

Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ



His status in Quran.

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وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

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His 55 special/specific favors/blessings

**On Humanity and on his Muslim
Ummah**

(As Mentioned in Quran & Ahadiths)

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The need for prophets:

Prophethood is not unknown to heavenly revealed religions, such as Judaism and Christianity. In Islam, however, it has a special status and significance.

According to Islam, Allah created man for a noble purpose: to worship Him and lead a virtuous life based on His teachings and guidance. How would man know his role and the purpose of his existence unless he received clear and practical instructions of what Allah wants him to do? Here comes the need for prophethood. Thus Allah has chosen from every nation at least one prophet to convey His Message to people.

One might ask, how were the prophets chosen and who were entitled to this great honor?

Prophethood is Allah's blessing and favor that He may bestow on whom He wills. However, from surveying the various messengers throughout history, three features of a prophet may be recognized:

1. He is the best in his community morally and intellectually. This is necessary because a prophet's life serves as a role model for his followers. His personality should attract people to accept his message rather than drive them away by his imperfect character. After receiving the message, he is infallible. That is, he would not commit any sin. He might make some minor mistakes, which are usually corrected by revelation.
2. He is supported by miracles to prove that he is not an imposter. Those miracles are granted by the power and permission of God and are usually in the field in which his people excel and are recognized as superior. We might illustrate this by quoting the major miracles of the three prophets of the major world religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Moses' contemporaries were excellent in magic, so his major miracle was to defeat the best magicians of Egypt of his day. Jesus' contemporaries were recognized as skilled physicians, therefore, his miracles were to raise the dead and cure incurable diseases. The Arabs, the contemporaries of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), were known for their eloquence and magnificent poetry. So Prophet Muhammad's major

miracle was the Qur'an, the equivalent of which the whole legion of Arab poets and orators could not produce, despite the repeated challenge from the Qur'an itself. Again, Muhammad's miracle has something special about it. All previous miracles were limited by time and place; that is, they were shown to specific people at a specific time. Not so with the miracle of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the Qur'an. It is a universal and everlasting miracle. Previous generations witnessed it and future generations will witness its miraculous nature in terms of its style, content and spiritual uplifting. These can still be tested and will thereby prove the divine origin of the Qur'an.

3. Every prophet states clearly that what he receives is not of his own, but from God for the well-being of mankind. He also confirms what was revealed before him and what may be revealed after him. A prophet does this to show that he is simply conveying the message that is entrusted to him by the One True God of all people in all ages. So the message is one in essence and for the same purpose. Therefore, it should not deviate from what was revealed before him or what might come after him.

Prophets are necessary for conveying God's instructions and guidance to mankind. We have no way of knowing why we were created. What will happen to us after death? Is there any life after death? Are we accountable for our actions? These and so many other questions about God, angels, paradise, hell, and more, cannot be answered without direct revelation from the Creator and Knower of the unseen. Those answers must be authentic and must be brought by individuals whom we trust and respect. That is why messengers are the elite of their societies in terms of moral conduct and intellectual ability.

The prophets are also miraculously supported by God and instructed by Him to affirm the continuity of the message. The content of the prophets' message to mankind can be summarized as follows:

- a) Clear concept of God: His attributes, His creation, what should and should not be ascribed to Him.
- b) Clear idea about the unseen world, the angels, jinn (spirits), Paradise and Hell.
- c) Why God has created us, what He wants from us and what rewards and punishments are for obedience and disobedience.

d) How to run our societies according to His will. That is, clear instructions and laws that, when applied correctly and honestly, will result in a smoothly functioning, harmonious society.

It is clear from the above discussion that there is no substitute for prophets. Even today with the advancement of science, the only authentic source of information about the supernatural world is revelation. Guidance can be obtained neither from science nor from mystic experience. The first is too materialistic and limited; the second is too subjective and frequently misleading.

Now one might ask:

How many prophets has God sent to humanity? We do not know for sure. Some Muslim scholars have suggested 140,000 prophets. We are only sure of what is clearly mentioned in the Qur'an, that God has sent a messenger to every nation. That is because it is one of God's principles that He will never call a people to account unless He has made clear to them what to do and what not to do. The Qur'an mentions the names of 25 prophets and indicates that there have been others who were not mentioned to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). These 25 include Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad (Peace be upon them all). These five are the greatest among God's messengers. They are called 'the resolute' prophets.

An outstanding aspect of the Islamic belief in prophethood is that Muslims believe in and respect all the messengers of God with no exceptions. All the prophets came from the same One God, for the same purpose: to lead mankind to God. Hence, belief in them all is essential and logical; accepting some and rejecting others has to be based on misconceptions of the prophet's role or on a racial bias. The Muslims are the only people in the world who consider the belief in all the prophets an article of faith. Thus the Jews reject Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them), and the Christians reject Muhammad (PBUH). The Muslims accept them all as messengers of God who brought guidance to mankind. However, the revelations which those prophets before Muhammad (PBUH) brought from God have been tampered with in one way or another.

The belief in all the prophets of God is enjoined upon the Muslims in the Qur'an:

قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ
وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ
مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

Say, “We believe in God; and in what were revealed to us; and in what was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the Patriarchs; and in what was given to Moses and Jesus; and in what was given to the prophets—from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we surrender.” Q2/136

There are, at least, two important points related to prophethood that needs to be clarified. These points concern the roles of Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them) as prophets, who are usually misunderstood.

The Qur’anic account of Jesus emphatically rejects the concept of his ‘divinity’ and ‘divine sonship’ and presents him as one of the great prophets of God. The Qur’an makes it clear that the birth of Jesus without a father does not make him the son of God and mentions, in this respect, Adam, who was created by God without a father or mother.

إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَىٰ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ آدَمَ خَلَقَهُ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

The likeness of Jesus in God’s sight is that of Adam: He created him from dust, then said to him, “Be,” and he was. Q3/59

Like other prophets, Jesus also performed miracles. For example, he raised the dead and cured the blind and lepers, but while showing these miracles, he always made it clear that it was all from God.. According to the Qur’an, he was sent to the children of Israel; he confirmed the validity of the Torah, which was revealed to Moses (PBUH), and he also brought the glad tidings of a final messenger after him.

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَىٰ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَ مُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ
يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ

And when Jesus son of Mary said, “O Children of Israel, I am God’s Messenger to you, confirming what preceded me of the Torah, and

announcing good news of a messenger who will come after me, whose name is Ahmad.” But when he showed them the miracles, they said, “This is obvious sorcery.” Q61/6

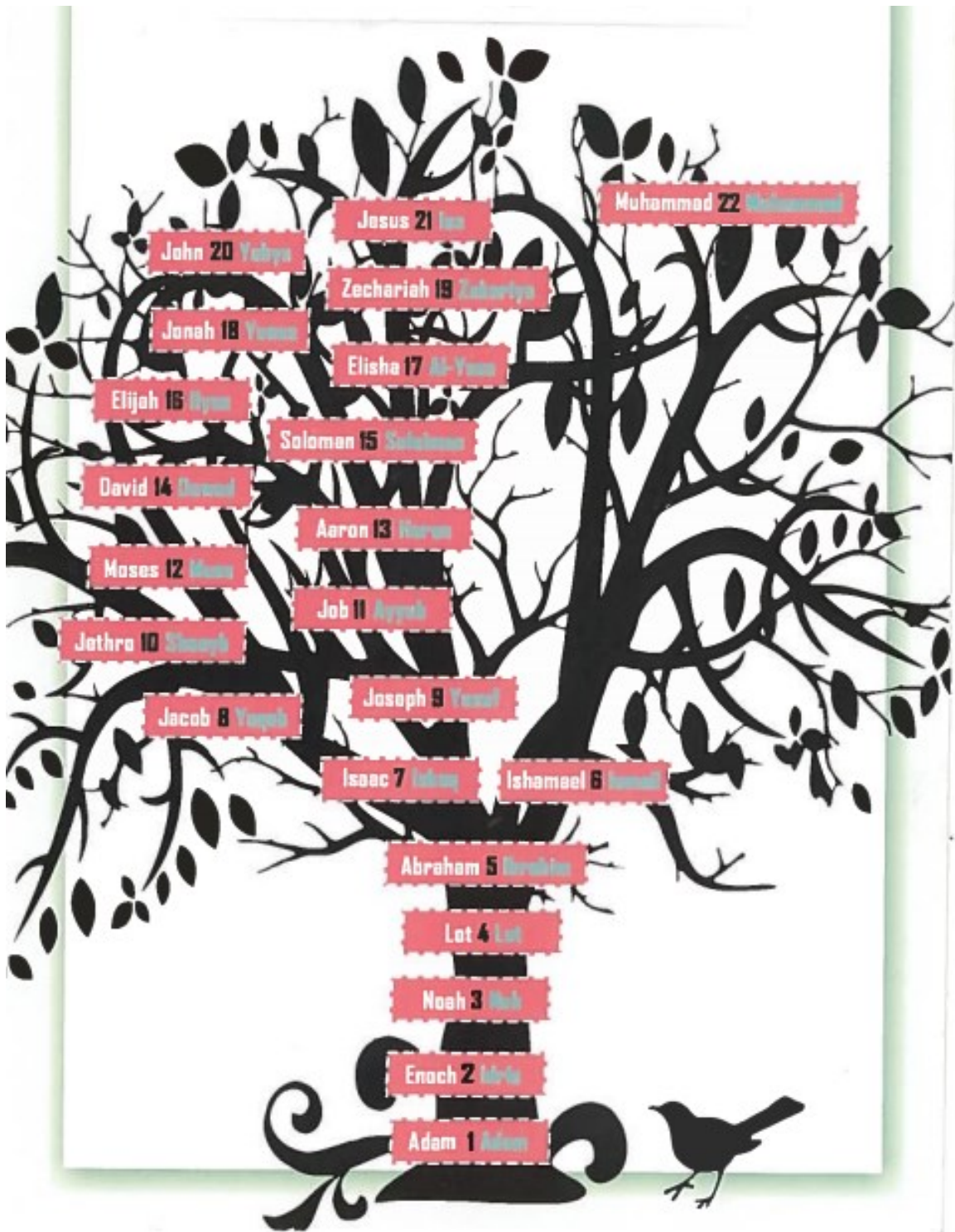
(The “*praised one*” is the translation of “Ahmad”, which is Prophet Muhammad’s name.)

