty**

Let us talk about the very first Milad that took place,

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ النَّبِيِّينَ لَمَا آتَيْتُكُمْ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَحِكْمَةٍ ثُمَّ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مُصَدِّقٌ لِمَا مَعَكُمْ لَتُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهِ وَلَتَنْصُرُنَّهُ قَالَ أَأَقْرَرْتُمْ وَأَخَذْتُمْ عَلَىٰ ذَٰلِكُمْ إِصْرِي قَالُوا أَقْرَرْنَا قَالَ فَاشْهَدُوا وَأَنَا مَعَكُمْ مِنَ الشَّاهِدِينَ (3:81)

*And remember when Allah took a covenant from the Prophets; "If I give you the Book and knowledge and the (promised) Noble Messenger (Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) comes to you, confirming the Books you possess, you shall positively, definitely believe in him and you shall positively, definitely help him"; He said, "Do you agree, and accept My binding responsibility in this matter?" They all answered, "We agree"; He said, "Then bear witness amongst yourselves, and I Myself am a witness with you."*

This was indeed a very blessed gathering in which the host was Almighty Allah Himself and the guests were all the Prophets from Hazrat Adam Alaihis Salaam until Hazrat Isa Alaihis Salaam and the

purpose of which was to praise the Final Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam of Allah Almighty and to make evident his true status. In Milad, we too call a gathering and praise the Beloved Prophet of Allah, then, are we not following the way of Allah Almighty?

### **Did the Companions Celebrate Milad?**

To celebrate the Milad of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is not an innovation but rather a way established by the companions. The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself along with many of his companions used to Fast on Mondays to commemorate his birth and the arrival of the first Revelation.

Hazrat Ka'ab Ahbar RadiyAllahu Anhu, before entering into the folds of Islam, was a Jew and a renowned scholar of the Torah which was revealed upon Hazrat Moosa Alaihis Salaam. The companions used to approach him and ask him to recite the verses from the Torah which highlighted the blessed qualities of the Final Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. Hazrat Ka'ab would take them home and recite the verses with much love and enthusiasm and the companions would then praise Allah Almighty for bestowing them with such a bounty.

Once the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam emerged from his house and found the companions sat in a gathering. He asked, 'What are you doing?' They replied, 'We are praising our Lord, who only by His favour blessed us with Islam and His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.' Upon this RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam said, 'Allah Almighty is expressing Pride upon His angels about you.'

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas RadiyAllahu Anhuma reports, 'Some companions were sat talking about the different Prophets of Allah Almighty. One of them said, 'Ibrahim Alaihis Salaam is the Khaleel of Allah (Friend of Allah)', the other said, 'Moosa Alaihis Salaam is the Kaleem of Allah (Spoke to Allah)', the third one said, 'Isa Alaihis Salaam is Kalimatullah', the fourth one said, 'Adam Alaihis Salaam is

Safiullah'. Just then the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam arrived and said, 'I have heard your conversation and indeed you all have spoken the truth, but listen, I am the Beloved of Allah, and I don't say this out of pride.'

Thus to organise a gathering to praise Allah Almighty and His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is not an innovation but the Sunnah of the companions.

### **The Purpose of Milad**

In Islamic terminology, Milad is to organise a gathering to remember and praise the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, talking about his blessed birth, about his blessed life and achievements, to discuss the high merit bestowed by Allah on him, and so on.

Imam Jalaluddin Syuti Rahmatullah Alaih states, 'The logic behind Milad is to recite the Holy Quran, to read the narrations highlighting the blessed birth of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and then to distribute some sweets. The scholars are unanimous that these are blessed deeds and a way of expressing our joy at the arrival of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and to remember his high status.' [Husnul Maqsad Fil Amalil Mawlid]

The father of Alaa Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza, Hazrat Maulana Naqi Ali Khan RadiyAllahu Anhum states, 'The concept behind Milad is that an individual or a group of people gather to sincerely and with the depth of their hearts remember and express gratitude on the greatest bounty of Allah Almighty and remember his blessed birth, his days of fostering, the Revelations, the incidents of his life and migration, the Irhas and the Mu'jizaat as shown by him, his blessed nature and character and the high rank decreed by Allah to him, to understand the respect and the exclusive characteristics unique to him, to quote the saying of the companions and the renowned scholars, to send excessive Duroods whilst in the gathering and

distributes sweets at the end. All this is good, established, and proved.

