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فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

**"So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord,  
let him work righteousness and associate none  
as a partner in the worship of his Lord."**

The Noble Qur.aan - Soorah al-Kahf, Aayah 110

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy. The One who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, to make it superior over all religions even though the disbelievers hate it. They wish to extinguish the light of Allaah with their mouths but Allaah will not allow except that His Light should be perfected even though the disbelievers hate it. To proceed:

One of the greatest blessings of Allah on this Ummah is the fact that He sent the greatest and most honorable man ever to walk this earth, in fact we can safely say that he was, is and will be the greatest creation of Allah. A prophet, whose qualities and attributes are so many that even his enemies bore witness to his greatness let alone his allies. He is none other than Muhammad bin Abdullah bin Abdul-Mutalib bin Hashim bin Abd-Manaf from the progeny of the prophet Ismail who was the son of the prophet and messenger Ibrahim May the blessings of Allah be upon them all. He was created physically and mentally complete, free from any deficiencies, so much so that the companion Hassaan bin Thabit (may Allah be pleased with him) would say in his eulogy of the prophet (Salla Allahu Alaihi wasallam): "My eyes have never seen anyone better and women have never given birth to anyone more beautiful, you are so complete and free of any deficiencies it is as though you were created the way you wanted."

As Muslims we are grateful and pleased to have Allah as our lord, Islam as our religion and Muhammad as our prophet and messenger. No matter what his enemies say about him, history will always remember him as a prophet of mercy, a prophet of repentance, a prophet whose only aim and goal in life was to call to the worship of Allah alone without associating any partners with him. And history will overlook and forget his present day enemies just as it forgot the enemies of old. The clouds are not harmed by the barking of the dogs and the caravan continues its journey although the dogs bark.

None can ever describe the prophet's character better than his companions. They lived and breathed in his shadows; they knew him and loved him more than anyone else. They were prepared on more than one occasion to sacrifice their very lives for this great prophet. One of the polytheists (Mushrikoon) when he witnessed the love and awe the companions had for this noble prophet was taken aback and he said: I have seen kings and their subjects but I have never witnessed anything like the love the companions of Muhammad have for Muhammad." The following Ahaadeeth have been taken from an abridged version of a book titled: "Mukhtasar Shamaail Al-Tirmidhi". The book was originally authored by Al-Imam Abu Isa Al-Tirmidi it was then abridged by Sheikh

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Muhammad Naasir-ul-Deen Al-Albaani may Allah have mercy on them both. Some of these Ahadeeth can be found in Sahih Al-Bukhari and Muslim, and the rest have been authenticated by Sheikh Albaani and other notable scholars.

Knowing the prophet's character and description will only increase in his love and admiration. This love and admiration should be epitomized by following and adhering to his sunnah. Allah the Al-mighty says the meaning of which is:

**{Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad ) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much.} [Al-Ahzab 21]**

I ask Allah to make us of those whose love for the prophet (salla Allahu Alaihi wasallam) guides them to adhering to his sunnah and abstaining from any disobedience and innovation. All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance.

#### **Hadeeth no 1**

On the Authority of Anas who said: "The messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him was a man of medium height, neither tall nor short, with a beautiful body. His hair was neither curly nor straight. He was reddish in colour. When he walked he would lean forward."

#### **Hadeeth no 2**

On the authority of Al-Braa ibn Aazib who said: "The messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him was a man of medium height with wide shoulders and abundant hair that reached his earlobes. (I saw him) wearing a red cloak, I have never seen anything more beautiful than him." And in another narration he said: "I have never seen anyone wearing a red cloak more beautiful than the messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, he had hair that would beat against his shoulders, he had wide shoulders, he was neither short nor tall."

#### **Hadeeth no 3**

On the authority of Jaabir ibn Samura who said: "I saw the messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him on a moonlit night, he was wearing a red cloak, so I started looking at him and then the moon, I swear by Allah he was more beautiful in my eyes than the moon."