However, the majority of the Jews rejected his ministry. They plotted against his life and in their opinion, crucified him. But the Qur’an refutes this opinion and says that they neither killed him nor crucified him; rather, he was raised up to God. There is a verse in the Qur’an which implies that Jesus will come back and all the Christians and Jews will believe in him before he dies. This is also supported by authentic sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Lineage:

Abraham is a central figure to the three major religions in the world, often called the father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. If you follow his progeny, one can see that Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them all) can trace their lineage back to Abraham.

See below the Lineage tree of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) among all the prophets.



In Islam, Abraham is defined by his commitment to his faith through many tests, trials and tribulations. One of the most defining moments of his legacy is when he, along with his son Ishmael, constructed the Holy Ka'bah (the house of God), and made the following supplication;

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِن ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُّسْلِمَةً لَّكَ وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

As Abraham raises the foundations of the House, together with Ishmael, “Our Lord, accept it from us, You are the Hearer, the Knower. Our Lord, and make us submissive to You, and from our descendants a community submissive to You. And show us our rites, and accept our repentance. You are the Acceptor of Repentance, the Merciful. Our Lord, and raise up among them a messenger, of themselves, who will recite to them Your revelations, and teach them the Book and wisdom, and purify them. You are the Almighty, the Wise.” Q2/127-129.

This supplication was answered in a most beautiful way when GOD sent down Muhammad (PBUH) to deliver and emphasize the same message of Monotheism that Abraham taught. Not only Mohammad (PBUH) A DECENDENT OF Abraham, but he also descends from Ismael’s branch of progeny, who was present at the time Abraham made the supplication. Thus, Muhammad (PBUH) was the great answer to Abraham’s beautiful supplication, and it is an honor for all Muslims to be the “descendants of a Muslim nation” that Abraham asked for.

The last prophet of God, Muhammad, was born in Arabia in the sixth century C.E. Up to the age of forty, people of Makkah knew him only as a man of excellent character and cultured manners and called him Al-Ameen (the trustworthy). He also did not know that he was soon to be made a prophet and receiver of revelation from God. He called the idolaters of Makkah to worship the one and only God and accept him (Muhammad, PBUH) as His prophet. The revelation that he received was preserved in his lifetime in the memory of his companions and was also recorded on pieces of palm leaf, leather, etc. Thus the Qur'an that is found today is the same that was revealed to him, not a syllable of it has been altered, as God Himself has guaranteed its preservation. This Qur'an claims to be the book of guidance for all of humanity for all times, and mentions Muhammad (PBUH) as the last Prophet of God.

The life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is full of countless examples that show his status as a role model for all societies and individuals. His life is one that was dominated by a superior morality, good habits, noble and gentle feelings and superior skills, all of which are characteristics that help prevent people from getting entangled in a web of sin. The rich and the prosperous, the poor and the needy, the ruler and the ruled, the weak and the lonely, the conqueror and the victorious commander, the teacher and the student, the preacher and the mentor, the merchant and the craftsman, the employer and the employee - in other words, every sort of person can find truths in Prophet Muhammad's life that constitute an example for them to follow:

If one has to describe the mission of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and reason of his prophethood in simplest and short form, then Allah has done in these three verses (Ayahs) of Quran.

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

It is He who sent among the unlettered a messenger from themselves; reciting His revelations to them, and purifying them, and teaching them the Scripture and wisdom; although they were in obvious error before that. Q62/2

يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ عَلَى فَتْرَةٍ مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ أَن تَقُولُوا مَا جَاءَنَا مِن بَشِيرٍ وَلَا نَذِيرٍ فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَشِيرٌ وَنَذِيرٌ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

O People of the Book! Our Messenger has come to you, making things clear to you—after a cessation of messengers—so that you cannot say, “No preacher has come to us, and no Warner.” In fact, a preacher has come to you, and a Warner; and God is Capable of everything. Q5/19

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

We sent you only universally to all people, a herald and Warner, but most people do not know Q34/28

The following characteristics and attributes of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) are described by Allah Himself in Quran.

HIS EXALTED STATUS:

1. He is Nur (Sacred Light of guidance)

يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ كَثِيرًا مِّمَّا كُنْتُمْ تُخْفُونَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَعْفُو عَنْ كَثِيرٍ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُّبِينٌ

O People of the Book! Our Messenger has come to you, clarifying for you much of what you kept hidden of the Book, and overlooking much. A light from God has come to you, and a clear Book. (5:15)

Note: Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is Nur not in physical sense, but he is light of guidance from Allah. Quran clearly says in Surah Kahaf (chapter18, Ayah 110)

فُلن إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهُهُ وَاحِدٌ فَمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

Say, “I am only a human being like you, being inspired that your god is One God. Whoever hopes to meet his Lord let him work righteousness, and never associate anyone with the service of his Lord.”

2. Allah blesses him:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Indeed, Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet. O you who believe! Ask blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation. (33:56)

3. Mercy for all the worlds

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have sent you not except as a mercy for all the worlds. (21:107)

4. His name is Muhammad (Meaning the Most Praised One)

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَآمَنُوا بِمَا نُزِّلَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَهُوَ الْحَقُّ مِن رَّبِّهِمْ كَفَّرَ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَأَصْلَحَ بَالَهُمْ

And those who believe and do good works and believe in that which is revealed to Muhammad, and it is the truth from their Lord, He removes from them their ill-deeds and improves their state. (47:2)

5. Allah has exalted his Zikr (remembrance)

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ

And exalted for you your Zikr (remembrance) (94:4)

6. His exaltation on the Night of Mi'raj

وَهُوَ بِالْأُفُقِ الْأَعْلَى
ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّى
فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَى
فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ

While he was at the highest horizon. Then he came near, and hovered around. He was within two bows' length, or closer. Then He revealed to His servant what He revealed. (53:7-10)

7. His Station of Praise (Al-Maqam al-Mahmud)

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَتَهَجَّدْ بِهِ نَافِلَةً لَّكَ عَسَىٰ أَن يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا

And some part of the night offer Tahajjud (salah), an additional prayer for you. Soon will your Lord raise you to a Station of Praise. (17:79)

THE BELOVED OF ALLAH

1. If you want to gain the love of Allah, follow him

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Say (O beloved Prophet, to mankind): If you love Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you and forgive you your sins, and Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. (3:31)

2. Allah addresses him with love and affection

Ta Ha. (20:1)

Ya Seen. (36:1)

O you wrapped up in your raiment. (73:1)

O you enveloped in your cloak. (74:1)

3. Allah says: Realize that My Prophetic Messenger himself is with you

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ فِيكُمْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَوْ يُطِيعُكُمْ فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ لَعَنِتُّمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ حَبَّبَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيَّنَهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَكَرَّهَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الرَّاشِدُونَ

And know that among you is Allah's (Prophetic) Messenger; were he to follow your wishes in many a matter, you would surely fall into trouble, but Allah has endeared the faith to you and has adorned it in your hearts, and he has made hateful to you unbelief and transgression and disobedience; such are those who are rightly guided. (49:7)

4. Allah describes him with His Own Attributes of Rauf (Most Kind) and Rahim (Merciful)

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Assuredly, there has come to you a (Prophetic) Messenger from among yourselves, grievous to him is that you are overburdened, full of concern for you, for the believers (he is) most kind, merciful. (9:128)

5. Allah Himself praises him

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا

وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا

وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُم مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَبِيرًا

O Prophet! Indeed We have sent you as a beholder (witness) and a bearer of glad tidings and a Warner. And as a summoner to Allah by His permission, and as an illuminating light. And give glad tidings to the believers that they will have great bounty from Allah. (33: 45-47)

6. Possessor of Allah's Grace

وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَهَمَّت طَّائِفَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ أَنْ يُضِلُّوكَ وَمَا يُضِلُّونَ إِلَّا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَضُرُّونَكَ مِنْ شَيْءٍ وَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَعَلَّمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُن تَعْلَمُ وَكَانَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا

But for the Grace of Allah upon you (O beloved Prophet), and His Mercy, a party of them had resolved to mislead you, but they will mislead only themselves and they will not hurt you at all. And Allah has sent down to you the Scripture and the Wisdom, and has taught you what you did not know, and the Grace of Allah toward you has been very great. (4:113)

7. He is a special favor of Allah Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Certainly, Allah has shown a special favor to the believers by raising among them a (Prophetic) Messenger from among themselves who recites to them His revelations, and purifies them, and teaches them the Scripture and the Wisdom, although before (he came to them) they were in manifest error. (3:164)

8. Allah does not punish people if he is in their midst

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنْتَ فِيهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَهُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ

And Allah would not punish them while you are in their midst, and Allah will not punish them while they seek forgiveness. (8:33)

9. Allegiance to him is allegiance to Allah

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُبَايِعُونَكَ إِنَّمَا يُبَايِعُونَ اللَّهَ يَدُ اللَّهِ فَوْقَ أَيْدِيهِمْ فَمَنْ نَكَثَ فَإِنَّمَا يَنْكُثُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِمَا عَاهَدَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُ فَسَيُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

Surely, those who swear allegiance to you (O beloved Prophet), swear allegiance to Allah. The hand of Allah is over their hands. So whoever breaks his oath breaks it only to his own harm; and whoever fulfils his covenant which he has made with Allah, then on him will He bestow immense reward. (48:10)

HE RECEIVED THE HOLY QURAN:

1. Allah gave him Surah al-Fatiha and the whole Qur'an

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَاكَ سَبْعًا مِّنَ الْمَثَانِي وَالْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ

And certainly, We have given you seven of the oft-repeated (verses) and the Grand Qur'an. (15:87)

2. Totally inspired

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ
إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

Nor does he speak of (his own) desire.
It is naught but revelation that is revealed. (53:3-4)