One is required to celebrate and rejoice in every possible manner. Just as we prepare and rejoice for the other Eids, in the same way we should prepare for this Eid because if it was not for this Eid, we would never have the other Eids. Allah Almighty has said that if it was not for His Beloved, he would not have created the universe. So, along with wearing new clothes, preparing good food, one should try and stand in Salaam at the time of birth, apply scent, spend generously on the family, feed the poor, provide to the destitute, etc and earn tremendous rewards.

Unfortunately, there are some, who in the name of celebrations, engage themselves in disliked acts such as fireworks and other un-Islamic activities which is a complete waste of time and money.

### **The Reward of Milad**

There are immense and uncountable rewards on celebrating Milad, let us look at just one:

Abu Lahb was one of the staunchest enemies of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam and is the only one amongst the enemies of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam who has been criticised by name in the Holy Quran. When he heard from his maid Suwaibah that a nephew was born to him, he out happiness and as a mark of celebration at the arrival of his nephew pointed his finger indicating that he has set her free for bringing the good news.

After he died, Hazrat Abbas RadiyAllahu saw him in his dream and enquired, 'What is your state now?' He replied, 'I am in the severe punishment of Allah Almighty but every Monday I am given water from my finger which I pointed to free my maid because of the arrival of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam. [Bukhari Sharif]

It is interesting to note that if a non believer and a staunch enemy of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam has his torment reduced and receives water, which cannot even be imagined in Hell, for celebrating the arrival of his nephew, then we being the believers and the slaves of RasoolAllah Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, celebrate the arrival of our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam, then how can we be devoid of rewards from Allah Almighty?

**The Prophet of Mercy's Universal Message**  
**Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

Now let us look at the final and most comprehensive sermon delivered by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam during his final pilgrimage. This sermon was an embodiment of knowledge and wisdom and contained a universal everlasting message.

'O People! Just as this day (day of Arafa) is sacred, this month is sacred (Zill-Hajj) and this city is sacred (Makkah), so is the life and wealth of every Muslim a sacred. Indeed you will see your Lord and He will account about your deeds.

Be cautious! I have conveyed the message. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. God has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. Neither anyone will inflict injustice upon you, nor will inflict injustice upon anyone. God has judged that there shall be no *riba* and that all the *riba* due to 'Abbas ibn 'Abd al Muttalib shall henceforth be waived.

Every right arising out of homicide in pre-Islamic days is henceforth waived and the first such right that I waive is that arising from the murder of Rabi'ah ibn al Harith ibn Abdul Muttalib.

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

O People, the year has been divided into twelve months since the creation of the skies and the earth. Four of them are sacred, three of these are successive and one occurs singly between the months of Jumada and Sha'ban. Do not fight in these months. The Unbelievers indulge in tampering with the calendar in order to make permissible that which God forbade, and to forbid that which God has made permissible.

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under God's trust and with His



permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. If she goes against your wishes then you can sleep away from her and hit her lightly then return back to her when she repents. Do treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

Indeed I have conveyed to you the message of Allah Almighty. I am leaving two things behind me. If you hold them tightly then you will never go astray. One is the Book of Allah and the other is the way of your Prophet.

O People, listen to me carefully. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Learn that three characteristics should cause envy; doing any good only to please Allah Almighty, to boldly correct the ruler and to stick with the Muslim masses.

Whosoever yearns only for the worldly gains, Allah Almighty will show him shortage and poverty and he will see his wealth scattered. (Despite his efforts) He will earn no more than was destined. (On the contrary) Whosoever yearns for the Hereafter, Allah will content his heart and his earnings will suffice him and the worldly wealth humiliatingly follows him.

May Allah Almighty have mercy on those who listen to what I say and then convey it to others. Sometimes, the bearer of knowledge passes it to someone who is more able than him.

Treat your slaves nicely. Feed them from what you eat and clothe them from what you wear. And if you happen to strongly dislike them for their mistakes then sell them off.

O servants of Allah! Do not be cruel to your neighbours. Take my advice on this. (The companions said that the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam repeated this so many times that we thought that our neighbours will be made our inheritors.)

O People! Allah has already decreed the inheritance, so you do not need to make a will. A son will always inherit the father's name and if anyone links his lineage to anyone apart from his father will be under the curse of Allah, His Angels and all the people.

Allah will not settle for anything less than that what is borrowed is returned to the owner, the debt is cleared and what is entrusted is also returned.

What will you reply when you will be asked about me?' The companions replied, 'we will say, 'We will testify that you truthfully conveyed the message of Allah with utmost sincerity.'

