

## ARTICLE

### **The Noble Conduct of the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.)**

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Alhamdulillah, certainly all praises are for Allah Ta'la who has chosen the best way of life (Islam) for us, and has favoured us to be from among the ummah (nation) of the greatest Prophet (Muhammad S.A). The Prophet (S.A) was indeed blessed by Allah with the noblest of conduct and morals. Allah Ta'la Himself endorses the unmatched character of the Holy Prophet (S.A) in the Glorious Quraan. Allah says "Certainly you (O Muhammad) are upon a very high standard of character" (68:4). The Prophet (S.A) himself said "I have been sent to perfect good character".

The ones who are most acquainted with a person's qualities are those who live with him. As such, many companions of the Holy Prophet (S.A) have informed us about his high and noble personality. Anas (R.A) says, "I remained in the service of the Messenger of Allah for ten years. He never once told me 'oof'. When I did something, he never asked me, why did you do so? When I did not do a certain task, he never asked me why I did not do it. The Messenger of Allah (S.A) had the best character among all people. I never felt silk cloth, or pure silk, or anything else softer than the palm of the Messenger of Allah (S.A). Nor did I smell any musk or any other fragrance sweeter than the perspiration of the Messenger of Allah (S.A)".

Aisha (R.A) reports, that, "It was not the nature of the Messenger of Allah (S.A) to talk indecently nor did he engage himself in the use of obscene language. Nor did he shout and talk in bazaars. He did not avenge a bad deed with a bad one, but forgave it and thereafter did not even mention it".

Aisha (R.A) states, "The Messenger of Allah (S.A) did not hit anything with his blessed hands, besides the time when he made Jihād in the path of Allah. He did not hit a servant or a woman (i.e. a slave girl or his wife)". (Muslim)

Aisha (R.A) says, "I have never seen the Messenger of Allah (S.A) avenge himself for a personal affliction, but if anyone transgressed a prohibited thing from those prohibited by Allah, then there was no one angrier than him. Whenever the Messenger of Allah (S.A) was given a choice between two things, he always chose the one that was simple, which did not lead to any type of sin". (Bukhari, Muslim)

Hassan (R.A) says, "Husain said", "I asked my father about the conduct of the Messenger of Allah in his assemblies". He replied, "The Messenger of Allah (S.A) was always happy and easy mannered. There was always a smile and a sign of happiness on his blessed face. He was soft natured and when the people needed his approval he easily gave consent. He did not speak in a harsh tone nor was he strong hearted. He did not scream while speaking, nor was he rude or spoke indecently. He did not seek other's faults. He never over praised anything nor exceeded in joking, nor was he a miser. He kept away from undesirable language and did not make as if he did not hear anything. If he did not agree with the next person's wish he did not make that person feel disheartened, nor did he promise anything to that person. He completely kept himself away from three things; from arguments, pride and senseless utterances. He prohibited people from these three things. He did not disgrace or insult anyone, nor look for the faults of others; he only spoke that from which rewards were attained. When he spoke, those present bowed their heads in such a manner, as though birds were sitting on their heads. When he completed his talks, then others would begin speaking. They did not argue before him regarding anything. Whenever someone

spoke to him the other kept quiet and listened until he was finished. The speech of every person was as if the first person was speaking. When all laughed for something he would laugh too. The things that surprised the people, he would also show his surprise regarding that (He would not sit quietly and keep himself aloof from everyone, but made himself part of the gathering). He exercised patience at the harshness and indecent questions of a traveller. He would say, "When you see a person in need, then always help that person". If someone by way of thanks praised him, he would remain silent".

Abdullah bin Amr bin Al Aas was asked about the description of the Messenger of Allah mentioned in the Tawrah. He said "Surely by Allah he is described in the Tawrah with some of the descriptions mentioned in the Holy Quraan, which are: "O Prophet, We have sent you as a witness, a giver of glad tidings, a warner and a protector of the unlettered people. You are My servant and Messenger, I have named you 'Mutawakil' (i.e. one who has full confidence in Allah)". The Tawrah further mentions about the Prophet (S.A), "He is not impolite nor is he obstinate and he is not loud in the city. He does not repay a bad action with a bad one, but he overlooks and forgives. Allah will not take him until He establishes through him the religion, which the people say, "Laa ilaaha illallah" (i.e. there is no God but Allah). Through him, Allah will open the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf and the hearts which have been sealed". (Bukhari, Darimi)

Anas (R.A.) states that the Messenger of Allah (S.A) said, "I shall be the first to come out when people shall be raised from their graves and I shall be their leader when they proceed to Allah and I shall be their speaker when they shall be silent and I shall be their intercessor when they are taken into account. The keys on that day shall be in my hands and the flag of 'praises' on that day shall be in my hands". (Tirmizi)

My dear readers, these narrations clearly indicate to us the lofty status and the noble personality of this great Messenger of Allah (Muhammad S.A). This is why Allah Ta'la says in the Holy Quraan "Certainly, there is in the Messenger of Allah (S.A) the most perfect example" (33:21). From all these narrations we ourselves can also bear witness to this. Let us strive to inculcate these noble traits in our lives and pattern our conduct to that of the Prophet (S.A) so that Insha Allah we will come closer to perfection of character and increase our nearness to Allah Ta'la and His Messenger (S.A).