

Chapter – 04

The Grandeur of Muhammad

صلى الله عليه وسلم

(شانِ مُحَمَّدٍ)

❖ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ-

Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. (48:29)

❖ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا -

(O Prophet!) We have not sent forth but herald of good news and warnings for all mankind. (34:28)

❖ مَن يُطِعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ-

Whosoever obeys the Messenger had indeed obeyed Allah. (04:80)

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

- وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

*Indeed Allah and His angles send blessings on the Prophet; O Believers! Send blessings and peace on him (Prophet Muhammad).**(33:56)*

Dear People! The Prophets of early periods were sent for specific people. But now Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم has been sent for the total humanity and up to the Last day of this world. Quran says:

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

{Muhammad is not the father of any one among you,
but he is the Noble Messenger of Allah and the last of the prophets;
and Allah knows all the things. (33:40)}

Look! The meaning of خاتم is seal (postmark). Afterwards people presented two more meanings for this word. One is افضل (Principal/Preferred) and the second is آخر (the Last). As such, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is افضل الانبياء (the Principal Prophet) as well as آخر الانبياء (the Last Prophet). But, taking only meaning of ‘Principal Prophet’, and negating for ‘Last Prophet’, would not be correct.

Nowadays, behavior of disrespect is increasing excessively. People are making themselves equivalent to the Messenger of Allah, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. In favour of their daring, they refer a part of this Quranic Verse:

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ

{Say: Physically I am a human being like you. (18:110)}

Immediately after, more important content also exists in this Verse, but they never take it into consideration, that is:

يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ

{(But) my Lord sends divine revelations to me. (18:110)}

Look! For the comparison of two things, two aspects are seen. First, ‘What is **common** in it’, and the second ‘What is **unique** in it’. Actually this second characteristic makes anything superior.

Just compare between you and a donkey. Will you not find many common elements, i.e. body, growth, energy and feeling of liveliness etc.? But, on account of your one speciality, that is **wisdom**, you stand far superior. One another example; you can see a commonality between you and Abu Jahal (the well-known Arab disbeliever). Common aspect is that both are human being; but you are well distinguished due to your Islam.

Similarly, a common ‘human aspect’ definitely exists between Prophet and other people, but Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم has a clear distinction for having ‘**divine revelations**’ (وحى) upon him.

Who described this human commonality? Abu Jahal and other disbelievers, who said:

مَا لِهَذَا الرَّسُولِ يَأْكُلُ الطَّعَامَ وَيَمْشِي فِي الْأَسْوَاقِ

{What is the matter with this Messenger that he eats food and walks in the market! (25:07)}

Whereas, whose eyes were on his ‘speciality’? Who gave attention to his ‘distinctiveness’? ---- They were Abu Bakar As-Siddique, Omer Al-Farooq, Osman Al-Ghani and Ali Al-Murtaza, (رضوان الله عليهم اجمعين).

Siddique Akbar رضی اللہ عنہ said: مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ (Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah) and اٰمَنْتُ بِاللّٰهِ وَرَسُولِهِ (I believe on Allah and his Prophet). On one occasion Ali Al-Murtaza رضی اللہ عنہ said: اَنَا عَبْدٌ مِنْ عِبْدِ مُحَمَّدٍ (I am a ‘servant’ among the servants of Prophet Muhammad).

Now, look at the The Grandeur of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and see that God even teaches us how to talk with the Noble Prophet. He says in Quran at three places:

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا

{Do not presume the calling by the Noble Messenger like the calling among you by one another. (24:63)}

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ

{O people who believe! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the Noble Prophet. (49:02)}

يَا نِسَاءَ النَّبِيِّ لَسْتُنَّ كَأَحَدٍ مِّنَ النِّسَاءِ

{O the wife of the Prophet! You are not like any other women (33:32)}

Dear people! At present everywhere Independency, Equality and Democracy prevails. But, with all these assertive, would you dare to enter the house of any President or Prime Minister of the world? You will then see what happens! The guards standing outside will catch you with your neck and kick you out. ---- Look! If any King by his kindness says that “You are like my brother”, what will you do? Would you also call him “brother”?

Those who do not respect others see a bad fate; **بے ادب بے نصیب**. Any disrespect with the Noble Prophet will not spare you, neither in this world nor in Hereafter.

Surah Fatah, Verse 8 says: **إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا**. This word **‘شَاهِدًا’** shows about the knowledge of Prophet Muhammad **صلى الله عليه وسلم**. To what extent this knowledge was? On what subjects it was? These things need explanation and elaboration. On these points the disbelievers have articulated a lot.

Listen! And listen carefully! First of all keep in mind that, God exists on his own, **بالذات**, and the Prophet’s existence is due to God, **بالعرض**. Similarly God’s knowledge is also at-his-own, **بالذات**. Then, which Muslim will consider that Prophet’s knowledge is equivalent to God? The ‘Reality of Allah **تعالى و سبحانه و تعالی**’ is far from the reach of the human beings. He is perfectly hidden. He is absolutely supreme.

وحدت میں تیری، حرفِ دوئی کا نہ آسکے
آئینہ کیا مجال، کہ صورت دکھا سکے

{(O God!) The ‘Oneness of Yours’ can never be replicated,
No mirror does have potential to display Your face }

As a result, it comes out, that the knowledge of Prophet can no way be equivalent to the knowledge of God. After this realization, for any sensible person, the door of **شُرک** (associating to God) and **کفر** (negating to God) is totally closed. In fact, whatever the Noble Prophet possesses, all are bestowed by God.

