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LOVING THE PROPHET Muhammad

(Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him)



Bismillah!

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Loving the Prophet Muhammad (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) is the most important type of love that each and every Muslim should learn, instill in his heart and practice daily. We are to love the Prophet since he brought us out from darkness into the light and from misguidance to guidance. He received the Divine Message from his Rabb (Lord) and delivered it in full to people. He (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) demonstrated Islam in word and deed to the Muslim Ummah, the whole matters of Shri'ah, leaving nothing unclear or undelivered; so he left Muslims upon a path of brightness whose night is like its day; no one will deviate from it after me but one who is doomed.



However, it is essential to know who is our Reverend Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) before spotlighting: Loving the Prophet Muhammad.

Who is Prophet Muhammad?

(Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him)

Personality and Dignity

- Prophet Muhammad was the son of

‘Abdullah, who was the son of ‘Abdul-Muttalib, who was the son of Hashim - whose ancestry reached the Prophet Isma‘il the son of the Prophet Ibrahim, peace of Allah be upon all of them.

- He was born in the year 571 in the town of Makkah.
- His mother was Aminah Bint Wahab, one of the honourable ladies of Makkah.
- His father died before he was born; his mother died when he was six. Then, his grandfather ‘Abdul-Muttalib sponsored him. His grandfather died when he was eight years old. After that, he became under the sponsorship of his uncle Abu Talib.
- He did not worship idols at all.
- He was of great moral character. His people called him the Truthful and the Honest. The people of Makkah loved him.

- Allah, the Exalted, revealed to him at forty. Then, he started to invite his people to Islam.
- Some of the people of Makkah converted to Islam, whereas the dignitaries opposed his Da‘wah and tortured the Muslims to force them to disbelieve.
- He and his Companions migrated from Makkah to Al-Madinah after thirteen years passed in Da‘wah and patience; Al-Ansar (the people of Al-Madinah) received the Prophet and Muslims in the best manner and shared them in their wealth.
- He (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) stayed at Al-Madinah for ten years, teaching Muslims their religion that survived as sound as revealed to him in word and deed. He taught Muslims each and every matter, good matters to follow or bad ones to avoid.

His Noble Characteristics :

Allah, the Exalted, has granted His Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) a set of virtues and noble characteristics, among which are:

- He is the Messenger of Allah, the seal of the prophets, the Best among all His Prophets and Messengers and the Master of the Children of Adam (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him). Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur‘an (meanings):

{Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the Messenger of Allah, and the Seal of the Prophets: and Allah has full knowledge of all things.} [33:40]

The Messenger of Allah (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said:

"I am the master of the children
of Adam on the Day of Judgment
" [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

- His message addresses all creatures from among the human beings and Jinn. Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

{We have not sent you but as a
universal Messenger to men, giving
them glad tidings, and warning
them (against sin). [34:28]}

- It is a duty to obey and adhere to the Prophet's directives, in word and deed. Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

{He who obeys the Messenger,
obeys Allah} [4:80]

- To violate his directives results in misguidance. Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

{So let those beware who dissent
from the Prophet's order, lest
Fitnah (trial) strike them or a
painful punishment.} [24:63]

- He is a Mercy to the worlds. Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

{And We have not sent you,
[O Muhammad], except as a
mercy to the worlds.} [21:107]

How to Attain the Prophet's Loving!

Here are some Doings by which we can attain the Prophet's Loving!

- To obey the Prophet and to follow his Sunnah in word and in deed. Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

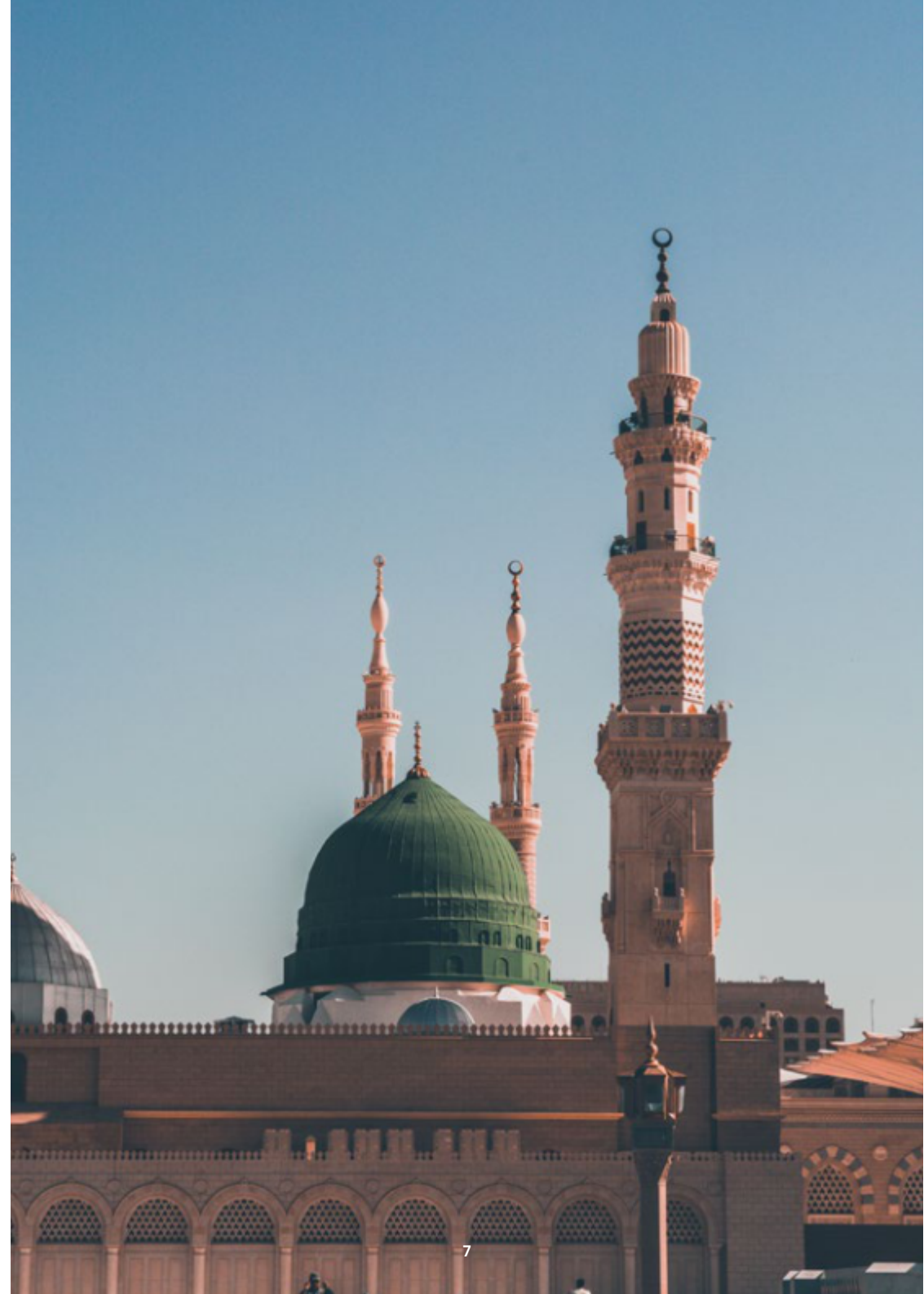
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- To honor and revere the Prophet and to avoid any form of belittling his Sunnah; to address him with: The Prophet Not in his name.
- Much repeating of: (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) upon the Prophet.
- To study his Sirah (biography) and to follow his way of life in word and in deed. Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