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#### Hadeeth no 4

On the Authority of Abu Ishaq who said: A man asked Al-Baraa ibn Aazib: "Was the face of the messenger of Allah similar to a sword? He said: "No, it was similar to the moon."

#### Hadeeth no 5

On the authority of Jaabir: "That the prophet may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him prohibited eating with the left hand or walking with one sandal."

#### Hadeeth no 6

On the authority of Abu Hurairah that the prophet of Allah said: **"When one of you wears his sandals then let him begin with the right and when he removes it then let him begin with the left, so let the right (foot) be the first to be worn and the last to be removed."**

#### Hadeeth no 7

On the Authority of Amr ibn Al-as who said: "The messenger of Allah used to turn towards the least (In status and position) when speaking so as to draw their hearts (and make them feel welcome), so he used to turn towards me with his face and speech until I thought I was the best and most virtuous of those present, so I said "O messenger of Allah, am I better or Abu Bakr?" He said: **"Abu Bakr"**, so I said: "O messenger of Allah, am I better or Umar?" He said: **"Umar"**, so I said: "Am I better or Uthman?" He said: **"Uthman"**. So when I asked the messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and he was honest and truthful to me I wished I hadn't asked him."

#### Hadeeth no 8

On the authority of Anas who said: I served the messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him for ten years, and he never once said to me a word of disrespect, he never said to me about something I did why did you do it or something that I failed to do why did you not do it. The messenger of Allah was the best of people in character, and I have never touched silk or anything softer than the palm of the messenger of Allah. In addition, I have never smelt musk or perfume more fragrant and pleasant than the sweat of the prophet may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him."

#### Hadeeth no 9

On the authority of Aisha that she said: " I have never seen the messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him taking revenge because of an oppression which he suffered so long as the boundaries of Allah were not transgressed. So, if any of the boundaries

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of Allah were transgressed he would be the most severe in anger, and he was never given a choice between two matters except that he chose the easier of the two as long as it didn't involve any sinning."

#### Hadeeth no 10

On the authority of Anas may Allah be pleased with him who said: The prophet may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him would never save anything (from his wealth) for tomorrow."

#### Hadeeth no 11

On the authority of Hudhaifa who said: I met the prophet may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him in one of the pathways of Madeenah and he said: **"I am Muhammad and I am Ahmed, and I am the prophet of mercy and the prophet of repentance, and I am the one who follows in the footsteps of the messengers before me, and I am the gatherer and the prophet of the great battles (fought against the non believers and those who waged war against Islam.)"**

#### Hadeeth no 12

On the authority of Anas ibn Maalik who said: The last time I saw the messenger of Allah was on a Monday, he drew back the curtains , so I looked at his face, it was as though his face was a leaf from the Mushaf (an expression used to refer to the beauty, radiance and brightness of the face) and the people were praying behind Abu Bakr, (so when the people saw him) they almost became restless and agitated, however, he pointed to them to remain steadfast as Abu Bakr lead them (in prayer). He closed the curtains and the messenger of Allah passed away later that day.

#### Hadeeth no 13

On the authority of Saalim ibn Ubaid who was a companion, he said: The messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him fainted when he was ill, (when) he became conscious he said: **"Is it time for prayer?"** So they said: "yes".

He then said: **"Tell Bilal to call the Adhan and tell Abu Bakr to lead the people."** (Saalim) said: He fainted (again) and became conscious, he then said: **"Is it time for prayer?"** So they said: "yes". He then said: **"Tell Bilal to call the Adhan and tell Abu Bakr to lead the people."** So Aisha said "indeed my father is a man who is easily saddened, if he were to stand in that station he would cry and he would be unable (to lead the people), so if you could order someone else". (Saalim) said: He fainted (for a third time) and he said: **"Tell Bilal to call the Adhan and tell Abu Bakr to lead the people for indeed you (o women) are the associ-**

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**ates of Yusuf.”** ( A reference to the women who plotted against prophet Yusuf.) (Saalim) said: “So Bilal called the Adhan after he was informed (of the prophet’s wishes), likewise, Abu Bakr lead the people in prayer after he was also informed (of the prophet’s wishes).