Look at the Grandeur of Muhammad **صلى الله عليه وسلم**. He says: **”اللَّهُ يُعْطِينِي وَ أَنَا قَاسِمٌ“** (God gives me and I distribute it). Yet, look at the following sayings of Allah **تعالى و سبحانه و تعالی**:

وَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِّنَ الْعِلْمِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا

{And you have not received knowledge except a little. (17:85)}

وَعَلَّمَكُمَا لَمْ تَكُن تَعْلَمُونَ وَكَانَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا

{(O Noble Prophet!) And He taught you all what you did not know,
And Allah’s great kindness is upon you. (04:113)}

Dear People! One man is superior to another man only due to the knowledge. ----- We believe that the knowledge of Muhammad **صلى الله عليه وسلم** is greater than all.

When God describes His favours on us, and praise for His Prophet, He says:

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ

{Indeed there has come to you a Noble Messenger from among yourselves, your falling into suffering hurts him, (09:129)}

If the Prophet would have come from different species and not belonging to you, then he would neither have any sympathies nor would have any love for you. Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is of that nature that your falling into any distress gives him pain as well. In this regard the Prophet says:

لَا يُشَاكَ أَحَدُكُمْ بِشَوْكَةٍ إِلَّا وَاجِدَ أَلَمَهَا

(A thorn pricks your body but I feel its pain too)

Look! Anybody's pain can only be felt by others when he knows its discomfort too. Our Noble Prophet knows all about us. That is why, in Hereafter, he will put his recommendations for us in front of God.

For Prophet Adam عليه السلام, it is said that he acquires good people at his right and bad people at his left. And this feature is not limited to few people but extends to all his descendants. Then, it should not be considered strange if Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم (the Principal Prophet) is familiar with all his followers. ---- It is very much regrettable if people would accept that Shaytan can have knowledge of every person but a Prophet cannot!

Now few Prophet's own sayings as regards to his Grandeur:

- “In the knowledge of Allah تعالى و سبحانه and his book, I was designated as “the Last of all Prophets” when the Prophet Adam was yet not born. I tell you more about the initial days. On the day of Foundation Ceremony of بيت الله I was part of Prophet Ibrahim's prayers who said: رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ: {Our Lord! And send towards them a Messenger from amongst them (02:129)}. ---- And I am glad tiding of Prophet Isa. ---- I am the dream of my mother when she was pregnant during which she saw illuminations by which the whole Palace of Basrah was brightened”.
- “God has created me with all good moralities and good deeds”.

- “O People! Pray for me that I should be granted ‘Mediation’, **وسيلة**. Mediation is the highest stature in Heaven that is bestowed to one person only. I hope that one person is me”.
- “Among all prophets, I would be the first person who will be permitted to go for ‘Recommendations’ **شفاعت**. And my recommendations will be accepted. These are facts, not pride”.
- “I will be the first man who will knock the doors of Heaven. Then Allah **تعالیٰ و سبحانه** will open the doors and I will enter. Good Muslims will also company me. And this is also not a matter of pride”.

Walid was the leader of Quraysh disbelievers. That jealous person used to say regarding Muhammad **صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم**: “Of course he is much famous these days, but how his name would continue as he has no male child”? That poor fellow did not know that the name will last with his daughters. Above all, his numerous spiritual followers are all like his children. That nasty man may see now that in **اذان**, people loudly remember him, day and night, with **أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ**. In prayers he is recalled with **أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ**. In this way his name is continuously being taken five times a day.

In Hajj there is a ‘Great Display’. It is a huge get-together of his followers. --- Who is responsible for this charismatic gathering? The fascinating name is Muhammad **صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم**.

اسلام کا پرچم عالم پر اڑوایا کملی والے نے
اللہ اُحد کا نقارہ، بجوایا کملی والے نے

(The flag of Islam is blown all over the world by “Muddassir”
Allah and His Oneness has been spread all over by “Muddassir”)

{Note: Muddassir is the name given by God to the Prophet.
(See Quran, 74:01)}

Muddassir means: Person who covers himself with shawl (کلی)}

Muhammad Mustafa **صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم** is **سید الانبیاء** (the Principal Prophet) and **ختم المرسلین** (the Last of the Prophets). His religion will last till end of the world. Without believing him nobody would get salvation.

In Hereafter, Adam and all his descendants will come under the shelter of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. On the Day of Judgment, ‘Open Recommendations’ will be his specialty. His followers (أمة) will never be disappointed. He brings up the hearts of the people. He had an opportunity to meet and see Allah سبحانه و تعالى. God has created this beautiful world only for him.

Dear People! In this world it is a custom that, the more a man loves his friend, the more he remembers him. If you deeply love Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, then keep remembering him. --- Day and night --- keep on asking Allah (to confer) blessing upon him and requesting Allah (to grant) peace upon him. In this way, you will not only remember ‘the Noble Prophet but also ‘Allah’ to whom you are asking.

There is a Hadith in which Prophet says: “Among the people, that person will be closer to me and my recommendations who ask Allah more to confer His blessing and peace upon me”.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ
 صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللهِ
 صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَيْرَ خَلْقِ اللهِ
