

MIFTAAH SEMINAR

SHAMA'IL: THE PROPHETIC MANIFESTATION



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SESSION 2

Seeing the Prophet ﷺ in a Dream

The Nature of Dreams

1. Types of Dreams:

- **Good dreams:** Sent by Allah through angels.
- **Bad dreams:** From the Shaitan.
- **Dreams of the Prophet:** True for the entire Ummah as Shaitān cannot impersonate the Prophet ﷺ.

2. Guidance on Dreams:

- Abu Qatada RA narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:
 - Good dreams come from Allah.
 - Bad dreams come from Shaitan; if scared by a bad dream, one should spit dryly to the left and recite: **أعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم**

Seeing the Prophet ﷺ in Dreams

• Hadith Evidence:

- Abdullah ibn Mas'ud RA narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever has seen me in a dream has truly seen me, for Shaitan cannot impersonate me."
- Another hadith states: "Whoever sees me in a dream shall surely see me in a wakeful state."

- **Interpretations:**
 - Seeing the Prophet from afar indicates a need to strengthen adherence to the Sunnah.
 - Seeing the Prophet in a prosperous state signifies goodness in one's dīn.
 - Seeing the Prophet in old age implies a prosperous year.
 - Seeing him in youth signifies facing disturbances.
- **The Reflection of the Prophet:**
 - Ibn 'Abbās RA narrated a story where someone saw the Prophet ﷺ in a dream, and Umm Salama RA brought out a mirror. The reflection was of the Prophet ﷺ, not the person's own.

Examples of Scholars and their Yearning for the Prophet ﷺ

1. Imam Tirmidhi:

- Begins **Shama'il Tirmidhi** with the character of the Prophet and concludes with seeing the Prophet in dreams, emphasizing the love and connection cultivated through the text.

2. Imam Malik:

- Had immense reverence for the Prophet and Madina. He would dress in his best clothes to narrate hadith and felt a deep yearning for Madina.
- Buried in Baqi'.

3. Shaykh Saad Al-Ghamidi:

- Could not recite Qur'an or lead prayer in Madina due to the awe of being in the presence of the Prophet ﷺ.

4. Abu Hurayrah (RA):

- He narrated to a Tabi'ee who saw the Prophet ﷺ in a dream. He later told Ibn Abbas (RA) that the image resembled Hasan ibn Ali (RA). Ibn Abbas (RA) confirmed: *"Truly, Hasan (RA) closely resembled the Prophet ﷺ in appearance."*

The Prophet ﷺ and Revelation

• True Dreams as Part of Prophethood:

- The Prophet ﷺ said: “A good dream is one part of 46 parts of prophethood.”
- Wahy (revelation) began with true dreams in the first six months. Six months is one-forty-sixth of the 23 years of prophethood.

Lessons on Yearning for the Prophet ﷺ

Key Takeaways:

- Seeing the Prophet ﷺ in a dream is a blessing that inspires greater connection to the Sunnah.
- The Day of Judgment will highlight the Prophet’s status as all other prophets turn to him for intercession.
- Scholars emphasize constant salawāt and yearning to strengthen the bond with the Prophet ﷺ.

Spiritual Stories of Dreams

1. A Missed Opportunity:

- A scholar dreamed of being told that the Prophet ﷺ would appear at 5:00 PM at a specific location. He was awakened at 4:59 by a student and missed the vision. Reflecting on this, he sought to perfect his Sunnah practices.

2. Seeing the Prophet through Salawāt:

- Imam Sharani of Egypt:
 - Would see the Prophet ﷺ in dreams after reciting salawāt.
 - Recited the following supplication: اللهم صل على سيدنا محمد في الأرواح وعلى جسده في الأجساد وعلى قبره في القبور وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم

3. Dalail al-Khayrat:

- A book by Imam Jazuli, a Moroccan scholar, encouraging constant salutations on the Prophet ﷺ to strengthen connection and yearning.

Descriptions of the Prophet ﷺ

1. Ali ibn Abi Talib RA:

- Described the Prophet ﷺ as having medium stature, a radiant face, eyes lined with kohl, a full beard, and a smile that illuminated his countenance.
- When he walked, it seemed as if descending from a high place.

2. Imam Ma'bad:

- Described the Prophet ﷺ as distinctly handsome with dark eyes, long eyelashes, a strong build, and a calm, contemplative demeanor. His words were like pearls, and his companions were devoted to him.

