

As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu

Bismillahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem

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 ﷺ.

TAWAADHU-UN NABI MUSTAFA ﷺ - THE HUMILITY OF NABI MUSTAFA ﷺ

1. EATING

The Master ﷺ says, **أَكُلُ كَمَا يَأْكُلُ الْعَبْدُ** *Anna akulu kama ya'kulul abd* – I eat the way a slave eats.

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Imagine HabeebAllah, Rahmatullil 'Alameen ﷺ the most beloved, the most precious to Almighty Allah جل وعلی, in his eating also, so humble, as a slave would eat.

We should reflect and think: are we really practising on this Sunnah of Mustafa ﷺ?

2. ADORNMENT OF HIS ﷺ HAJJ CAMEL

During the Hajj, Mustafa ﷺ slaughtered 100 camels, 63 with his own Mubarak hands. The remaining 37 were slaughtered by Sayyidina Ali رضي الله عنه.

On the camel that was used by Mustafa ﷺ, there was a *qateefa*, a cloth. The value of it and everything else used on that camel was equivalent to four dirhams.

Imagine the Master ﷺ, عليه الصلاة والسلام, teaching humanity and posterity that this humility and simplicity should be the way of our life.

And that is what we all need to try and practise on.

3. MEANS OF CONVEYANCE

The mode of Mustafa ﷺ's transport became very blessed, whether it was the she-camel, horse or donkey.

Imagine, the Master ﷺ, عليه الصلاة والسلام would even ride a donkey. How many of us today would be prepared to ride a donkey in public? But here HabeebAllah, Mustafa ﷺ's humility, *tawaadhu*, become manifest.

4. AT THE CONQUEST OF MAKKAH MUKARRAMAH

Mustafa ﷺ entered Makkah Mukarramah during the month of Ramadhan in the eighth year of the Hijra. Again, he ﷺ taught us a lesson in humility.

The hadith is mentioned in Sahih Muslim: Mustafa Nabiiyuna ﷺ, *wa alayhi imamatun-sawdah* - the Master ﷺ, عليه الصلاة والسلام wore a black turban Mubarak, and the Master ﷺ leaned forward so much that Nabi ﷺ's beard Mubarak, was touching the front portion of his she-camel.



وقال محمد بن إسحاق: حدثني عبد الله بن أبي بكر: أن رسول الله ﷺ لما انتهى إلى ذي طوى وقف على راحلته معتجرا بشقة برد حبرة حمراء، وأن رسول الله ﷺ ليضع رأسه تواضعا لله، حين رأى ما أكرمه الله به من الفتح، حتى أن عثنونه ليكاد يمس واسطة الرجل.

Nabi عليه الصلاة والسلام was entering as someone who was victorious. Makkah Mukarramah would be handed over to the Muslims. Nevertheless, he taught people that, even at the time of victory, we should be humble and exercise humility.

5. REGARDING HIS ﷺ RANK

Mustafa ﷺ, warned the Ummah, in an authentic hadith in Musnad-i-Ahmad: *La tudhruni kama atratatin-Nasarah* – do not elevate and exaggerate my rank as the Christians did with Ibni Maryam, with Nabi Isa عليه الصلاة والسلام, the son of Sayyida Maryam رضي الله عنها, *wa innama 'abdun* – I am also a servant and a slave of Almighty ALLAH. *Faqlu Abdullah wa Rasoolu* – you must say, I am the slave of Almighty ALLAH, the servant of Almighty ALLAH, the Messenger of Almighty ALLAH.

عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ قَالَ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَا تُطْرُونِي كَمَا أَطْرَتِ النَّصَارَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ فَإِنَّمَا أَنَا عَبْدُهُ
فَقُولُوا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ

Source: Sahih al-Bukhari 3445

<https://www.abuaminaelias.com/dailyhadithonline/2012/04/03/do-not-exaggerate-status-prophet/>

We add to that: *wa khataman-Nabiyyeen* – and the last and final messenger of Almighty ALLAH; *Rahmatallil 'Alameen* – a mercy to every creation of Almighty ALLAH جل وعلى.

6. HELPING HIS ﷺ FAMILY

Nabi Muhammad ﷺ did not consider it beneath his dignity to assist his family at home. Sayyida Aisha رضي الله عنها said Mustafa ﷺ used to work for his family. In another narration, she رضي الله عنها said that Mustafa ﷺ used to patch his clothes, mend his sandals and milk his animals.

I asked `Aisha "What did the Prophet (ﷺ) used to do at home?" She said, "He used to work for his family, and when he heard the Adhan (call for the prayer), he would go out."

دَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَرَعَرَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ، عَنِ الْحَكَمِ بْنِ عَتِيْبَةَ، عَنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، عَنِ الْأَسْوَدِ بْنِ يَزِيدَ، سَأَلْتُ عَائِشَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا - مَا كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَصْنَعُ فِي الْبَيْتِ قَالَتْ كَانَ فِي مِهْنَةٍ أَهْلِهِ، فَإِذَا سَمِعَ الْأَذَانَ خَرَجَ.

Reference: Sahih al-Bukhari 5363

In-book reference: Book 69, Hadith 13 USC-MSA web (English) reference: Vol. 7, Book 64, Hadith 276 (deprecated numbering scheme)

<https://sunnah.com/bukhari:5363>

7. ASSOCIATING WITH THE POOR

Part of the *akhlaaq-i-kareema*, the noble conduct, of Mustafa ﷺ was his interaction with the marginalised in society.

Ya'udul masakeen – he ﷺ used to go and visit those people when they were ill, even though they were poor

wa yujalisul fuqara – and he ﷺ used to sit with the needy and destitute.

Many a time we think it is below our dignity to associate with these types of people, but these are the lessons Mustafa ﷺ taught us, the Ummah, so that we can practise on his beloved Sunnah.

Remember that this humility means to embrace the truth and reject the falsehood: that is the real meaning of humility.

May Almighty ALLAH جل وعلى bless us with that quality, and may Almighty Allah let us practise on the teaching of Mustafa ﷺ at all times, Aameen.

Wa akhiratu da'wana anil hamdu lillahi Rabbal Alameen.

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