{Ye have indeed in the Messenger of
Allah a beautiful pattern (of conduct)
for anyone whose hope is in Allah
and the Final Day, and who engages
much in the Praise of Allah.} [33:21]

- Longing for his meeting. The Messenger of Allah (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said:

"The people most loved by me from amongst my Ummah would be those who would come after me , but everyone amongst them would have the keenest desire to catch a glimpse of me even at the cost of his family and wealth." (Muslim)





Benefits and the fruit of loving and following the Sunnah of the Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him)

- To lead a life of ease and comfort in accompanying the Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) in Paradise.

A man asked the Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) 'When will the Hour be established O Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him)?' The Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "What have you prepared for it?" The man said, 'I haven't prepared for it much of prayers or fast or charity, but I love Allah and His Messenger.' The Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "You will be with those whom you love." [Muslim].

- To attain the highest rank of complete faith.

'Umar Ibn Al-Khattab (May Allah be pleased with him) said to the Prophet: 'O Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him)! You are dearer to me than everything except me.' The Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, you will not have complete faith till I am dearer to you than yourself." Then, 'Umar said to him: 'However, now, by Allah, you are dearer to me than own self.' The Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said, "Now, O 'Umar, (now you are a believer).

- Loving the Prophet and much repeating of (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) relieve one from each and every form of sorrow, and lead to His Forgiveness, pardon and having a good status in the Present Life.

'Ubay Ibn Ka'ib suggested devoting all his prayer to the Prophet, who (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) replied, "Then you will be freed from care and your sin will be expiated." [Al-Tirmizi].

- Following the Sunnah (the Prophet's Way of Life) grants one infallibility and protection from committing sins, and leads to attaining guidance and safeguarding in life.

Al-'Irbad bin Sariyah narrated that: 'One day after the dawn Salah, the Messenger of Allah (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) exhorted us to the extent that the eyes wept and the hearts shuddered with fear. A man said: 'Indeed this is a farewell exhortation. [So what] do you order us O Messenger of Allah?' He said: "I order you to have Taqwah (piety) of Allah, and to listen and obey, even in the case of an Ethiopian slave (became your ruler). Indeed, whoever among you lives, he will see much difference. Beware of the newly invented matters, for indeed they are astray. Whoever among you sees that, then he must stick to my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the rightly guided Khulafa', cling to it with the molars.'" [Al-Tirmizi].



**Depiction of Al-Sahabah
(Companions') Loving of the
Prophet (Blessings and peace
of Allah be upon him).**

'Urwah Ibn Mas'oud (as related in the story of Al-Hudaibiyah Reconciliation) said: 'O my People! By Allah! I paid a visit to kings, Czar, Negus, and Khosroes. By Allah! I have never seen a king whose followers honor him as much as the Companions of Muhammad do.

Rabi'ah Ibn Ka'b Al-Aslami (May Allah be pleased with him) said: 'I used to spend my night in the company of the Messenger of Allah (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) and used to put up water for his ablutions. One day he said to me: "Ask something of me." I said: 'I request your companionship in Paradise'. He inquired, "Is there anything else?" I said, 'That is all.' He said, "Then help me in your request by multiplying your prostrations". (Muslim)

'Amr Ibn Al-'Aas said: 'I have never loved somebody more than Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him), and nobody was dearer to me than him; so I could not bear to satisfy my eyes from looking at him due to his rank in my heart. Thereupon, I cannot describe him.'

Our Last Call is:

**All Praises and Thanks are Due to Allah
the Lord of the Worlds.**

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