

# RAMADAN

## IMMERSION



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### The Prophet's SAW Connection to the Quran

- The Prophet SAW went to Aisha's house one day at night and laid next to her. Then, he asked her to give him permission to worship Allah. Although she wanted the Prophet SAW to stay next to her, she let him. The Prophet SAW was in prayer crying the whole night until Bilal called the adhan for Fajr. Aisha asked the Prophet SAW why he did this when his sins were already forgiven. He said, "Should I not be a grateful servant?"
- The Prophet SAW would stand so long in prayer that his feet would swell
- The Prophet SAW said, "How can I rest when Jibreel has revealed this verse to me?"
  - **إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لآيَاتٍ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ** - In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, are signs for people of understanding.
  - **الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَامًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ** - Those who remember God while standing, and sitting, and on their sides; and they reflect upon the creation of the heavens and the earth: "Our Lord, You did not create this in vain, glory to You, so protect us from the punishment of the Fire."
  - It is our job to think about the things Allah has created and praise Him

- Ibn Al-Qayyim said that when you are praying at night, you should make your standing longer in your prayer because that is when everyone is laying and sleeping. And when you are praying in the day, you should make your sujood longer because that is when everyone is standing and working.
- A person was making dua when he was praying. His dua was filled with the praise of Allah.

اللهم إني أسألك يا من لا تراه العيون، ولا تخالطه الظنون، ولا يصفه الواصفون، ولا تغيره الحوادث ولا الدهور، يعلم مثاقيل الجبال، ومكاييل البحار، وعدد قطر الأمطار، وعدد ورق الأشجار، وعدد ما يظلم عليه الليل، ويشرق عليه النهار، ولا توارى منه سماء سماء، ولا أرض أرضاً، ولا جبل إلا يعلم ما في قعره وسهله، ولا بحر إلا يعلم ما في قعره وساحله.. اللهم إني أسألك أن تجعل خير عملي آخره، وخير أيامي يوم ألقاك

Oh Allah, I ask you, the one who no eye can ever see, no mind can ever imagine, no one can describe and praise, time and events cannot change. He knows the weight of the mountains, the size of the ocean, the number of rain droplets, the number of leaves on trees, and the number of things that happen in the day and night. The sky above does not hide what is beneath it nor does one layer of the earth hide what is inside it. The mountains cannot hide anything except that He knows it, nor the oceans except that He knows what is inside it. Oh Allah, I ask you to make the best action of my life the last act of my life and the best day of my life the day that I meet You.

- When the Prophet SAW heard this dua, he gave the man a bag of gold coins.
- When Prophet Yunus was in the bottom of the ocean, he praised Allah and acknowledged his weakness
  - "There is no god but You! - لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ  
Glory to You! I was one of the wrongdoers!"
- The Prophet SAW would say this in his tahajjud prayer often:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ أَحَقُّ مَنْ ذُكِرَ وَأَحَقُّ مَنْ عُبِدَ وَأَحَقُّ مَنْ أُعْطِيَ، أَنْتَ الْمَلِكُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ، وَالْفَرْدُ لَا تَهْلِكُ، كُلُّ شَيْءٍ هَالِكٌ إِلَّا وَجْهَكَ لَنْ تُطَاعَ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِكَ، وَلَمْ تُعْصَ إِلَّا بِعِلْمِكَ، تُطَاعُ فَتَشْكُرُ، وَتُعْصَى فَتَغْفِرُ، أَقْرَبُ وَأَدْنَى حَفِيظٍ، حُلَّتْ دُونَ الثُّغُورِ، وَأَخَذَتْ بِالنَّوَاصِي، وَكَتَبْتَ الْآثَارَ، وَنَسَخْتَ الْأَجَالَ، الْقُلُوبُ لَكَ مُفْضِيَةٌ، وَالسِّرُّ عِنْدَكَ عَلَانِيَةٌ، وَالْحَلَالُ مَا أَحَلَلْتَ، وَالْحَرَامُ مَا حَرَّمْتَ، وَالذِّينُ مَا شَرَعْتَ، وَالْأَمْرُ مَا قَضَيْتَ، وَالْخَلْقُ خَلْقُكَ، وَالْعَبْدُ عَبْدُكَ، وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ الرَّؤُوفُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah, You are the most deserving of being remembered, the most deserving of being worshiped, the most deserving of those who give. You are the King, You have no partner. Your singularity will never perish. Everything will perish except You. No one is obeyed except with Your permission and no one is disobeyed except with Your knowledge. You are obeyed and are grateful and You are disobeyed and forgive. You are the closest guardian. You are the One who makes things permissible and impermissible. You legislated the religion and decided the matter. The creation is Yours and the servant is Yours. You are Allah, the Most Kind, Most Compassionate.