3. Allah revealed the Noble Qur'an on his blessed heart

وَإِنَّهُ لَنَنْزِيلُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
نَزَلَ بِهِ الرُّوحُ الْأَمِينُ
عَلَى قَلْبِكَ لِتَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُنذِرِينَ
بِلِسَانٍ عَرَبِيٍّ مُبِينٍ

It is a revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. The Honest Spirit came down with it. Upon your heart, that you may be one of the warners. In a clear Arabic language. [26/192-195](#)

5. Teaches the Holy Qur'an and Hadith (Wisdom) and purifies people

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

He is (the One) Who has raised among the unlettered ones a (Prophetic) Messenger from among themselves who recites to them His revelations and purifies them, and teaches them the Scripture and the Wisdom, although before that, they were indeed in manifest error. (62:2)

It hurts him most when people reject Allah's Message:

فَلَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ نَّفْسَكَ عَلَى آثَارِهِمْ إِنْ لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهِذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَسَفًا

Perhaps you may destroy yourself with grief, chasing after them, if they do not believe in this information. Q 18/6

His Status among the other Prophets:

1. The Final Prophet, Sallallahu 'alayhi wa Sallam

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the (Prophetic) Messenger of Allah and the Last of the Prophets; and Allah has full knowledge of all things. (33:40)

2. Mentioned first among the greatest Prophets

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ مِيثَاقَهُمْ وَمِنكَ وَمِنْ نُوحٍ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ وَأَخَذْنَا مِنْهُمْ مِّيثَاقًا غَلِيظًا

And when We took from the Prophets their Covenant, and from you (O beloved Prophet) and from Nuh and Ibrahim and Musa and Isa son of Maryam, and We took from them a firm covenant. (33:7)

إِنَّا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ كَمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ نُوحٍ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَعِيسَىٰ وَأَيُّوبَ وَيُونُسَ وَهَارُونَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ وَآتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ

زُورًا : Surely, We have revealed (the revelation) to you (O beloved Prophet) as We revealed to Nuh, and the Prophets after him, and We revealed to Ibrahim and Ismail and Is'haq and Ya'qub and the tribes, and 'Isa and Ayyub and Yunus and Harun and Sulayman, and We gave Dawud the Psalms. (4:163)

3. A Prophet with proven prophecies

غُلِبَتِ الرُّومُ

فِي أَدْنَى الْأَرْضِ وَهُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ غَلِبِهِمْ سَيَغْلِبُونَ

فِي بضعِ سنينَ اللهُ الأَمْرُ مِن قَبْلُ وَمِن بَعْدُ وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

The Romans have been defeated. In a nearby territory, but following their defeat, they will be victorious in a few years. The matter is up to God, in the past, and in the future. On that day, the believers will rejoice. (30:2-4)

إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُّبِينًا

Undoubtedly, We have given you (O beloved Prophet) a clear victory. (48:1)

لَقَدْ صَدَقَ اللهُ رَسُوْلَهُ الرُّؤْيَا بِالْحَقِّ لَتَدْخُلَنَّ الْمَسْجِدَ الْحَرَامَ إِن شَاءَ اللهُ آمِنِينَ مُحَلِّقِينَ رُؤُوسَكُمْ وَمُقَصِّرِينَ لَا تَخَافُونَ فَعَلِمَ مَا لَمْ تَعْلَمُوا فَجَعَلَ مِن دُونِ ذَلِكَ فَتْحًا قَرِيبًا

Certainly, Allah has proved true the true vision of His (Prophetic) Messenger. You shall indeed enter the Sacred Mosque, if Allah wishes, secure, (having your) heads shaved or hair cut short, not fearing. But He knows what you do not know, and He has granted you besides that, a victory near at hand. (48:27)

وَأُخْرَى تُحِبُّونَهَا نَصْرٌ مِّنَ اللهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيبٌ وَبَشِيرٌ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

And (He will give you) another (blessing) which you love: help from Allah and a victory near at hand, so (O beloved Prophet) give glad tidings to the believers. (61:13)

4. Given the knowledge of the unseen

مَا كَانَ اللهُ لِيُذَرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَى مَا أَنْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ حَتَّى يَمِيزَ الْخَبِيثَ مِنَ الطَّيِّبِ وَمَا كَانَ اللهُ لِيُطْلِعَكُمْ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ وَلَكِنَّ اللهُ يُجْتَنِبُ مِن رُّسُلِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ فَأَمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَإِن تُؤْمِنُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَلَكُمْ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

Allah will not leave the believers in the condition in which you are till He separates the wicked from the good, nor will Allah let you know the unseen. But Allah chooses of His (Prophetic) Messengers whom He wishes, (to receive knowledge thereof). So believe in Allah and His (Prophetic) Messengers, and if you believe and ward off (evil), then yours will be a vast reward. (3:179)

5. Prophet Ibrahim prayed for his coming

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Our Lord! And raise up in their midst a (Prophetic) Messenger from among them who shall recite to them Your revelations, and shall teach them the Scripture, and the Wisdom and shall purify them. Surely, You are the Mighty, the Wise. (2:129)

6. Foretold by Prophet 'Isa (Jesus)

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ النُّورَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ

And when Isa son of Maryam said: O children of Israel! Indeed, I am the (Prophetic) Messenger of Allah to you, confirming that which was (revealed) before me in the Tawrat, and bringing good tidings of a (Prophetic) Messenger who comes after me, whose name is "the Praised One". Yet when he has come to them with clear proofs, they say: this is clear magic. (61:6)

8. Confirms the previous Prophetic Messengers of Allah

بَلْ جَاءَ بِالْحَقِّ وَصَدَّقَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

Nay, he has come with the Truth, and he has confirmed the (Prophetic) Messengers (before him). (37:37)

9. He is the Only Messenger of Allah, which Allah swears that he indeed is the Messenger of Allah.

وَالْقُرْآنِ الْحَكِيمِ
إِنَّكَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

By the Wise Quran, You are one of the messengers. (36/2-3)

SERVES ONLY ALLAH, THE GLORIFIED AND THE EXALTED.

1. Worships only Allah Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala

وَأَنَّهُ لَمَّا قَامَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ يَدْعُوهُ كَادُوا يَكُونُونَ عَلَيْهِ لِبَدًا

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَدْعُو رَبِّي وَلَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ أَحَدًا

And when the devotee of Allah stood up in prayer to Him, they crowded on him, almost stifling.

Say (to them, O beloved Prophet): I pray to my Lord only, and ascribe to Him no partner. (72:19-20)

2. Puts total trust in Allah, Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Then if they turn away (O beloved Prophet), say: Allah suffices me. None is to be worshipped except Him. In Him have I put my trust, and He is the Lord of the Supreme Throne. (9:129)

3. Selflessly labors for Allah, asks for no reward

قُلْ مَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ سَبِيلًا

Say: I ask of you no reward for this, except that who so will, may choose a way to His Lord. (25:57)

ذَلِكَ الَّذِي يُبَشِّرُ اللَّهُ عِبَادَهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَمَن يَقْتَرِفْ حَسَنَةً نَّزِدْ لَهُ فِيهَا حُسْنًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ

That is the good news God gives to His servants who believe and do good deeds. Say, "I ask of you no wage for it, except affection among the near of kin." Whoever does a good deed, We will increase its goodness for him. God is Forgiving and Appreciative. (42:23)

4. Rewarded by Allah

وَإِنَّ لَكَ لَأَجْرًا غَيْرَ مَمْنُونٍ

And certainly for you, there is an endless reward. (68:3)

إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ

O Muhammad, surely, We have granted you the Kauther (countless blessings-it is also the name of a special fountain which will be granted to prophet on the Day of Judgment). 108:1

أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ
وَوَضَعْنَا عَنكَ وِزْرَكَ
الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ
وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ

Did We not soothe your heart? And lift from you your burden. Which weighed down your back? And exalted your fame. (Allah has glorified his status until last day) (94:1-4.)

HIS EXEMPLARY CHARACTER:

1. Most exemplary character

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

You have an excellent example in the Messenger of God; for anyone who seeks God and the Last Day, and remembers God frequently. (33:21)

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And most surely, you have an exalted moral character. (68:4)

2. Sadiq (Truthful)

وَلَمَّا رَأَى الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْأَحْزَابَ قَالُوا هَذَا مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَصَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَمَا زَادَهُمْ إِلَّا إِيمَانًا وَتَسْلِيمًا

And when the believers saw the army of the “Mushrakeen” , they said: This is what Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger promised us, and Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger are true, and it only added to their faith and submission (to Allah). (33:22)

3. Final judge and arbiter

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

But, nay, by your Lord, they do not believe (in reality) until they make you judge of what is in dispute between them and find within themselves no dislike of that which you decide, and submit with full submission. (4:65)

إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ أَن يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

The saying of the believers when summoned to Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger that he may judge between them is only that they say: We hear and we obey. And they are the successful. (24:51)

5. Forgiving

خُذِ الْعَفْوَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ

Keep to forgiveness (O beloved Prophet) and enjoin what is right, and turn away from the ignorant. (7:199)

6. He is Burhan (Clear Proof)

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بُرْهَانٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ نُورًا مُّبِينًا
O mankind! Surely, there has come to you a clear proof from your Lord and
We have sent to you a clear light. (4:174)

7. Brave: Commands Muslims in battle

وَإِذْ غَدَوْتَ مِنْ أَهْلِكَ تُبَوِّئُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَقَاعِدَ لِلْقِتَالِ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

Remember when you left your home in the morning, to assign battle-positions for the believers. God is Hearing and Knowing. (3:121)

8. He is not misguided

مَا ضَلَّ صَاحِبُكُمْ وَمَا غَوَى
وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَى
إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَى

Your friend has not gone astray, nor has he erred. Nor does he speak out of desire. It is but a revelation revealed. (53:2-4)

PREACHES ONLY ISLAM

1. Established the correct Message of Islam

قُلْ إِنِّي هَدَانِي رَبِّي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ دِينًا قَدِيمًا مِّلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

Say: Surely, as for me, my Lord has shown me the straight path, a right religion, the creed of Ibrahim, the upright, and he was not of the polytheists. Say: Surely, my prayer and my sacrifice and my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds.

