

## INTRODUCTION

*As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu*

*Nahmaduhu wa nusalli ala Rasoolihil Kareem. Amma ba'd.*

All praise is due to Almighty ALLAH, the Cherisher, Nourisher and Sustainer of the Universe. Peace, blessings and salutations be upon our Beloved Master and Leader, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa, SallALLAHU Alayhi wa Sallam (ﷺ).

## MEELAD-UN-NABI ﷺ — THE BIRTH OF NABI MUHAMMAD ﷺ: IRHAASAAT AND NOOR

Before commencing today's lesson and naseehah, we recite:

*InALLAHA wa malaikatahu yusalluna alan-Nabi. Ya ayyuhallatheena amanu, sallu alayhi wa sallimu tasleema.*

*ALLAHumma salli wa sallim wa barik ala Sayyidina wa Habeebina wa Shafee'ina Muhammadﷺ.*

Alhamdulillah, the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal 1437 has commenced [~Sunday 13 December 2015] and in this *Mubarak*, Blessed month the *Meelad Mubarak*, the Honourable Birth of the Master Mustafa ﷺ occurred. Similarly, the demise of the Master عليه الصلاة والسلام also occurred in this month. When we speak of Mustafa ﷺ then undoubtedly, he was, he is and he will always be the most beloved to Almighty ALLAH جل وعلى for all times and all places.

We, the Ahlus-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, believe that some extraordinary events occurred *before* the *Mubarak Meelad*. These are known as **IRHAASAAT**.

1. Mustafa Nabi ﷺ said: *Anna da'wata Ebraheem*.

Khaleelullah Nabi Ebraheem عليه السلام made dua for the Master عليه الصلاة والسلام after completing the reconstruction of the Baitullah, Ka'aba Musharrafah:  
*Rabbana taqabbal minna. Innaka antas-Samee-ul-Aleem.*

Father and son, Nabi Ebraheem عليه السلام and Nabi Isma'eel عليه السلام, both making dua – father supplicating and son saying 'Ameen'.

*Rabbana wab'ath fihim Rasoola* – Ya ALLAH, raise from amongst them [i.e. the people of Makkah Mukarramah, the Arabs] the final Messenger, O Almighty ALLAH.

Hence, Mustafa ﷺ's prophethood was the result of the dua of Khaleelullah Ebraheem عليه السلام. This Hadeeth is mentioned in Musnad-i-Ahmad.

2. Nabi ﷺ said: *Anna da'watu Ebraheem wa bushra Isa* عليه السلام

Nabi Isa عليه السلام, the last messenger of the Israelites, the Bani Isra'eel, gave glad tidings to the people:

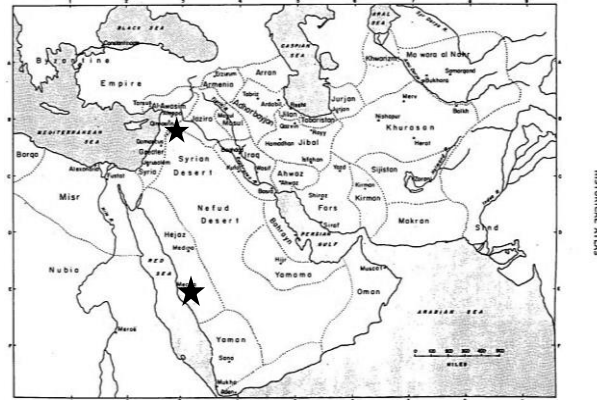
*Wa mubash-shiram-bi-Rasooli ya'ti mim-ba'di-smuhu Ahmad* – The final Messenger will come and his name will be Ahmad ﷺ.

The Mubarak name will be Muhammad ﷺ. 'Muhammad' – the Praised one, the most praised amongst creation; and 'Ahmad' – the one who praises ALLAH the most, SubhanALLAH.

3. Nabi ﷺ's honourable mother, Sayyida Aminah رضي الله عنها , mentioned:

*Wara'at Ummi annahu garaja minha Noor* – While she was pregnant, she saw the Noor, the effulgence and radiance, emanating from herself in Makkah Mukarramah, and reaching right up to Shaam [the Levant] i.e. Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria combined.

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SubhanALLAH, all these are the IRHAASAAT.

Note that the **NOOR** was there, *prior* to Nabi ﷺ's birth. The Qur'an Shareef speaks of Noor in various verses.

1. Almighty ALLAH says about Himself:

*ALLAHU NOOR-us-samawaati wal ard* – ALLAH is the Effulgence and Radiance in the Heavens and the Earth.

2. As for Mustafa Nabiullah ﷺ:

*Qad jaa'akum minALLAHI Nooru wa kitaabum-mubeen* – Truly, there has come to you Light [of Truth] and a book of clear guidance from ALLAH.

