

## The Prophet's morals

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) describes His Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*), saying:

**[And Verily, you (O Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)) are on an exalted (standard of) character.]**

Al-`Iz ibn `Abdul-Salam commented, saying: "When great people declare something to be great, it is a sign of its true greatness. How about the Most Great declaring someone to be great!"

Sa`d ibn Hisham ibn `Amir narrated that he went to `Aaishah<sup>1</sup> (*May Allaah be pleased with her*) and said: "O Mother of the Believers, tell me about the manners of the Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)." She replied: " His manners were (those of) the Qur`aan. Do you not read the Qur`aan, the Saying of Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*):

**[And Verily, you (O Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)) are on an exalted (standard of) character.]**

Sa`ad said: "I want to practice celibacy." She said: "Do not do that. Have you not read:

**[Indeed in the Messenger of Allaah (Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)) you have a good example to follow.]**

The Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) married and had children."

Allaah (*Exalted be He*) perfected the character of the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) from his early childhood, and long before he began to receive revelation. He never once in his life worshipped an idol, drank Khamr (intoxicants), or did anything bad. He was known among his people as Al-Sadiq Al-Amin (The Honest Truth-Speaker).

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<sup>1</sup> `Aaishah, the Mother of the Believers, *May Allaah be pleased with her*.

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Jabir ibn `Abdullah (*may Allaah be pleased with him and his father*) narrated: When the Ka`bah was being rebuilt, the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) and Al-`Abbas went to help transfer stones. Al-`Abbas said to the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*), 'Place your Izar (garment worn below the waist) over your shoulder to protect you from the stones.'<sup>1</sup> He (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) did so and instantly he fell to the ground, his eyes gazing up towards heaven. Then he (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) rose and said, '**My Izar! My Izar!**' And he tied it around himself.<sup>2</sup>

Allaah (*Exalted be He*) praises many virtues of the Prophet's noble character and impeccable personality. The following are a few examples:

**[And by the Mercy of Allaah, you dealt with them gently.]**

And:

**[Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) is the Messenger of Allaah. And those who are with him are severe against disbelievers, and merciful among themselves.]**

And:

**[Verily, there has come unto you a Messenger (Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)) from amongst yourselves (i.e. whom you know well). It grieves him that you should receive any injury or difficulty. He (Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)) is anxious over you (to be rightly guided, to repent to Allaah, and beg Him to pardon and forgive your sins in order that you may enter Paradise and be saved from the punishment of the Hell-fire); for the believers (he (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) is) full of pity, kind, and merciful.]**

And:

**[And We have sent you (O Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*))): not but as a mercy for the 'Alameen (mankind, jinn and all that exists).]**

It is reported in Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree on the authority of `Ata' ibn Yasar that he said: I met `Abdullah ibn `Amr ibn Al-`As (*may Allaah be pleased with him and his father*) and said, 'Tell me about the attributes of the Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) described in the Torah.' He said, 'Yes, by Allaah, he is described in the Torah with some of the qualities attributed to him in the Qur'aan (as follows):

**[O Prophet! Verily, We have sent you as a witness, and a bringer of glad tidings, and a warner and a refuge for the illiterates (i.e. the Arabs). You are My Servant and My Messenger. I have called you 'Al-Mutawakkil' (the one who relies on Allaah, Alone, for**

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each and everything). Neither discourteous, nor harsh, nor clamorous in the markets; nor repels (repays) evil with evil. Rather, he pardons and forgives. Allaah will not take him (in death) until He straightens through him the crooked religion, by making them (people) say, 'La ilaaha illaallaah (There is no god worthy of worship but Allaah),' and so opens by it blind eyes, deaf ears, and sealed hearts.']

`Aaishah (*may Allaah be pleased with her*) depicted more of his manners (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*), saying, Whenever the Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) was presented with two options, he would chose the easier of the two, so long as it did not involve a sin; if it involved a sin he would shun it more than anyone else. He (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) never sought revenge for his own person (when wronged), only when a matter that Allaah declared inviolable was violated would he take revenge for the Sake of Allaah.

Also, it is reported in the Two Saheeh (authentic) Books of Hadeeth (i.e. Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim) on the authority of Anas (*may Allaah be pleased with him*) that he said:

I served him (the Prophet, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)) at home and on his travels; he never said to me about anything which I did, 'Why have you not done it this way?' Or for anything which I failed to do, 'Why have you not done it this way?'

Even more remarkable about his character (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) was his humility and how he played with children. Anas (*may Allaah be pleased with him*) said: The Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) was the most well-mannered of all people. I had a brother whose name was Aboo `Umayr - he (the narrator) said: I think he was weaned. When the Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) came and saw him, he would say (to him), '**O Aboo `Umayr, what happened to Nughayr?**' This was a small bird that he kept as a pet.<sup>3</sup>

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