He has no partner, and this am I commanded, and I am the first of those who submit (to Him). (6:161-163)

قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ

وَأُمِرْتُ لِأَنْ أَكُونَ أَوَّلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

Say (O beloved Prophet): Truly, I am commanded to worship Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience.

And I am commanded to be the first of those who submit (to Him). (39:11-12)

2. Preacher to all humanity

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ الرَّسُولُ بِالْحَقِّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَآمِنُوا خَيْرًا لَكُمْ وَإِنْ تَكْفُرُوا فَإِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا

O mankind! The (Prophetic) Messenger has come to you with the truth from your Lord. Then believe; (it is) better for you. But if you disbelieve, still, surely, to Allah belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth, and Allah is ever Knower, Wise. (4:170)

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا

Blessed is He Who has sent down to His servant the Criterion (of right and wrong), that he may be a Warner to the entire world. (25:1)

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

And We have not sent you (O beloved Prophet) except as a bringer of good tidings and a Warner to all mankind; but most of the people do not know. (34:28)

3. He is Bashir and Nadhir (Bearer of glad tidings and a Warner)

يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ عَلَى فِتْرَةٍ مِّنَ الرَّسُولِ أَن تَقُولُوا مَا جَاءَنَا
مِن بَشِيرٍ وَلَا نَذِيرٍ فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَشِيرٌ وَنَذِيرٌ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

O people of the Scripture! Indeed, Our (Prophetic) Messenger has come to you making clear to you (Our Commands) after a break of the (coming of the Prophetic) Messengers, lest you say: There came not to us any bearer of glad tidings or a Warner (against evil), so indeed there has come to you a bearer of glad tidings and a Warner, and Allah has power over all things. (5:19) .

4. Invites people to Islam

قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُو إِلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ
الْمُشْرِكِينَ

Say: This is my way. I invite towards Allah, I and those who follow me having inner-sight, and Glory be to Allah, and I am not of the idolaters. (12:108)

5. Even the jinn respond to his call

وَإِذْ صَرَفْنَا إِلَيْكَ نَفَرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ يَسْتَمِعُونَ الْقُرْآنَ فَلَمَّا حَضَرُوهُ قَالُوا
أَنْصِتُوا فَلَمَّا قُضِيَ وَلَّوْا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِمْ مُّنْذِرِينَ

قَالُوا يَا قَوْمَنَا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا كِتَابًا أُنزِلَ مِن بَعْدِ مُوسَىٰ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ
يَهْدِي إِلَى الْحَقِّ وَإِلَىٰ طَرِيقٍ مُّسْتَقِيمٍ

يَا قَوْمَنَا أَجِيبُوا دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ وَآمِنُوا بِهِ يَعْفِرَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُجِرْكُمْ مِّنْ
عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ

And when we inclined towards you (O beloved Prophet) certain of the jinn, listening to the Qur'an and, when they were in its presence, said: Be silent; then, when it was finished, they turned back to their people, warning. They said: O our people! We have heard a Scripture which has been revealed after Musa, confirming that which was before it, guiding to the truth and to a right path.

O our people! Respond to Allah's call and believe in Him, He will forgive you some of your sins and guard you from a painful punishment. (46:29-31)

6. He brought the truth

وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا

And say: The truth has come and the falsehood has vanished away. Undoubtedly, the falsehood is ever bound to vanish. (17:81)

وَالَّذِي جَاءَ بِالصِّدْقِ وَصَدَّقَ بِهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ

And he who has come with the truth and he who accepts it as the truth, such are those that guard (against evil). (39:33)

7. A perfect guide to be followed

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ فَأَمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَلِمَاتِهِ وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

Say (O beloved Prophet): O mankind! I am the (Prophetic) Messenger of Allah to you all, of Him to Whom belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth. None is to be worshipped except Him. He gives life and He causes death. So believe in Allah and His Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write, who believes in Allah and in His Words, and follow him so that you may be guided. (7:158)

8. He brought a new law (Shari'a)

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ

وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ
وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

Those who follow the Messenger, the Unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel in their possession. He directs them to righteousness, and deters them from evil, and allows for them all good things, and prohibits for them wickedness, and unloads the burdens and the shackles that are upon them. Those who believe in him, and respect him, and support him, and follow the light that came down with him—these are the successful. (7:157)

9. He calls you to that which gives you life

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ
بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ

O you who believe! Answer (the call of) Allah and the (Prophetic) Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life, and know that Allah comes between the man and his own heart, and that to Him you shall be gathered. (8:24)

10. Brings people from darkness into light

رَسُولًا يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ مُبَيِّنَاتٍ لِّيُخْرِجَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنَ
الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا
الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا قَدْ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَهُ رِزْقًا

A (Prophetic) Messenger reciting to you the clear revelations of Allah so that he may bring forth those who believe and do good works from the darkness into the light. And whosoever believes in Allah and does good deeds, He will admit him into Gardens (of Paradise) underneath which streams flow, to abide therein forever. Allah has indeed made good provision for him. (65:11)

11. His religion prevails over all religion

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا

He is (the One) Who has sent His (Prophetic) Messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all the religions. And Sufficient is Allah as Witness. (48:28)

His household and companions are blessed:

1. His Household purified by Allah Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala

وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَىٰ وَأَقِمْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتِينَ الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِعْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا

And settle in your homes; and do not display yourselves, as in the former days of ignorance. And perform the prayer, and give regular charity, and obey God and His Messenger. God desires to remove all impurity from you, O People of the Household, and to purify you thoroughly. (33:33)

2. His companions praised by Allah Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala

مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ تَرَاهُمْ رُكَّعًا سُجَّدًا يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا سِيمَاهُمْ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ مِّنْ أَثَرِ السُّجُودِ ذَلِكَ مَثَلُهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَمَثَلُهُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ كَرَزَعٍ أُخْرِجَ شَطَأُهُ فَأَزْرَهُ فَاسْتَعْلَظَ فَاسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى سَوْقِهِ يُعْجِبُ الزَّرَّاعَ لِيغِيظَ بِهِمُ الْكُفَّارَ وَعَدَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

Muhammad is the Messenger of God. Those with him are stern against the disbelievers, yet compassionate amongst themselves. You see them kneeling, prostrating, seeking blessings from God and approval. Their marks are on their faces from the effects of prostration. Such is their description in the Torah, and their description in the Gospel: like a plant that sprouts, becomes strong, grows thick, and rests on its stem, impressing the farmers. Through them He enrages the disbelievers. God has promised those among them who believe and do good deeds forgiveness and a great reward. (48:29)

3. His companions: the Muhajirin (Emigrants) and the Ansar (Helpers) are truthful believers:

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آوَوْا وَنَصَرُوا أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ

And those who believed and emigrated and fought in the way of Allah, and those who gave shelter and helped, they are the believers in truth. For them is pardon and an honorable provision. (8:74)

وَالسَّابِقُونَ الْأَوَّلُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

And the foremost, the first of the Emigrants and the Helpers, and those who followed them in goodness, Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them Gardens (in Paradise) underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the supreme triumph. (9:100)

لِلْفُقَرَاءِ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَأَمْوَالِهِمْ يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا وَيَنْصُرُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ

وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّؤُوا الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِّمَّا أُوتُوا وَيُؤْثِرُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ وَمَنْ يُوقِ شُحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

(It is) for the poor fugitives who have been driven out from their homes and their belongings, who seek grace from Allah and His

pleasure and help Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger. These are the truthful.

And those who had homes (in Madina) and the faith from before, love those who have fled to them, and find in their breasts no need for what they have been given, but prefer (the refugees) above themselves though they may be in desperate need (themselves). And who so is saved from his own avarice, those are they who are the successful. (59:8-9)

4. His companions swear allegiance to him

لَفَذَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ يُبَايِعُونَكَ تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ فَعَلِمَ مَا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ فَأَنْزَلَ السَّكِينَةَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَثَابَهُمْ فَتْحًا قَرِيبًا

Certainly, Allah was well pleased with the believers when they swore allegiance to you beneath the tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, so He sent down tranquility on them, and has rewarded them with a near victory. (48:18)

Allah ordered us to believe, assist, honor, love, respect and obey him:

1. Believe, assist and honor him

لِتُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتُعَزِّرُوهُ وَتُوَقِّرُوهُ وَتُسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

That you (mankind) may believe in Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger, and may assist him, and honour him, and may glorify Him morning and evening. (48:9)

تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ: You should believe in Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger, and struggle hard in Allah's way with your property and your persons; that is better for you, did you but know! (61:11)

2. Love Allah and His Beloved Prophet more than anything else

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

Say: If your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your kinsfolk, and the wealth you have acquired, and merchandise for which you fear that there will be no sale, and dwellings you desire are dearer to you than Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger and striving in His way: then wait till Allah brings His command to pass, and Allah does not guide the wrongdoing folk. (9:24)

3. He is closer to the believers than their own selves.

النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجُهُ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ وَأُولُو الْأَرْحَامِ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلَىٰ بِبَعْضٍ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَائِكُمْ مَعْرُوفًا كَانَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَسْطُورًا

The Prophet is more caring of the believers than they are of themselves, and his wives are mothers to them. And blood-relatives are closer to one another in God's Book than the believers or the emigrants, though you should do good to your friends. That is inscribed in the Book.(33:6)

4. Respect him

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَنْ تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَعْضُونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

O you who believe! Do not place your opinions above that of Allah and His Messenger, and fear Allah. Allah is Hearing and Knowing. O you who believe! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet, and do not speak loudly to him, as you speak loudly to one another, lest your works be in vain without you realizing. Those who lower their voices before God's Messenger—those are they whose hearts God has tested for piety. They will have forgiveness and a great reward.(49:1-3)

5. Obey Allah Ta'ala and His Beloved Prophet Sallallahu 'alayhi wa Sallam

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And obey Allah and the (Prophetic) Messenger that you may obtain mercy. (3:132)

تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

Those are the limits set by Allah, and whoso obeys Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger, He will make him enter Gardens (in Paradise) underneath which rivers flow, to abide therein And. that is the great success. (4:13)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the (Prophetic) Messenger and those in authority from amongst you, then if you have a dispute concerning any matter, refer it to Allah and the (Prophetic) Messenger if you believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is better and very good in the end. (4:59)

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ
وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَٰئِكَ رَفِيقًا

And whoso obeys Allah and the (Prophetic) Messenger, they are with those to whom Allah has shown favor, of the prophets and the truthful and the martyrs and the righteous, and the best of company are they! (4:69)

مَنْ يُطِعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّىٰ فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا

Whoever obeys the (Prophetic) Messenger, indeed obeys Allah; and whoever turns away, so We have not sent you as a keeper over them. (4:80)

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ
وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَٰئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

And the believing men and the believing women, they are protecting friends one of another; they enjoin the right and forbid the wrong, and they establish regular prayers and they pay the poor-due, and they obey Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger. As for these, Allah will have mercy on them. Undoubtedly, Allah is Mighty, Wise. (9:71)

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَخْشَ اللَّهَ وَيَتَّقْهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ

And he who obeys Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger, and fears Allah, and keeps his duty (to Him): then these it is that are the successful. (24:52)

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَّا حُمِّلْتُمْ وَإِن
تَطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

Say: Obey Allah and obey the (Prophetic) Messenger. But if you turn away, he is only responsible for the duty placed on him and you for that place on you, and if you obey him, you will be rightly guided. And the responsibility of the (Prophetic) Messenger is only to convey (the message) clearly. (24:54)

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And establish regular prayer and pay the poor-due and obey the (Prophetic) Messenger that mercy may be shown to you. (24:56)

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

He (Allah) will set right your deeds for you and will forgive you your sins, and whosoever obeys Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger, he has indeed gained a mighty success.(33:71)

قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا قُلْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا أَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَا يَلِتْكُمْ مِنْ أَعْمَالِكُمْ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

The desert dwellers say: We believe. Say (to them O beloved Prophet): You believe not, but rather say "We submit", for the faith has not yet entered your hearts. But if you obey Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger, He will not diminish anything of (the reward of) your deeds. Surely, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. (49:14)

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ فَإِنَّمَا عَلَى رَسُولِنَا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

And obey Allah and obey the (Prophetic) Messenger; but if you turn away, then (know that) the duty of our (Prophetic) Messenger is only to convey (the message) clearly. (64:12)

6. Follow the commands of Allah Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala and of his Beloved Prophet.

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا لِمُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُبِينًا

And it befits not a believing man or a believing woman, when Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger have decided a matter (for them), that they should (after that) claim any choice in their matter; and whoso disobeys Allah and His (Prophetic) Messenger, he surely goes astray in manifest error. (33:36)

7. whatever he gives you, take it

مَا أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْقُرَى فَلِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ
فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

Whatever Allah has given to His (Prophetic) Messenger from the people of the towns, it is for Allah and for the (Prophetic) Messenger, and for the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, so that it may not (merely) make a circuit between the wealthy among you, and whatever the (Prophetic) Messenger gives you, take it and whatever he forbids you, abstain (from it), and fear Allah; surely Allah is severe in retribution (evil). (59:7)

8. The reward of believing in him

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ يُؤْتِكُمْ كِفْلَيْنِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا
تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَعْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

O you who believe! Fear God, and believe in His Messenger: He will give you a double portion of His mercy, and will give you a light by which you walk, and will forgive you. God is Forgiving and Merciful.(57:28)

Prophet waged jihad amidst persecution:

1. Non-believers plot to kill him , (Allah saved him)

وَإِذْ يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُثْبِتُوكَ أَوْ يَقْتُلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ وَيَمْكُرُونَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ
خَيْرُ الْمَاكِرِينَ

And when those who disbelieve plotted against you (O beloved Prophet) to confine you, or to kill you or to drive you away; and they plan, but Allah (also) had arranged a plan; and Allah is the best of planners. (8:30)

3. Commanded to fight alone for Allah Sub'hanahu wa Ta'ala

فَقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَا تُكَلَّفُ إِلَّا نَفْسَكَ وَحَرِّضِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَكْفِ بِكَ
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَاللَّهُ أَشَدُّ بِأَسَا وَأَشَدُّ تَنْكِيلًا

So fight (O beloved Prophet) in the way of Allah. You are not taxed (with the responsibility of anyone) except for yourself, and urge on the believers; maybe Allah will restrain the fierceness of those who disbelieve. And Allah is strongest in might and strongest in punishing. (4:84)

4. He led Muslims in prayer while in battle

وَإِذَا كُنْتَ فِيهِمْ فَأَقَمْتَ لَهُمُ الصَّلَاةَ فَلْتَقُمْ طَائِفَةٌ مِنْهُمْ مَعَكَ وَلْيَأْخُذُوا أَسْلِحَتَهُمْ فَإِذَا سَجَدُوا فَلْيَكُونُوا مِنْ وَرَائِكُمْ وَلْتَأْتِ طَائِفَةٌ أُخْرَى لَمْ يُصَلُّوا فَلْيُصَلُّوا مَعَكَ وَلْيَأْخُذُوا حِذْرَهُمْ وَأَسْلِحَتَهُمْ وَدَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْ تَغْفُلُونَ عَنْ أَسْلِحَتِكُمْ وَأَمْتِعَتِكُمْ فَيَمِيلُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَيْلَةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنْ كَانَ بِكُمْ أَدَى مِنْ مَطَرٍ أَوْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَى أَنْ تَضَعُوا أَسْلِحَتَكُمْ وَخُذُوا حِذْرَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعَدَّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا

And when you (O beloved Prophet) are among them, then lead them in prayer; let only a party of them stand with you (to worship) and let them take their arms. Then when they have performed their prostrations, let them fall to the rear and let another party come that has not worshipped and let them worship with you, and let them take their precautions and their arms. Those who disbelieve would like you to neglect your arms and your baggage that they may attack you once for all. And there is no blame on you to lay aside your arms, if rain impedes you or if you are sick. But take your precautions. Surely, Allah has prepared for the disbelievers degrading punishment. (4:102)

5. Allah asks him to seek peace

وَإِنْ جَنَحُوا لِلسَّلْمِ فَاجْنَحْ لَهَا وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

And if they incline to peace, then you also incline to it, and trust in Allah. Surely, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. (8:61)

6. Allah helped him in Jihad

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَاءَتْكُمْ جُنُودٌ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيحًا وَجُنُودًا لَمْ تَرَوْهَا وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرًا

O you who believe! Remember Allah's favor to you when there came against you forces, so We sent against them a strong wind and forces which you did not see, and Allah is Ever- Seeing what you do. (33:9)

HIS MIRACLES:

1. Living Miracle: The Holy Qur'an

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّثْلِهِ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ
قُلْ لَّيِّنِ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا
فَلْيَأْتُوا بِحَدِيثٍ مِّثْلِهِ إِنْ كَانُوا صَادِقِينَ

And if you are in doubt concerning that which We have revealed to Our slave, then produce a chapter like it, and call your witnesses besides Allah if you are truthful. (2:23)

Say: If the mankind and the jinn should combine together to produce the like of this Qur'an, they could not produce the like thereof though they were the helpers one of another. (17:88)

Then let them produce a discourse like it, if they are truthful. (52:34)

2. Human Miracle: he changed people's hearts

وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ تَرَىٰ أَعْيُنُهُمْ تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ مِمَّا عَرَفُوا مِنَ الْحَقِّ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

And when they hear what has been revealed to the (Prophetic) Messenger, you will see their eyes overflowing with tears because of their recognition of the truth. They say: Our Lord, we believe, then inscribes us as among the witnesses (of truth). (5:83)

3. Heavenly Miracle: Isra' and Mi'raj

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَىٰ بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

Glorified be He Who carried His slave by night from the Sacred Mosque to the al-Aqsa Mosque whose precincts We have blessed, so that We might

show him of Our signs. Surely, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. (17:1)
Then he came near, and hovered around.

ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّى
فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَى
فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ
مَا كَذَبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَىٰ
أَفَتُنْمِرُونَهُ عَلَىٰ مَا يَرَىٰ
وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ
عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ
عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَىٰ
إِذْ يَغْشَى السِّدْرَةَ مَا يَغْشَىٰ
مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَىٰ
لَقَدْ رَأَىٰ مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَىٰ

He was within two bows' length, or closer. Then He revealed to His servant what He revealed. The heart did not lie about what it saw.. Will you dispute with him concerning what he saw? He saw him on another descent. At the Lotus Tree of the Extremity. Near which is the Garden of Repose. As there covered the Lotus Tree what covered it. The sight did not waver, nor did it exceed.He saw some of the Great Signs of his Lord.(53:8-18)

4. Historic Miracle: Hijra; escaped while surrounded

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِيًا إِثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَمْ تَرَوْهَا وَجَعَلَ كَلِمَةَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَىٰ وَكَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

If you help him not, indeed Allah helped him when those who disbelieve drove him forth, (with him was) the second of the two; when they were both

in the cave, when he said to his companion: Grieve not, surely, Allah is with us. Then Allah caused His peace of reassurance to descend upon him and supported him with forces which you did not see, and made the word of those who disbelieved the lowest, while Allah's Word, that is the highest, and Allah is Mighty, Wise. (9:40)

5. The miracle of the battle of Badr: Victory against all odds

وَلَقَدْ نَصَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ بِبَدْرٍ وَأَنْتُمْ أَذِلَّةٌ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

إِذْ تَقُولُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَلَنْ يَكْفِيَكُمْ أَنْ يُمِدَّكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ بِثَلَاثَةِ آلَافٍ مِّنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُنزَلِينَ

بَلَىٰ إِنْ تَصْبِرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا وَيَأْتُوكُم مِّن فَوْرِهِمْ هَذَا يُمِدَّكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ بِخَمْسَةِ آلَافٍ مِّنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُسَوِّمِينَ

And Allah had certainly assisted you at Badr, when you were weak. So fear Allah in order that you may be thankful.