The teachings of the Master ﷺ form Noor which dispels the darkness of ignorance. This Noor guides people out of the darkness of false beliefs and 'isms' in which they are groping blindly.

3. The Qur'an Shareef is Noor:

*Wa anzalna ilaykum Noor-am-mubeena* – And WE have sent to you a clear, guiding Light. The Qur'an Shareef makes matters manifest and clear. It is a Book in which there is no doubt.

4. We, Muslims, possess Noor:

*Afaman sharah-ALLAHU sadrahu lil Islami fa huwa ala Noorim-mir-Rabbi* – Almighty ALLAH has opened our hearts and bosoms and placed that Noor in their inner recesses.

#### **LESSON: SPREADING THE NOOR OF ISLAM**

The challenge for us is to rise to the occasion: Take the mercy of Rahmatulil-Aalameen ﷺ, the Noor of Islam and the Noor of Nabi ﷺ's teachings and spread it throughout the world.

Sayyidina Abbas رضي الله عنه, the beloved *Ammun* (uncle of) Nabi ﷺ, read the following poetry for his adored nephew:

*Wa antalamma wulidta ashrakatil ardu* – Today, Mustafa Nabiyullah ﷺ, your *Meelad Mubarak* occurred and the world has already been illuminated; filled with radiance and effulgence

*Wa dha'at bi-Noorikal ufuqu* – And with your Noor and teachings, illumination is filling the horizons and the entire world

This poetry is recorded in the work, *USDUL GHABA* (Lions of the Jungle).

May Almighty ALLAH use us to spread the Noor of Islam in all parts of the world, Ameen.

We know that people today are trying to extinguish this Noor:

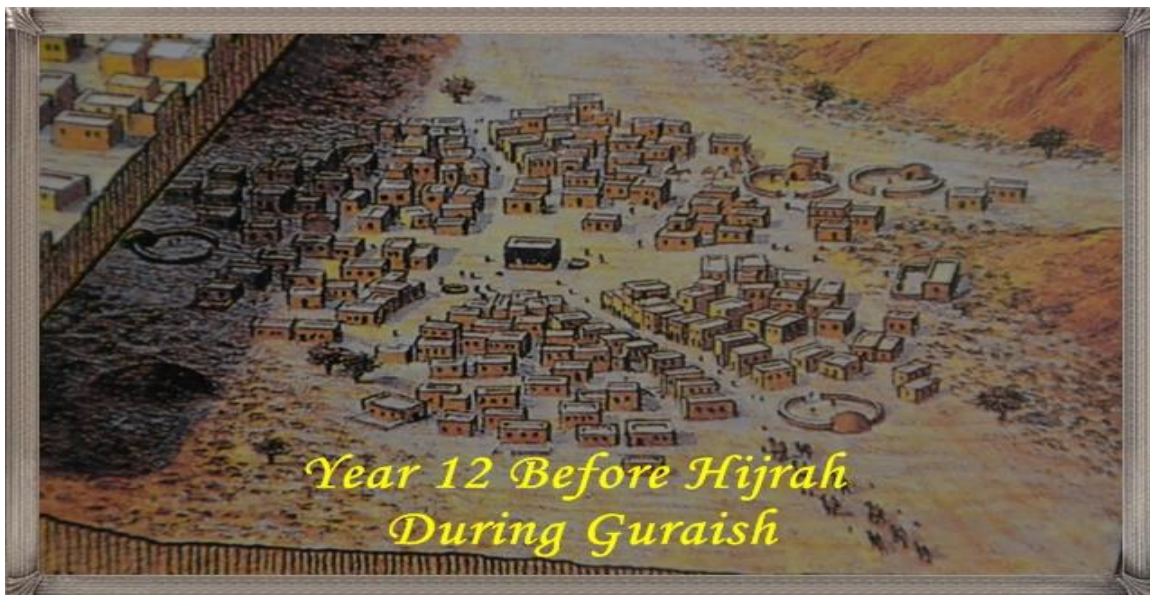
*Yureeduna ayutfi'u NoorALLAHI bi afwa'ihim* – The enemies of Islam wish to extinguish the Noor of ALLAH with their mouths (in speech, media, conferences) but, Almighty ALLAH has said ALLAH جلادعلى will bless us and:

*WALLAHU mutimmu Noorihi wa lo karihal kafirun* – ALLAH will cause this Noor to spread throughout the world even if the non-Muslims dislike it.

We conclude today's naseehah with the dua:

*Rabbana atmim lana Noorana waghfirlana; innaka 'alaa kulli shayin qadeer* – O Our RABB, perfect our Light for us and forgive us; verily YOU have power over everything.

*SUBHANA RABBIKA RABBIL IZZATI 'AMMA YASIFOON; WA SALAAMUN ALAL MURSALEEN;  
WALHAMDULILLAHI RABBIL 'AALAMEEN.*



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