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! This was the last sermon delivered by the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam on the 9th of Zill-Hajj in 10 Hijri, in which he summarised the core of his teachings and outlined the rights of people. He highlighted the rules regarding our family and social life, and cautioned us from following the evil practices of the devil. It is worth reading the sermon over and over again so that we fully understand the message and implement it in order to improve our lives and the society. May Allah Almighty give us the ability to be steadfast on the teachings of His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam.

## **The Blessed Life of the Holy Prophet at a Glance**

## Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam

- Father's Name : Hazrat Abdullah bin Abdul Muttalib  
RadiyahAllahu Anhumama
- Mother's Name : Hazrat Amina bint Wahab  
RadiyahAllahu Anha
- The Blessed Birth : The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa  
Sallam was born 55 days before the incident  
of Feel on Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> Rabi ul Awwal  
corresponding to 20 April 571 A.D in  
Makkah Mukarrama.
- The Blessed Lineage : Sayyeduna Muhammed son of Abdullah  
son of Abdul Muttalib son of Hashim son of  
Abd Munaf son of Kusaa son of Kilaab son of  
Murrah son of Ka'b son of Luwa son of  
Gaalib son of Fihri son of Maalik son of  
Nadhr son of Kinaanah son of Khuzeimah  
son of Mudrikah son of Ilyas son of Mudhar  
son of Nazaar son of Mu'id son of Adnaan  
(Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam wa RadiyahAllahu  
Anhum)

No	Prominent Incidents	Date
1	Father of the Holy Prophet, Hazrat Abdullah RadiyahAllahu Anhu left this world	6 months before the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's birth in Banu Adi Najjar

2	Mother of Holy Prophet Hazrat Amina RadiyAllahu Anha left this world	When the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam was 6 years old
3	Hazrat Abdul Muttalib RadiyAllahu Anhu passed away	At the age of 8
4	The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's first journey to Syria	At the age of 12
5	First Battle in which the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam participated	At the age of 14
6	The treaty	After the first battle
7	Second journey to Syria	At the age of 25
8	People of Makkah gave him the title of 'The Truthful' and 'The Trustworthy'	Just after the age of 25
9	Nikaah with Hazrat Khadija RadiyAllahu Anha	At the age of 25
10	The conflict amongst Quraish about who will place the Black Stone in the Holy Ka'ba	At the age of 35
11	Extensive worshipping in isolation in the cave of Hira on Mount Noor	At the age of 37
12	The first Revelation and the declaration of Prophet-hood	At the age of 40
13	Commencement of inviting people towards Islam	Year 1 ( After declaring Prophet-hood)
14	Inviting people towards Islam In secrecy	Year 1 to 3
15	Openly inviting people towards Islam	Year 4
16	Allowing first migration of companions towards Abyssinia	Year 5
17	The uncle of the Holy Prophet , Hazrat Ameer Hamza accepts Islam	Year 6
18	Hazrat Umar Farooq RadiyAllahu Anhu accepts Islam	Year 6
19	Siege of the Muslims in the valley of Abu Talib	Year 7 to 10
20	The uncle of the Holy Prophet, Abu Taalib passes away	Year 10
21	The mother of the faithful Hazrat Khadija RadiyAllahu Anha passes away	Year 10

22	The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam in Taif to invite people	Year 10
23	The Ascension (Me'raj) of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam	Year 10
24	The five daily prayers become obligatory	Year 10 (During Me'raj)
22	First pledge of Uqbah	Year 12
26	Second pledge of Uqbah	Year 13
27	The migration of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam from Makkah to Madina	28 <sup>th</sup> Safar Year 13
28	Departure from the cave of Saur	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Rabi ul Awwal Year 13
29	Arrival in Quba	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Rabi ul Awwal Year 13
30	First Juma Prayer	12 <sup>th</sup> Rabi ul Awwal Year 13 in Banu Saalim (just outside Madina)
31	Arrival in Madina Munawwara	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Rabi ul Awwal Year 14
32	Establishment of Masjid Al Nabwi	Hijri 1
33	Introduction of Azaan as a call to prayers	Hijri 1
34	The brotherhood ties between the Migrants and the Helpers (Muhajir and Ansaar)	Hijri 1 (During the construction of Masjid Al Nabvi)
35	Hazrat Salmaan Faarsi accepts Islam	Hijri 1
36	Fasting and Zakat becomes obligatory	Ramadan Hijri 2
37	First Eid Namaz in Eid-Gaah (open ground)	Shawwal Hijri 2
38	The consent for Jihad	12 <sup>th</sup> Safar Hijri 2
39	The battle of Badr	17 <sup>th</sup> Ramadan Hijri 2
40	The changing of Qibla	Hijri 2
41	The order to give Sadqa e Fitr	Hijri 2