Afterwards, the messenger of Allah felt a little better so he said: **“Go and find someone I can lean on”**. So Bareera and a man came to him and he leant on them, when Abu Bakr (who was leading the prayer) saw him, he started to retreat, the prophet pointed to him to remain in his place until Abu Bakr completed his prayer. The messenger of Allah may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him died shortly afterwards. So Umar said: “By Allah If I hear anyone saying that the messenger of Allah sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam has passed away I will strike him with my sword.

The people were illiterate; they had never witnessed a prophet before him so they all refrained from speaking. They then said: “O Saalim go to the companion of the messenger of Allah SallaAllahu Alaihi Wasallam and call him, so I came to Abu Bakr whilst he was in the Masjid, I came to him crying with bewilderment, when he saw me he said: “Has the messenger of Allah SallaAllahu Alaihi Wasallam passed away. I said: Indeed Umar is saying: “If I hear anyone saying that the messenger of Allah sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam has passed away I will strike him with my sword”. So he (Abu Bakr) said: “Let us go”, so I went with him and when he arrived the people were entering upon the messenger of Allah sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam so he said: “O people give me some room. So they gave him room. He entered and hugged him, and then he said: **“Verily you will die and verily they too will die”**.( A reference to verse 30 of Surah Zumur.)

The people then said: “O companion of the messenger of Allah, has the messenger of Allah sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam really died? He said: “yes”. So they became certain of his truthfulness. They said: “O companion of the messenger of Allah, should we observe the funeral prayer on the messenger of Allah?” He said: “yes”. They said: “How?” He said: “ A group will enter and will (enter the state of prayer by) saying Allahu Akbar, they will pray and supplicate for him, they will then leave and another group will enter, they will (enter the state of prayer by) saying Allahu Akbar, they will pray and supplicate for him, they will then leave until all the people enter.” They said: “O companion of the messenger of Allah, will the messenger of Allah sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam be buried?”. He said: “Yes”. They said: “Where?” He said: “In the place in which Allah took his soul, for indeed Allah did not take his soul except in a pure place.” So they became certain of his truthfulness. He then ordered that the sons of his (the messenger’s) father should wash him.

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The Muhaajiroon ( A title given to those companions who migrated from Makkah) gathered for consultation, so they said: "Let us go to our brothers the Ansar (a title given to those companions who aided and helped the messenger of Allah and accepted him into Madeenah) and include them in this issue. So the Ansar said: "Let there be a ruler from amongst us and another from amongst you." So Umar said: "Who has these three virtues: "The second of two, when they (Muhammad and Abu Bakr ) were in the cave, and he (sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam) said to his companion (Abu Bakr ): "Be not sad (or afraid), surely Allah is with us." {Tawbah 40} Who are the two? (Allah is referring to), He (Saalim) said: "So he stretched out his hand and pledged allegiance to him, the people also pledged a beautiful and pleasant allegiance."

#### Hadeeth no 14

On the authority of Anas who said: "When the messenger of Allah sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam was suffering from the pangs of death, Fatima may Allah be pleased with her said: "How great is your distress!" The prophet sallalAllahu Alaihi Wasallam said: "**There will be no more distress for your father after today; indeed there has come to your father something that will not leave anyone, death.**"

#### Hadeeth no 15

On the authority of Abdullah ibn Masuud that the prophet sallallahu Alaihi wasallam said: "**Whoever sees me in his dream has indeed seen me, for verily the shaytaan cannot resemble me.**"

#### Hadeeth no 16

On the authority of Ibn Seereen who said: "This hadeeth is religion, so look (at the situation) of the one you take your religion from."

All praise belongs to Allah alone and may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our noble prophet, his family and companions.

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