## The Prophet's SAW Concern for His Followers

- The Prophet SAW loved listening to the Quran
- He asked ibn Masud to recite the Quran to him because he liked to listen to it from someone else.
- Ibn Masud recited Surah Nisaa until he reached the verse
  - فَكَيْفَ إِذَا جِئْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ بِشَهِيدٍ وَجِئْنَا بِكَ عَلَى هَؤُلَاءِ شَهِيدًا - Then how will it be, when We bring a witness from every community, and We bring you as a witness against these?
- When the Prophet SAW heard this ayah, he began to cry
- The Prophet's SAW love for this ummah was extreme
- Allah says in Surah Tawbah:
  - لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ - There has come to you a messenger from among yourselves, concerned over your suffering, anxious over you. Towards the believers, he is compassionate and merciful.

- The Prophet SAW said: I was given the choice that either have of my ummah can be guaranteed Paradise or that I have the power of intercession and I chose to have intercession.
  - The Prophet SAW wanted to be able to take all of his ummah to Jannah so he chose to be able to intercede for us on the Day of Judgment.
- Some tabi'een would say that if they read a verse while they were not focused or present, they would read it again and think about what Allah was saying to them.

### **Umar Ibn Al-Khattab's RA Connection to the Quran**

- Umar was such a powerful individual that Shaytan would not walk on his path.
- The Prophet SAW said, "If there was a messenger after me, it would be Umar."
- One day, Abu Bakr was standing on the right side of the Prophet SAW and Umar was standing on his left side. The Prophet SAW took both of their hands and said, "This is how we are going to be resurrected on the Day of Judgment."
- There are over 21 places in the Quran where Allah agrees with the opinion of Umar and sometimes his opinion was the opposite of the Prophet SAW
- Ibn Abbas said, "The moment Umar accepted Islam, we saw the incline of the Muslims. And the moment Umar died, we saw the decline of the Muslims."
- The Prophet SAW said, "What ever Umar likes, Allah makes it happen and whatever he does not like is an honor for Islam."
- One day after Fajr, the Prophet SAW told the companions that he had a dream in which he saw their places in Jannah and how close they will be to him in Jannah. Then he said, "I know a person's name and his father's name. Any gate of Jannah he goes to, every gate will be greeting and welcoming him." Salman Al-Farisi asked who this person is and the Prophet SAW said it is for Abu Bakr.

- Then the Prophet SAW said, "I saw a palace in Jannah adorned with rubies and gems. So, I asked who this belongs to and they said it belonged to a man from Quraysh. So, I thought it was me and started walking towards it. Then, it was said to me, 'this belongs to Umar ibn Al-Khattab.' So, I remembered your honor and did not want to walk into your palace without your permission." Umar started to cry and said, "Do you think I would ever show my honor in front of you?" Then, the Prophet SAW said to Uthman, "Every prophet will have a friend in Jannah and you will be my friend in Jannah." Then, he grabbed the hand of Ali and said, "Will this not make you happy? That your house will be in front of my house in Jannah?" Then, he called Talha and Zubayr and said, "Every prophet will have advisors in Jannah and you will be my two advisors in Jannah."
- In Fajr salah, Umar often read Surah Yusuf which is one of the most painful surahs in the Quran.
- He read the verses:
  - قَالَوَا تَاللّٰهِ تَفْتَأُ تَذْكُرُ يُوْسُفَ حَتّٰى تَكُوْنَ حَرَضًا اَوْ تَكُوْنَ مِنَ الْهَالِكِيْنَ - They said, "By God, you will not stop remembering Joseph, until you have ruined your health, or you have passed away."
  - قَالَ اِنَّمَا اَشْكُوْ بَنِيَّ وَحَزْنِيْ اِلَى اللّٰهِ وَاَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللّٰهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُوْنَ - He said, "I only complain of my grief and sorrow to God, and I know from God what you do not know."
- Umar would cry so loud that the last row in the masjid could hear him.
- He read this surah so often that some of the companions memorized it because of how much he read it .
- Umar could have been crying because he had witnessed the difficult days of the Prophet SAW and yet Allah had given him so many favors by allowing him to be prosperous when he was the khalifah. So, he was crying because he was given so many blessings and the accountability and responsibility is great for all of them.

- Another reason why he could have been crying is because he was remembering the greatest loss in his life - when he lost the Prophet SAW and Abu Bakr.
- Umar did not smile for 2 years after the Prophet SAW passed away. Some say Abu Bakr eventually passed away due to his grief over the Prophet SAW.
- Umar cried so much that he had tear lines on his cheeks