42	The establishment of the rules on murder	Hijri 2
43	The battle Uhad	Shawwal Hijri 3
44	The establishment of the rules on inheritance	Hijri 3
45	Prohibition to marry polytheist women	Hijri 3
46	The incident of Beer Ma'unah	Safar Hijri 4
47	The prohibition of alcohol	Hijri 4 or Hijri 6
48	The battle of Badr Al Sugraa	Hijri 4
49	The obligation of Hijaab	Hijri 5
50	The Battle of Khandaq (trench)	Zul Qa'dah Hijri 5
51	The Revelation on Tayammum	Hijri 5
52	The incident of Ufak	Hijri 5
53	The battle of Hudaibiyah	Zul Qa'dah Hijri 6
54	The pledge of Ridwan	Zul Qa'dah Hijri 6
55	The obligation of Hajj	Hijri 6
56	Invitations to different empires	Muharram Hijri 7
57	The battle of Khaiber	Muharram Hijri 7
58	The prohibition of Mut'ah (temporary marriages)	Muharram Hijri 7 (During battle of Khaiber)
59	The victory over Makkah	Ramadan Hijri 8
60	The battle of Hunain	Shawwal Hijri 8
61	The rules regarding theft	Hijri 8
62	Complete prohibition of alcohol and gambling	Hijri 8

63	The battle of Tabook	Rajab Hijri 9
64	The prohibition of Interest	Hijri 9
65	The last pilgrimage	Hijri 10
66	The final illness	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Muharram Hijri 11
67	The Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam passes away	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Rabi ul Awwal Hijri 11
68	Burial	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Rabi ul Awwal Hijri 11

**The Blessed Wives of the Holy Prophet  
Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam**

BLESSED NAME	YEAR OF MARRIAGE	AGE OF PROPHET	AGE OF WIFE	THE YEAR OF PASSING AWAY	AGE	STATE WHEN GETTING MARRIED
Hazrat Khadijah	25 <sup>th</sup> year of birth	25 Yrs	40 yrs	10 <sup>th</sup> Ramdhaan, 10 <sup>th</sup> year from proclamation of Prophet hood	65 yrs	She was married two times before.
Hazrat Saudah	10 <sup>th</sup> year from proclamation of Prophet hood	50 yrs	50 yrs	23 A. H. or Shawwal, 54 A. H.	76 or 106 yrs	She was widow
Hazrat Aysha	Shawwal 2 A. H.	54 Yrs	9 Yrs	17 <sup>th</sup> Ramadhaan, 57 or 58 A. H.	63 or 65 yrs	She was most beloved to Prophet
Hazrat Hafsa	Shabaan, 3 A. H.	55 yrs	20 Yrs	Jamadir ula, 45 A. H.	60 or 63 yrs	She was widow
Hazrat Zainub binte Khuzaima	Shabaan, 3 A. H.	55 yrs	30 Yrs	3 A. H.	30 Yrs	She was widow
Hazrat Umme Salmah	Shawwal, 4 A. H.	56 Yrs	26 Yrs	59 A. H.	80 Yrs	She was widow
Hazrat Zainab binte Jahash	5 A. H.	57 Yrs	36 Yrs	20 A. H.	51 Yrs	She was divorced
Hazrat Juwayriya	Shabaan, 5 A. H.	57 Yrs	20 Yrs	Rabi-ul-Awwal, 56 A. H.	71 Yrs	She came as a captive
Hazrat Umme Habiba	6 A. H.	57 Yrs	36 Yrs	44 A. H.	72 Yrs	She was daughter of Abu Sufyan
Hazrat Safiyya	Muharram, 7 A. H.	59 Yrs	17 Yrs	50 A. H.	60 Yrs	She was widow
Hazrat Maimuna	7 A. H.	59 Yrs	36 Yrs	51 A. H.	80 Yrs	She was widow



## The Blessed Children of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam

No	Name of the mother	Names of Children	Birth	Death
1	Hazrat Khadijatul Kubraa Radiyallahu Anha	Hazrat Qasim	Before the declaration of Prophet-hood	At birth
		Hazrat Zainab		8 Hijri
		Hazrat Ruqaiya		2 Hijri
		Hazrat Abdullah		At birth
		Hazrat Ummi Kulsum		9 <sup>th</sup> Shaban
		Hazrat Fatema		3 <sup>rd</sup> Ramadan Hijri 11
2	Hazrat Mariah Qabtiya	Hazrat Ibrahim	Zull Haj-Hijri 8	Hijri 10 Rabi-ul-Awwal

## The Gazwaat of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam

### What are Gazwaat?

My Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam's beloved followers! In Islamic terminology 'Gazwah' is that expedition in which the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam himself participated in. And those wars which took place at the time of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam but he himself did not participate in them are called Siraya.

