

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was born on the 12th day of Rabiul Awwal 570 CE in the town of Makkah. He is the son of Hadhrat Abdullah ibn Abdul Muttalib and Sayyida Aminah bint Wahb, and the grandson of Hadhrat Abdul Muttalib ibn Hashim. By the age of 6, both his parents had passed away.

Right from his young age, The Prophet ﷺ was very trustworthy and never told a lie. That is how he gained the titles, Al-Amin (the Faithful and Trustworthy) and Al-Sadiq (the Truthful). At the age of 25, he married Sayyida Khadija (RA) who is known as the “Mother of the Believers”. They had seven children the youngest among whom is Sayyida Fatimah (RA) who survived him.

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was forty years old when he received the first revelation in the Cave of Hira. These are the first five verses of the Qur’an, where Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala) commanded the Prophet ﷺ to “Recite! In the Name of your Lord Who created”.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ continued to receive such revelations through Angel Jibril throughout the rest of his life. This is how he preached the message of Islam. Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala) refers to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the Qur’an as “Bashir”, which means “Bearer of glad tidings of Paradise” and Nadhir which means “Warner against Hellfire and the wicked”. In the Qur’an he is also referred to as Burhan (Clear Proof) for mankind. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ provided further explanations of the Qur’an through his sayings which are referred to as Hadith, and his actions which are referred to as Sunnah.

He taught everyone to worship only one God, Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala, to love Him and to do good deeds and avoid bad deeds.

When the situation became difficult in Makkah due to the persecution by the non-believers, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala) commanded our beloved Prophet ﷺ to migrate to Madinah where he was welcomed ceremoniously by the Ansaar (helpers of Madinah) chanting the poem Tala’ al-Badru ‘Alayna. This marked the beginning of the Hijri calendar.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ fought many battles to defend the message of Islam and through the mercy and blessings of Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala) was victorious in most of them. When he signed the Peace Treaty of Hudaibiya with the non-believers of Makkah, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala) revealed the following verse in the Qur’an “Indeed, We have given you (O Muhammad) a clear victory.” This meant that the Muslims were going to be successful.

Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta’ala) has exalted the status of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He was sent as a mercy for all the worlds and is the greatest intercessor as mentioned in the Qur’an.

Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) also granted him the power to perform numerous miracles such as the splitting of the Moon and the heavenly ascent of Isra' and Mi'raj during which he led the other Prophets in Prayer.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the Final and greatest Prophet of Allah. Therefore, not only should we honor, love, respect and obey our beloved Prophet, but we should also always strive to live by his teachings (Hadith and Sunnah) and continuously remember him through dhikr and frequently sending salawaat on him as Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) commands us in the Quran "Verily, Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him and salute him with all respect."

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