When you said to the believers: Is it not sufficient for you that Your Lord should assist you with three thousand of the angels sent down?

Yes, if you remain patient and fear Allah, and they attack you suddenly, your Lord will help you with five thousand angels marked out (for your help). (3:123-125)

6. The splitting of the moon

اقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ
وَإِنْ يَرَوْا آيَةً يُعْرِضُوا وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَمِرٌّ

The Hour drew near and the moon was split (in two).

And if they see a sign, they turn away and say: (This is) perpetual magic. (54:1-2)

Allah appointed him as intercessor (SHAFEE) for his Ummah on the Day of Judgement:

1. Allah appointed him as an intercessor to plead for people's forgiveness

فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانْفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ فَإِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ

And, it is by the mercy of Allah that you were gentle with them (O beloved Prophet), for if you had been stern and fierce of heart they would have dispersed from around about you. So pardon them and ask forgiveness for them and consult with them upon the conduct of affairs. And when you are resolved, then put your trust in Allah. Surely, Allah loves those who trust. (3:159)

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَّحِيمًا

And We did not send any (Prophetic) Messenger but that he should be obeyed by the permission of Allah. And if, when they were unjust to themselves, they had but come to you and asked forgiveness of Allah, and the (Prophetic) Messenger had asked forgiveness for them, they would have found Allah Forgiving, Merciful. (4:64)

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ يُبَايِعْنَكَ عَلَى أَنْ لَا يُشْرِكْنَ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَسْرِفْنَ وَلَا يَزْنِينَ وَلَا يَقْتُلْنَ أَوْلَادَهُنَّ وَلَا يَأْتِينَ بِبُهْتَانٍ يَفْتَرِينَهُ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِنَّ وَأَرْجُلِهِنَّ وَلَا يَعْصِيَنَّكَ فِي مَعْرُوفٍ فَبَايِعْنَهُنَّ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُنَّ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

O Prophet! When the believing women come to you, taking oath of allegiance to you that they will ascribe nothing as partner to Allah, and will not steal and will not commit adultery and will not kill their children, and will not produce any calumny, forging it between their hands and feet (regarding birth), nor disobey you in what is good, then accept their

allegiance and ask forgiveness for them from Allah. Surely, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful! (60:12)

2. An accepted intercessor

لَا يَمْلِكُونَ الشَّفَاعَةَ إِلَّا مَنِ اتَّخَذَ عِنْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ عَهْدًا

They will have no power of intercession except for someone who has made a covenant with the Most Beneficent. (19:87)

يَوْمَئِذٍ لَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَاعَةُ إِلَّا مَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ وَرَضِيَ لَهُ قَوْلًا

On that Day no intercession avails except of him to whom the Most Beneficent has given permission and whose word He is pleased with. (20:109)

3. His prayers a solace for hearts

خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

Realize the poor-due out of their wealth, to purify them and cleanse them therewith, and pray for them. Surely, your prayer is a solace for them. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. (9:103)

4. He is witness on the Day of Judgment

وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا

And the Messenger will say, “My Lord, my people have abandoned this Quran.”(25:30)

Prophet Muhammad himself said in Hadith (By Muslim) that Allah has given him seven distinct things which He did not give to any other prophet.

1. I have been sent with the shortest expressions bearing the widest meanings.
2. I have been made victorious with terror (cast in the hearts of the enemy by Allah)
3. The spoils of war were allowed for him. (before him, spoils of war were not allowed for prophets)
4. Whole earth is made worship place for me and my followers and also allowed using dirt from earth for cleanliness if water is unavailable (The other religions only allows prayer in their designated places like churches and synagogues)
5. I was made the prophets of all the nations (From my time to till the last day)
6. Prophethood has ended after me (I am the last and final Messenger from Allah).
7. I was assigned as intercessor on the Day of Judgment.

Based on direct testimony by Allah through His own words in Quran as mentioned above, there is absolutely no doubt that our beloved Prophet (PBUH) is the noblest person, best teacher, best student (Yes student of Hazrat Jibreel (AS), best husband, best father, best companion, best leader, most merciful, most caring, most humble, the most righteous , the most patient in trials and tribulations throughout his life and overall the best human being ever walked on the face of this earth.

55 Greatest Special/specific Favors of our Beloved Prophet (SAW) on humanity and his followers (Ummah)

There are numerous favors our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) did to humanity and especially his followers with the blessings and permission of Allah (SWT). In this paper an attempt has been made to list some 55 of them.

- 1) The greatest and biggest favor humanity got from our beloved prophet was that we got the greatest gift of knowledge and guidance from our creator Allah (SWT), the Quran through him. The holy Quran was revealed to humanity through him over the period of twenty three years. Throughout the history of human race Allah (SWT) sent His books and Messengers to guide people, but the Quran is the ultimate book of guidance and Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was the last and final Messenger Allah sent to complete guidance and His message to humanity till the end of time.
- 2) Allah Himself protected the glorious Quran from any changes, so that book of guidance is available to human beings until the end of time. Similarly Prophets sunnah and Ahadith are preserved for us by prophets companions and their followers after followers. Allah made Quran easy to learn, memorize and to implement in our lives. Allah challenges us in Quran:

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ

We have made the Quran very easy to understand and remember, but is there any who would take admonition? Q54/17. Allah has repeated that challenge 4 times in the Surah Qamar.

- 3) Not only he conveyed the message of Quran to us but showed how to implement in our lives by his Sunnah and Ahadith. According to Hazrat Ayesha (his beloved wife) he was a walking Quran. Conveying and implementing messages are totally two different things, he not only implemented Quran in his life but prepared a company of his companions who followed him and implemented Quran in their lives to show the world

first hand that this message of guidance is real and can be implemented and adopted in any circumstances.

- 4) Allah (SWT) gave this deen (Way of life) Islam to us through our beloved Prophet. Allah (SWT) says in Quran “Today I have perfected your faith for you, completed My favor upon you, and chosen Islam as your way of life”
Al-Quran Surah Al-Maida Aya 3

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي #
وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا.

What is meant favor here by Allah? It means Quran and Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Without the Sunnah of Prophet we cannot even understand Quran or interpret and implement Quran in our lives. The role of our Prophet is pivotal in developing the understanding and implementation of Quran.

- 5) Through Prophet Muhammad (SAW), we not only knew Quran (Allah’s revelation), but he purified us and taught us Quran and wisdom (His Sunnah), otherwise we were clearly astray.

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Surah Jumma, Aya #2

- 6) Prophet (SAW) is also a witness (For and against us on the Day of Judgment), deliverer of good news (through him we learned that a believer and doers of good deeds will get Paradise) and a Warner (Disbelievers will get hell fire). He was also a caller to the “the way of Allah by His command, and a beacon of light’.

Just like darkness disappears from the light, similarly Prophet took us out from the darkness of disbelieving and polytheism to the light of believing and Tauheed (oneness of Allah).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا
وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُّنِيرًا

Surah Ahzab, Aya 45,46

7) Because of our beloved Prophet (SAW), Allah gave distinction to us (his Ummah) as the best nation raised up for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and you believe in Allah.

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ
Surah AL-IMRAN, Aya# 110

8) Because of our Beloved Prophet (SAW), Allah made us a just nation (Ummah) that we will be witnesses over the people (other nations) and our Prophet Muhammad (SAW) will be witness over us. This means that the follower of Muhammad (SAW) is a middle/ just nation, a connection between Allah and mankind. We have to call people towards Allah and His guidance (Quran). Mankind depends on us to guide them and take out of darkness as we are now the custodians of Quran. Our beloved Prophet did his job by conveying this Message and showed how to implement it, now after him this huge responsibility rest on our shoulders and we will be asked about it on the Day of Judgment and will be called upon as witness that we conveyed this message to mankind and our Prophet will be witness over us that he conveyed Allah's message to us.

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا
Surah Al-Baqra, Aya 143.

9) Allah's Mercy on us is so great due to our Beloved Prophet that though our Ummah is last nation from the people of the world, but will be first to be judged on the Day of Resurrection and to enter Paradise.

10) Due to Dua (supplication) of our beloved Prophet, Allah promised him that his Ummah (us) will never be completely destroyed like the previous nations, nor by drought and not be overcome by enemies from outside their ranks.

11) Reward for one good deed for the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is as a minimum 10 times, and reward for one bad deed is only one. We are even rewarded for good intentions and with sincere repentance Allah can change even bad deeds to good deeds (Subhan Allah).
Al Quran 6/160 and 25/70

مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

12) Our beloved Prophet is granted permission by Allah (SWT) to be intercessor on our behalf to enter paradise eventually after serving our punishments for bad deeds. Every person who believed in Allah and Prophet Muhammad (SAW) will eventually enter paradise with his intercession except those who committed shirk (Associated partners with Allah (SWT)).

Anas (RA) reported that Prophet said “My intercession is for the people of major sins among my nation. Sunan Tirmidhi 2435

13) Allah promised a house in Jannah for the followers of our beloved Prophet, who performs 12 Raka’t of Sunnah prayers regularly as did by our Prophet (2 before Fajr, 4 before Zuhar, 2 after Zuhar, 2 after Maghreb and 2 after Isha). This is in addition to obligatory (Fard) Salah. Reported by Muslim and narrated by Umm Habibah.

14) The earth has been made for Prophet and his Ummah a place for prayer and a place to perform “Tayammum”(Dry ablution), therefore anyone of his Ummah can pray whenever and wherever the prayer is due. It is not true for other followers of other Messengers of Allah, like Jews, Christians etc, they have to pray in synagogues, Churches etc.

16) Another great favor on us by our beloved Prophet is that he was so loving, merciful and caring for us that even Allah (SWT) has testified in Quran Himself and said that he is (Rau’f and Raheem) for believers (That is his Ummah, which is us). Remember the attributes of Rau’f and Raheem are reserved for Allah (SWT).

