

MIFTAAH SEMINAR

SHAMA'IL: THE PROPHETIC MANIFESTATION



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SESSION 3

Humility of the Prophet ﷺ

The Love of the Sahaba for the Prophet ﷺ

- The Sahaba's love for the Prophet ﷺ transcended verbal expressions.
 - **Sacrifices:** They were willing to sacrifice their lives, wealth, health, and families for him.
 - **Source of Love:**
 - This love did not come merely from listening to the Quran.
 - It was the Prophet's **embodiment of the Quran**—his leadership, care, and character—that drew them closer to him.

The Bedouin's Love for the Prophet ﷺ

A young Bedouin asked the Prophet ﷺ: **"When is the Hour?"**

- The Prophet ﷺ responded: **"What have you prepared for it?"**
- The man replied: **"I haven't done much in terms of prayer or fasting, but I love Allah and His Messenger."**
- The Prophet ﷺ gave him glad tidings:
- **"المرء مع من أحب يوم القيامة"**
- **"A person will be resurrected with those whom they love on the Day of Judgment."**

The Characteristics of Allah's Sincere Servants

Quranic Verse: Humility in Walking

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا

"And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth humbly, and when the ignorant address them, they say [words of] peace."

(Surah Al-Furqan: 63)

- True servitude to Allah requires humility:
 - Avoid arrogance in interactions with people.
 - Humility is a sign of strong faith; arrogance removes one from Allah's mercy.

Examples of the Prophet's ﷺ Humility

Simplicity in Presence

- The Prophet ﷺ was so humble in gatherings that people couldn't distinguish him from others.
 - He redesigned his halaqah (study circle) to ensure accessibility, with clear lines and an open middle for easy access.
 - During Hajj, people could not recognize him until Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه shaded him.
- A woman once came into the presence of the Prophet ﷺ and began to shiver, perceiving him as a king.
 - The Prophet ﷺ reassured her:

"O servant of Allah, I am the son of a poor woman who used to eat dry meat in Makkah."

Hadith: Interaction with the Poor

- The Prophet ﷺ would sit and eat like a servant and interact with the poor. He said:

"I eat as the slaves eat, and I sit as the slaves sit, for I am a servant of Allah."

The Prophet's ﷺ Daily Life of Humility

- **Morning Routine:**
 - After Fajr: Engaged in dhikr, asked about dreams, or reflected on the sahaba's Jahiliyyah experiences.
 - Gave salutations to his family every morning.
- **Market Visits:**
 - Greeted children and expressed his love for them.
 - *"We welcome the man whom we love,"* the children would say. The Prophet ﷺ would reply:
 - *"Wallahi, I love you in return."*
- **Balance of Strength and Humility:**
 - **تواضع (Tawadhu')**: Strength-based humility, where one is capable but chooses modesty.
 - **خجل (Khajal)**: Weakness-based timidity, stemming from insecurity.

The Prophet ﷺ and the Community

- He was accessible to everyone, even the young and the marginalized:
 - A young girl could take his hand and walk with him until she was satisfied.
 - He attended community events, such as the Abyssinians' performance in the masjid, with Aisha RA present.

Key Takeaways on Humility

- **Do Not Forget Your Roots:**
 - The Prophet ﷺ never forgot his humble beginnings, even amidst success.
- **Serve Others:**
 - He poured water for his companions, ensuring he was the last to drink.

- **Stay Grounded:**

- Despite being offered kingship by Jibreel, the Prophet ﷺ chose to remain a messenger and servant of Allah.

Conclusion

- The humility of the Prophet ﷺ was not just in his words but in his actions and character.
- His profound care, accessibility, and modesty made him beloved by all and serve as a model for believers.
- True love for the Prophet ﷺ lies in embodying his character, not just admiring his position.