

## Chapter: 13

### قَاسِمٌ مُخْتَارٌ

The Kunniya of Muhammad (PBUH) is "Abul Qasim". When a boy was born in an Ansari family, they wanted to name the boy as Qasim, but before that they considered it appropriate to seek permission from the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). When they came to him, the Prophet said, "Keep my name, but do not go on my Kunniya "Abul Qasim", because I am the only one who has been sent as "قاسم" (the Distributer), I distribute among you." (Refer to Sahih Bukhari, Narrator: Hadith-2901,2902,Jabir bin Abdullah).

In another hadith of Bukhari (Hadith:72), Hazrat Mu'awiya narrates that the Noble Prophet said: "Whomever Allah wishes to do good to, then He grants him the compatibility. انا قاسمٌ والله يعطى , I am the distributor, The giver is only Allah".

How is this distribution? How much it is? Who gets it? Some scholars have restricted this division to knowledge only, but in fact this division is not limited to only knowledge. On the contrary, most of the scholars have made it open that whether it is knowledge or faith, wealth or blessings, all these are distributed by the Noble Prophet. This division is not specific to individuals as well, but to all the creatures, whomever or whatever Allah bestows on them, whether physical or spiritual, outward or inward, all

are distributed by the Noble Prophet (PBUH). The real meanings of انا قاسمٌ والله يعطى are, **Allah gives and I distribute**. There is no deficiency in the giving of the Almighty God and there is no deficiency in my distribution. His giving is also limitless, and my distribution is also widespread.

ہے اللہ معطى، تو قاسم نبى ہيں  
خلافت پہ گوہر نشاں ہيں محمدؐ

{Allah bestows and Prophet is the distributor  
Muhammad is distributing treasure on Creatures}

Remember that the Noble Prophet's mission continues till the Day of Judgment and will continue. His generosity and openhandedness is limitless. The Prophet (PBUH) is constantly distributing all the blessings bestowed upon him by Allah. Whatever he distributes is in accordance with the command of Allah and His pleasure.

One of the blessed names of the Holy Prophet is **مُخْتَارٌ**. One meaning of **مُخْتَارٌ** is **selected**, the other meaning is **authoritative**. Obviously, the one is chosen, when one has to be empowered as well. Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, is the only one among all the Prophets who exalted all the Prophets in all ranks and gave them the position of "Crowned of the Universe", and made him **absolutely Sovereign**.

Allah Almighty has issued commands to His Messenger in the shortest expressions regarding the religion of Islam, whether it is worship or miscellaneous affairs. The Prophet (PBUH) was given full authority over the form in which all these orders would be enforced. Then Allah said in many places in the Quran:

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ

{And obey Allah and obey the Noble Messenger}

{(03:32&132), (05:92), (08:01, 20&46), (24:54&56), (47:33), (58:13), (64:12)}

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا

{And grab whatever the Noble Messenger gives you; and refrain from whatever he forbids you. (59:07)}

Evidences of the Prophet's **sovereignty** is found in this fact that Allah said briefly about various worships, like: establish صلاة (prayers), observe Fast in Ramazan, pay Zakat, perform Hajj and Umrah. How to execute them? He handed over its **complete authority** to the Noble Prophet. Similarly, the basic points of various dealings in life, such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, will, testimony, sacrifice, murder, compensation, trade and usury, etc., were issued in the Quran. How to implement them? He handed over its full ruling to the Noble Prophet. Hence, the Noble Prophet (PBUH) either explained the details of everything to his Companions or arranged its write up, and also gave practical demonstration to them as far as possible. The Noble Prophet compiled Islamic Sharia in a very short time and gave a complete system of life for all the human beings.

Moreover, Allah Almighty gave him the **keys of the treasures of the earth**. When we talk about the keys to the treasures of the earth, it includes the whole universe, i.e. animals, plants and inanimate objects, even astronomy. Everything seem submissive and in the possession of the Noble Prophet (PBUH). Of course, this is an extra-ordinary thing, but we find its confirmation in various hadiths. The following are some examples:

- **Custody on Plants:** In this connection we come across an incident. During the Battle of Badr, the sword of Hazrat Akasha bin Muhsin was broken. He came to the Noble Prophet and said, "O Messenger of Allah! My sword is broken. What should I do now?" There was a small piece of dry wood from a date palm tree

near him. He picked it up and gave it to Akasha bin Muhsin and said: "Fight with the help of this". Hazrat Akasha says that when I took it in my hand, it immediately became a long white sword. The important thing was that it had turned from wood to metal. This was an example of his glory of creation.

- Similarly, there is another famous incident. To deliver the sermon of the Noble Prophet when a regular pulpit was built, he stopped addressing by leaning against the dry trunk of palm tree. As a result, the dry stem of the date palm tree could not bear this separation of the Noble Prophet (PBUH) and started crying. To make it cool, the Prophet came down from his pulpit, and grabbed the palm pillar and held it to his chest. The pillar began to hiccup like a small child. He patted it and silenced until it was calm. (Ref: Sahih al-Bukhari Hadith-870).
- **Control over Inanimate Objects:** Here is an example of an incident. The Prophet once climbed the mountain of Uhad with Abu Bakr, 'Umar and 'Uthman. Immediately, the mountain shook a bit with pleasure. The Prophet said to the mountain, "Be firm, O Uhad! Because on you there is a Prophet, a Siddique and two martyrs". (Ref: Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith-342; Narrated by Anas bin Malik). --- Also keep in mind that on shaking the mountain, the Prophet did not invoke that, "O Almighty! If this mountain is moving due to an earthquake, then stop its movement". On the contrary, the Noble Prophet stepped on the mountain and ordered it to stop shaking. And that mountain stopped immediately due to the control and authority he got.

- **Control over Water:** There are many examples that occurred during the journey between Madinah and Makkah. For instance one event: "Anas bin Malik narrates that we were in a journey. The 'Asr prayer was due. The people searched for water to perform ablution but they could not find it. Later on a pot with some water was brought to Allah's Prophet . He put his hand in that pot and ordered the people to perform ablution from it. I saw the water springing out from underneath his fingers till all of them performed the ablution." (Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 169).
- **Control over the Moon:** Some people said to the Noble Prophet that if you show us your control over the moon in the sky, then we will accept. Allah also fulfilled this wish of His beloved. Then, in the Quran, Allah mentioned this incident as one of the signs of *قیامہ* (the Last Hour). *اَفْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ*. (54:01)

In Sahih al-Bukhari Hadith:710, 'Abdullah bin 'Abbas narrates that: Once solar eclipse occurred during the lifetime of Allah's Prophet. Then he offered the eclipse prayer. His Companions asked, "We saw you trying to take something while standing at your place and then we saw you retreating, what was that?" He said, "I was shown Paradise and wanted to have a bunch of fruit from it. Had I taken it, you would have eaten from it as long as the world remains." It is clear from this hadith that the Noble Prophet (PBUH) was having so much authority and control that if he wanted to bring bunches of fruits from the tree of Paradise, he could have brought them too and used them till the Day of Resurrection and those fruit remained with us for our use.

نہ سمجھا کسی نے محمدؐ کو حسرت

حقیقت میں اک چیتاں ہیں محمدؐ

{O Hasrat! No one could imagine who is Muhammad  
In fact Muhammad (PBUH) is a real mystery}

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