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Their certainly has come to you a messenger from among yourselves. He is concerned by your suffering, anxious for your well-being, and gracious and merciful to the believers. Surah Tauba, Aya #128.

Imagine if our Prophet is so concerned for our well-being, then how much Allah will be concerned for the followers of His Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

17) Another great favor conferred to us by Allah (SWT) through our beloved Prophet (SAW) is that if we want to love Allah, we just need to follow our Prophet, Allah will not only love us but will also forgive our sins (Subhan Allah/Allah –o-Akbar).

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ
Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “If you ‘sincerely’ loves Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you and forgive your sins. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”
Surah AL- Imran, Aya# 31.

Another great favor we got from Allah (SWT) for being the ummah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is Allah gives us so extensive rewards for very little efforts and small good deeds (like praying, reading Quran/understanding it, doing Zikr (Remembrance) of Allah etc) . Here are few of them listed below:

18) Just doing good deeds in one night (LIAL UL QADR, NIGHT OF POWER) once a year will be rewarded as it is better than thousand months.

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ,

19) Fasting 6 days in the month of “Shawwal” is like fasting whole year. Tirmidhi 759.

20) Fasting just one day on 9th of “ Zilhajj” expiates the sins of the past year and the coming year (Reported by Muslim)

21) Fasting on 10th of “Muharram” has tremendous reward as our beloved said that “I hope that Allah will accept it as expiation for the past year. (Muslim)

22) An accepted Hajj for the follower of our beloved Prophet is nothing but Paradise. Like he/she is just born, free from any sins he committed all his life (Subhan Allah). (Bukhari).

23) Doing just correct wadu (ablution) is rewarded by removal of minor sins without any extra effort. Sunan Tirmidhi 55.

24) One Friday prayer to other Friday prayer and one Ramadan fasting to other acts as erasing minor sins in between that period. (Provided we do not commit major sins and continue to fulfill obligatory commandments. Muslim 233.

25) Praying Isha Prayer with congregation, followed by Fajir prayer in the same morning with congregation is rewarded as praying the whole night.(Tirmidhi)

26) Saying few words of praise of Allah (SWT) after Fajr prayer is equivalent to that you are in Allah's remembrance until afternoon Zuhr prayer. Sahih Muslim 2726.



Meaning "(Allah is free from imperfection and I begin with His praise, as many times as the number of His creatures, in accordance with His Good Pleasure, equal to the weight of His Throne and the ink that may be used in recording the words (for His Praise).” (Muslim):

27) The Angeles pray for us as long as we remain in the place where we had perform Salat in a state of Wudu and continue doing Allah's Zikr. Angeles pray thar O'Allah Forgive him, O' Allah have mercy on him. (Sahih Al Bukhari.)

28) Another great favor of Allah to the follower of His Messenger is that Children's of the believers if they also are believers, Allah with His Mercy will join them with their parents in the Paradise, even if their parents are living in higher ranks of Paradise then the children just as to please their parents (Subhan Allah) .Free upgrade

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينٌ

Translation: We shall unite the believers with those descendants of theirs who followed them in their faith, and shall not deny them any part of the reward for their good deeds. Every person is pledged to what he did. [Q 52/21]

EXP: This theme has already been mentioned in ([Surah Ar- Raad, Ayat 23](#)) and ([Surah Al-Momin, Ayat 8](#)), but here a greater good news has been given. In the verse of Surah Ar- Raad only this much was said: They will enter into them (Gardens) along with the righteous from among their forefathers, wives and descendants, and in Surah Al-Momin: The angels ask forgiveness for the believers; they say Our Lord... (Admit therein also) of their parents and wives and children who are righteous. Here, what has been said in addition is: If the children had been following in the footsteps of their forefathers in faith, they will be joined with them in Paradise even though they might not deserve, on the basis of their deeds, the same high rank which the elders would attain on the basis of their superior faith and deeds, and this joining will not be of the nature of occasional visits and meetings but they will be lodged permanently with them in Paradise as is borne out by the words: **أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ** . For the sake of further satisfaction it has been stated: In order to be joined with their offspring the parents will not be lowered and reduced in rank, but in order to be joined with their elders the rank of the children will be enhanced and exalted.

Here, it should be borne in mind that this news has been given in respect of the children who on reaching maturity voluntarily decided to affirm faith and of their own free will followed in the footsteps of their righteous forefathers. As for those of the children of a believer, who might have died even before reaching maturity, there cannot be any question of belief or disbelief, obedience or disobedience, for they will be admitted to Paradise automatically and will be lodged along with their parents to be a comfort of the eyes for them.

Note: Major sins, including committing “Shirk” will not be erased by doing these acts; one has to ask for sincere repentance from Allah (SWT). Similarly “Huqooq ul Ibad” rights of other on us will not be forgiven unless we correct that mistake we committed with our Muslim brother/sister and ask his/her forgiveness.

29) Another great favor by Allah (SWT) to non Muslims (Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists or Atheist) through the courtesy of Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is that if they become Muslims (Accept Shahada, that he accepts that “None is worthy of Worship except Allah alone and Prophet Muhammad is His slave and final messenger) then all of his/her previous sins no matter how grave they were including Committing “Shirk”(Associating anything else with Allah or with His attributes) will be

completely erased and he/she will be like just born in this world and they will join the ummah (Nation) of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and ultimately enter Paradise with his intercession on the Day of Judgment.(Musnad Ahmed, Sahih Muslim).

30) Whoever Muslim calls to guidance will have a reward similar to that of those who follow it, without the reward of either of them being lessened at all. Sahih Muslim 1893.

31) Another great favor on Muslims by our beloved Prophet is that he taught us duas for every action in life, like while entering/leaving Masjid, eating/drinking, entering/leaving rest rooms, when going to sleep and waking up etc, if we do these duas , we will have great blessing from Allah (SWT). Readers are encouraged to learn these duas, easily available in Mobile apps etc.

32) Going to a Muslim brothers funeral prayer gets a reward of one “Qirat” and whoever goes to burial site also will get reward of two “Qirats” Prophet (SAW) described “Qirat” has like a huge mountain. Bukhari 1325/ Muslim 945. Note: Attending Muslim brother/sister Funeral prayer is “Fard Kifayya”. Means if some Muslims from the community attend, it will suffice for others.

33) Although whole Quran is special and guidance for us, but Allah gave 2 special Ayats of Quran (Last two Ayats of Surah Baqra) to Prophet on the occasion of Isra Al Meraj . Prophet (SAW) said whoever read these two verses at night, it is sufficient for him. (Dawud 1397)

34) Reciting Sardar of Ayats (Ayat ul Kursi) has great benefits, reciting after Fard Salah has great reward and reciting before sleeping is protection from Shaitan.

35) Allah gave the two special surahs (Last two surahs of the Quran , called Al Muawwidhatan, verses of refuge) to us through the courtesy of our Prophet. Reciting it protects us from all kind magic, shaitan whispers, people jealousy and evil eyes etc.

36) Prophet taught us Syyed ul Istighfar (Greatest dua of Repentance). He said this is the best form of repentance. He who prays being steadfast these

terms during the day and night with firm belief and dies during the day or night will be one of the dwellers of praradise. (Bukhari 6306)




سید الاستغفار

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ
 وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ أَعُوذُ بِكَ
 مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ أَبُوْءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ وَأَبُوْءُ
 بِذَنْبِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ (صحیح بخاری)

'Allaahmma anta rabbee laa ilaaha illaa ant. Anta khalaqtanee wa ana 'abduka
 wa ana 'alaa 'ahdika wa wa'dika mastata't. A'oothu bika min sharri ma sana't.
 Aboo'u laka bi ni'matika alayya wa aboo'u laka bi thambee. Faghfir lee. Fa
 innahoo laa yaghfiruth-thunooba illaa ant.'

[O Allah, You are my Lord. There is no god besides You. You created me and I
 am Your servant, following your covenant and [my] promise to you as much as I
 can. I seek refuge in You from the evil that I have done. Before You I acknowledge
 Your blessings bestowed upon me and I confess my sins to You. So forgive me,
 for surely no one can forgive sins except You.]

"اے اللہ! تو ہی میرا رب ہے، تیرے سوا کوئی معبود نہیں، تو نے مجھے پیدا کیا اور میں تیرا بندہ ہوں اور میں اپنی استطاعت کے
 مطابق تجھ سے کئے گئے عہد اور وعدے پر قائم ہوں، میں تیری پناہ چاہتا ہوں اس برائی سے جو میں نے کی، میں اپنے اوپر تیری
 نعمتوں کا اور اپنے گناہوں کا اعتراف کرتا ہوں، پس تو مجھے بخش دے، یقیناً تیرے سوا کوئی گناہوں کو بخش نہیں سکتا"

37) Another great blessing on us that if we want to be close to Prophet (SAW) in Jannah, Prophet said, take care of an orphan, send abundance Durood (Salutation) on him and do lots of sujud (prostration to Allah) means lots of NafI prayers. (Muslim)

38) Reading Quran, every Alphabet has reward, but must also not read but understand and implement in our lives and spread its message to others.

39) Another great blessing Allah rewarded to us being ummah of Prophet (SAW) is that praying in congregation is 27 times better than praying individually, praying in Kabba (Masjid Haram) is rewarded 10,000 times and 1000 times praying in Masjid Nabawi.

40) Salah was originally prescribed 50 times a day at the time of Al Asra wal Meraj, but reduced to eventually 5 times a day, but Allah said I will still reward 5 times a day salat equal to reward of 50 times (Subhan Allah). (MUSLIM #163)

41) Taking every step towards masjid for Salah has reward.

42) Reward for time in waiting in Masjid for Salah to start is like we are in Salah.

43) Great reward for Qiyam mul Lail (Tahujjad salah). At the time of Tahujjud, Allah (SWT) descends to lowest heaven and ask if there anybody who asks for his forgiveness or any Dua to me, I will accept it, Subhan Allah, the Giver is asking Himself who wants it from Me.