There is some confusion amongst the historians about the actual number of Gazwaat and Siraya. The Gazwaat are anywhere between nineteen and twenty-seven and the Siraya between forty-seven and fifty-six.

No	Battle Name	Total worriers	Total oppositions	Dates
1	Abwa'	60	Group of Quraish	Safar 2 Hijri
2	Bawaat	200	100 (Group of Businessmen)	Rabi ul Awwal 2 Hijri
3	Safwaan	70	A large group	Rabi ul Awwal 2 Hijri
4	Zil Ushairah	150	Business Caravans	Jamadil Aakhir 2 Hijri
5	Badr Al Kubrah	313	1000	17 <sup>th</sup> Ramadan 2 Hijri
6	Banu Qainiqa	Group of Companions	700	Shawwal 2 Hijri
7	Saweeq	200	200	Zul Hijjah 2 Hijri
8	Banu Saleem	200	The tribe of Banu Saleem	Muharram 3 Hijri
9	Gutfan	450	The tribes of Banu Sa'laba and Maharib	Rabi ul Awwal 3 Hijri
10	Uhad	1000	3000	6 <sup>th</sup> Shawwal 3 Hijri
11	Humra-ul-Asad	540	2970	7 <sup>th</sup> Shawwal 3 Hijri
12	Bani Nazir	Group of Companions	Banu Nazir	Rabi ul Awwal 4 Hijri
13	Badr Sugra	1510	2050	Zul Qa'dah 4 Hijri
14	Zaat-ur-Riqaa	400	The tribes of Banu Sa'laba and Anmar	10 <sup>th</sup> Muharram 5 Hijri
15	Dawmat-ul-Jandal	1000	The people of Dawmat-ul-Jandal	Rabi ul Awwal 5 Hijri
16	Bani Mustalaq	700	About 800	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shabaan 5 Hijri
17	Khandaq	3000	10000	Shawwal or Zul Qa'dah, 5 Hijri
18	Banu Quraizah	Group of	The tribe of	Zul Hijjah

		Companions	Banu Quraizah	5 Hijri
19	Bani Lahyan	200	The tribe of Bani Lahyan	Rabi ul Awwal 5 Hijri
20	Zi Qarwah	500	The tribe of Banu Gatfaan	Rabi ul Aakhir 6 Hijri
21	Hudaibiyah	1400	People of Makkah	Zul Qa'dah 6 Hijri
22	Khaiber	1600	10000	Muharram 7 Hijri
23	Wadi-Al-Qura	1382	The Jews	Muharram 7 Hijri
24	Victory over Makkah	10000	The Quraish of Makkah	Ramadan 8 Hijri
25	Hunain	12000	The tribes of Hawazin and Saqeef	Shawwal 8 Hijri
26	Ta'if	12000	The tribes of Hawazin and Saqeef	Shawwal 8 Hijri
27	Tabook	30000	The army of Arab and Rome	Rajab 9 Hijri

### Letters of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam

No	Name of the messenger	Name of the king	Name of the Kingdom
1	Amr bin Umaiyya Zamri	Najashi	Habsha (Abyssinia)
2	Hazrat Dahiya bin Kalbi	Hercules	Rome
3	Hazrat Abdullah Bin Hazafah	Khushru Parvaiz Harmaz	Iran
4	Hazrat Hatib Bin Abi Balta'	Maqooqas	Egypt
5	Hazrat Saleet bin Amr Aamiree	Hooz bin Ali Haqqi	Yamama
6	Hazrat Shuza Bin Wahab	Haris Bin Abi Samar Gistani	Damascus

7	Hazrat Alaa' bin Hazrami	Munzar Bin Sawi	Bahrain
8	Hazrat Amr Bin Aas	Jayfar Bin Jalandi Bin Aamir	Oman

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JIS KAY MATHAY SHAFAT KA SEHRA RAHAA  
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KUL JAHA(N) MILK AUR JAWO KI ROTI GHIZA  
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