

Our Beloved Nabi ﷺ & His Beautiful Teachings

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Allāh Ta'ālā being the most kind and most merciful has bestowed many blessings upon this ummah. From amongst the innumerable blessings granted by Allāh Ta'ālā, one of the more significant ones is the blessing of the last and final prophet; Muhammad ﷺ. In Islām, the status of Nabi ﷺ is very high. He is the most beloved to Allāh Ta'ālā from among all the humans and even the Ambiyā.

The Best Example

Our Nabi ﷺ was sent as a guide and role model for mankind. He is known as *rahmatul lil ālameen* (a mercy for the whole mankind). Allāh Ta'ālā sent down our Nabi ﷺ as an example to show us how to live our lives, how to gain the pleasure of Allāh Ta'ālā and how to attain success in this world and the hereafter. Allāh Ta'ālā has mentioned in the Glorious Qur'ān, "There is indeed a good model for you in the messenger." (33:21) Therefore, every one of us should try and live according to the life of Nabi ﷺ and aim to practice upon his sunnah.

The Love for Nabi ﷺ

The Sahābah رضي الله عنهم loved Nabi ﷺ limitlessly. Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmāni hafizahullāh has explained the extent of love that the Sahābah رضي الله عنهم had for our Nabi ﷺ. He mentions that if Allāh Ta'ālā asked to take the life of every Sahābi رضي الله عنه (the total of which passes over 100,000) and in return, promised to increase the life of Nabi ﷺ by just one second, they all would have willingly given their lives without any hesitation. Let us ask ourselves, 'Can our love compete with this?'

Nabi ﷺ has explicitly set the bar for true imān and success by saying, "None of you is a complete believer until I am more beloved to him than his father, his child and all the people." (Sahih Muslim) However, mere claims are not enough; to instil true love within our hearts, we need to live according to the life of Nabi ﷺ and give sacrifices. Only then can we claim to truly love him.

Following the Sunnah

The teachings of Nabi ﷺ is a way of life and the path to success. We must learn these beautiful practices and live our lives accordingly. Furthermore, we must aim to bring the sunnah into our lives in its totality.

In order to do this, let us understand what sunnah is. Sunnah means the way of Nabi ﷺ. And the way of Nabi ﷺ means his whole life. It is not limited to certain du'ās to read throughout the day or certain common practises that we have been aware of from a young age. Sunnah encompasses each and every act of Nabi ﷺ; whether at home or in the masjid, whether in privacy or in public, so much so that even his way of eating, walking, talking and sleeping form parts of his sunnah. Each and every sunnah of Nabi ﷺ holds significance and like the respected Hadhrat Mawlānā Ismail Dhorat hafizahullāh mentions, "Each and every sunnah of Nabi ﷺ has numerous benefits whether we understand them or not". We must not pick and choose those practises which are easy for us to adopt, rather we must try our utmost to implement every sunnah of Nabi ﷺ to perfection. This will inshā'allāh lead us to success. An urdu poet says:

نقشِ قدمِ نبی کے ہیں جنت کے راستے

اللہ سے ملاتے ہیں سنت کے راستے

"The footsteps of Nabi ﷺ lead to Jannah (Following) The sunnah leads one to Allāh."

Conclusion

Our Nabi ﷺ was the best role model. He was the best of human beings and the most beloved to Allāh Ta'ālā. Practicing upon his teachings will help a person to attain the everlasting bliss of Jannah. In order to do this, we must familiarise ourselves with the teachings of Nabi ﷺ. This can be done by sitting in the company of the 'ulamā and also by reading authentic books which discuss the seerah (life) and practises of Nabi ﷺ. The respected Hadhrat Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat hafizahullāh has devised an easy plan: one should aim to learn and bring into practise just one sunnah of Nabi ﷺ per week. This will result in 52 new sunnahs in our lives over the course of one year! If this is not possible, let us at least aim for one sunnah per month and implement 12 new sunnahs per year.

May Allāh Ta'ālā grant us all the true love for Nabi ﷺ and give us the ability to learn and practise his beautiful teachings. Aameen.