44) Another great Mercy of Allah (SWT) to the Prophet's Ummah is that if we were not able to take care and did not do Ahsan with our parents in their lives, Allah still opened a window of opportunity for us to amend our past mistakes by Praying for their forgiveness, doing Sadaqat ul Jariah (Continues charity) for them and best of all, do good deeds yourself. Our parents will be reward for all good deeds we do in our lives without Allah taking away any credit from our good deeds for ourselves. Prophet said that Parents sons themselves are Sadaqat ul Jariah for them. The best dua Allah taught to us for our parents in Quran is

وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِي صَغِيرًا

Q17/24

(Say my Rabb have Mercy on them as they did on me when I was little)

45) Praying 2 to 4 Rakat after Fajr congregation salah (Sitting in masjid doing Allah's Zikr until 12 minutes after sun rise) called "Ishraq salah" has a reward of Hajj and Umra (Tirmidhi # 586)

46) Praying two Rakat minimum Salat Duha also called chasht (afternoon time between 9.30 to 12.30) fulfills charity on every joint in your body (Reported Hadith by Muslim #748)

47) Migration by Muslims for the sake of Allah (Due to persecution in the land when they cannot fulfill their obligation to Allah) has great reward in this world and also in hereafter.

وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا ظَلَمُوا لَنُبَوِّئَنَّهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَلَا جُزْءَ الْآخِرَةِ أَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ

. Those who emigrate for God's sake after being persecuted, We will settle them in a good place in this world; but the reward of the Hereafter is greater, if they only knew.

48) Virtues of Azan (caller to prayer):

Prophet said that the caller of Salah will benefit from the greatest bounties of Allah (SWT) on the Day of Resurrection, as everyone who hears him saying Adhan will testify in his favor on that day. (Bukhari)

Repeating the words of Adhan by listener and then doing Dua has great reward, Prophet (SAW) said; Abdullah bin `Amr bin Al-`As (May Allah be pleased with them) reported:

“I heard the Messenger ﷺ of Allah saying, “When you hear the Adhan, repeat what the Mu’adhdhin says. Then ask Allah to exalt my mention because everyone who does so will receive in return ten rewards from Allah. Then beseech Allah to grant me “Maqam Mehmood”, which is a high rank in Jannah, fitting for only one of Allah’s slaves; and I hope that I will be that man. If anyone asks Al-Wasilah for me, it becomes incumbent upon me to intercede for him.” (Muslim)

Dua after Adhan is:

Dua After Hearing Adhan

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةِ التَّامَّةِ، وَالصَّلَاةِ الْقَائِمَةِ، آتِ مُحَمَّدًا
الْوَسِيلَةَ وَالْفَضِيلَةَ، وَابْعَثْهُ مَقَاماً مَحْمُوداً الَّذِي وَعَدْتَهُ،

TRANSLITERATION: Allahumma Rabba hadhihi-dda` watit-tammah, was-salatil qa'imah, ati Muhammadan al-wasilata wal-fadilah, wa b`ath-hu maqaman mahmudan-il-ladhi wa`adtahu'

TRANSLATION: O Allah! Lord of this perfect call (perfect by not ascribing partners to You) and of the regular prayer which is going to be established, give Muhammad the right of intercession and illustriousness, and resurrect him to the best and the highest place in Paradise that You promised him (of), then my intercession for him will be allowed on the Day of Resurrection".

Reference : Sahih al-Bukhari 608
In-book reference : Book 10, Hadith 6

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49) Great reward for Jumma prayer for this ummah, the sooner person comes for Jumma prayers gets a bigger reward than person coming later. (Person who comes earliest get reward of like sadaqa of camel , next cow to goat to the last one coming gets reward of a sadaqa of an egg).

50) Reading Surah Kahaf on Friday have several great rewards, like Allah will shower a light (Noor) on a face that will last until next Friday, security against Dajjal fitna, protection from poverty, forgives of minor sins etc (Reported in several Ahadiths book)

51) Any sickness even as little as pirk of a thorn of a Momin is Kaffara for his/her sins if he remains patient. Imagine the kaffara (Compensation) for bigger sickness and calamity for a Muslim.

52) Sadaqa given by a Muslim helps cure illness, prevents a calamity, eases hardship, and expiates sins.

53) Very small acts gets reward in Islam, like saying salam, feeding people, meeting one another with a smile.

54) We as Prophet's ummah can plant a tree in Jannah while we are still alive and live in this world. Just recite Third Kalima and every time we recite a tree in

planted for us in Paradise (Subhan Allah) (Reported by Ibn Manja #3807). Also Allah had made very easy to get under the Shade of His Throne on the Day of Judgment, when there will be no shade except under His Throne. Anyone who possessed any one of these qualities will get shade of His Throne. A great bless for Prophet's ummah.

1) A just ruler, 2) A youth who grows up in the worship of Allah, 3) A man whose heart is attached to the Masjid, 4) Two people who love one another for the sake of Allah. 5) Someone who resists a direct temptation from the opposite gender. 6) A person who is completely selfless in charity. 7) A person who remembers Allah in private and sheds tears in doing so.

55) The last but not least, another great favor on this ummah by Prophet (SAW) is that he relieved us so many burden from us which were present in other nations of the other prophets. Allah says in Quran (Al Araf, Aya 157)

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

. Those who follow the Messenger, the Unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel in their possession. He directs them to righteousness, and deters them from evil, and allows for them all good things, and prohibits for them wickedness, and unloads the burdens and the shackles that are upon them. Those who believe in him, and respect him, and support him, and follow the light that came down with him—these are the successful.

Means that he came with leniency and easy religion:

What were the burdens unloaded by Prophet (SAW) on us, Prophet said:

- a) Allah has forgiven my ummah for what occurs in themselves, as long as they do not utter or act upon it.
- b) My Ummah was forgiven by Allah for unintentional errors, forgetfulness and what they are forced to do.
- c) On Bani Israel, Allah has forbidden all activities on Saturday, but for us only time Haram (forbidden) for any activities is from the time of Adhan to Salah on Friday Prayers.
- d) Other nations fasting consists of 24 hours fasting, no relationship between spouses, Allah allowed my nation fasting only from sun rise to sun set and

sexual relationship allowed with spouse in the night time when no fasting is observed.

e) Allah allowed compensation (Kaffara) for breaking oath in the name of Allah.

f) Old Sharia for other nations was that punishment for killing a person was to kill the killer, My Sharia it was allowed DAIT (Compensation money for murder) and forgiveness by the heirs.

g) If there was any uncleanness comes on the clothes, in other nations sharia was to cut that piece of the cloth, but in Prophet (SAW) sharia only cleaning with water is allowed.

h) Dirt was allowed to use to clean ourselves when water is not available for Prophet's ummah which was not the case for other Prophet's ummah case. Etc.

i) cleanliness is allowed with clean dirt (Wudu and Gusul) if water not available.

J) Whole earth has been made worship place for this Ummah as long it is clean. (Other nations has to worship/pray in churches, synagogues) etc.

Now the Question is what we should do to please our beloved Prophet in return for these uncountable favors. Remember we can never ever repay the favors of our Prophet, but at least we should do the following:

1) We should love our Prophet more than our parents, family and even ourselves.

النَّبِيِّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ

The Prophet has a stronger affinity to the believers than they do themselves.

Surah Al-Ahzab, Aya #6

2) We should invoke Allah's blessings (Darud) upon him abundantly, as Allah and His Angeles do.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet, and His Angels pray for him, O believers! Invoke Allah's blessings upon him, and salute him with worthy greetings of peace. Surah Al-Ahzab, Aya #56.

- 3) We should implement his message of Quran and Sunnah in our lives.
- 4) We should spread his message of Quran and Sunnah to others to the best of our abilities.
- 5) We should not be divided into different sects, groups, involve in innovation (Bid'ah), Just follow the life of his and his companions.
- 6) We should love and respect his family (Ahle Bait) and his companions.
- 7) We must learn/know his life history (Seerah), why? I will list 5 important reasons:
 - a) Allah has commanded us to learn about this great Prophet:

Allah said in Quran:

You have an excellent example in the Messenger of God; for anyone who seeks God and the Last Day, and remembers Allah frequently. Surah AL-Ahzab, Aya 21

And you are of a great moral character.. Surah Al Qalam, Aya 4.

Therefore the study of the life and times of the Prophet is the study of somebody we need to follow, how we will follow someone, if we do not know him?

- b) Number one way to increase our love for the Prophet is to know more about that person we want to love more than our own selves. Allah says in Surah Al-Ahzab Aya #6 "The Prophet is closer to the believers than their own selves and his wives are as their mothers.
- c) Knowing Prophet's life and times helps us to understand the Quran. Quran is a complex book that cannot be understood without context. Learning Prophet's life gives that context. Without context you never fully appreciate Quran.
- d) Learning Seerah, raises our hopes, lifts our spirits and blesses us with optimism. We are living in the age of Islam phobia, by studying Seerah we understand that Prophet himself and his companions before us has suffered much more than us for the cause of Islam.
- e) Seerah (Life of Prophet) itself is a miracle; his whole life is an indication that he was the Messenger of Allah. He was born in barbaric nation, Pagan

civilization, he was unlettered Prophet (Cannot read or write), but he got Allah's book eloquence of Quran, his patience, perseverance, successes, where it all came from? Within 50 years Islam began to spread and within 100 years it ruled the world. How he achieved this miraculous and phenomenal success? We will only know that by learning about his life and times.

Note: If you want to learn/know Prophet's life (Seerah), there is great opportunity to listen (Audio series of talks) about his life on my website. I gave a very simple and in depth lecture on his life. This audio series consists of 24 lectures covering his life from his birth to his departure from the world, including life in Arabian Desert before his arrival as a Final Prophet. Go to website and click on Audio lectures and select Prophet's life. You can also listen to reflection on Quranic Surahs (Covering all 114 Surahs) on the same website.

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Remember that we cannot even count bounties, favors and blessing of Allah and of our Prophet, but at least we should try to please them and do not disobey them. In addition to Allah's and Prophets Favors and love for us, we can also never count the favors and loves of our parents and can never pay them back, no matter how much hard we try!