

Chapter – 38

Prophet's Birthday

(ميلادِ رسول)

❖ قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ

Say, "upon Allah's generosity and upon His kindness; upon these the people should celebrate"; that is better than all their wealth and possessions. (10:58)

❖ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُم مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَبِيرًا .

And give the happy news to the believers that Allah's extreme generosity is upon them. (33:47)

Just consider this! God's generosity, kindness and His favors are always on us, but can you say what His topmost generosity is? The highest generosity is that, He created Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم; He made him a Messenger; and sent us for our guidance. Had he not been arrived how could have gone the darkness of this world? Where from this "Faith" would have come? That is why we celebrate the day of his arrival in this world. We express our happiness on this highest favor of God. Look! Quran says:

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{Say! Upon Allah's generosity and His kindness; the people should celebrate. (10:58)}

Here, there is an order. Order is an obligation. ---- Even if there is no compulsion, at least it is desirable. Every nation and every community celebrates the memory of their respected ancestors, so that their good works are repeated and followed.

Nowadays, wrong faith is spreading fast. Love with the Noble Prophet is decreasing day by day. Those who do not celebrate happy birthday of the Noble Prophet they should feel sorrow on this bad fortune. In this world, common people do celebrate the memorial days of their ancestors. With this, one can recall about their good works and can be followed accordingly. But, few ignorant people say that the happy birthday of the Prophet should not be celebrated. They consider it equivalent to Ram Lila (Hindu folk theater).

Look! Children's birthdays are celebrated. King's birthdays are celebrated. The day of the liberation of a country is celebrated. If Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم would have born, but if he had not been our Prophet then where from we could have found this light of guidance? And how we would have been safe from burning into Hell? Is it not a great favor on us that he has been born? Without him, how we could have been a Muslim? And how we would have been included into the best community (خيرامة)? ---- God says:

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ

{And abundantly revive the favors of you Lord. (93:11)}

Tell! What other favors could be greater than birth of the Noble Prophet? With us, this celebration of happy birthday is the proof of our love with Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. That fellow will never be a Muslim who does not love with Noble Prophet more than all others. Yes, the persons who have to express grief in their part they will definitely not celebrate this ceremony.

Whether a discussion on the subject of birth of the Noble Prophet is بدعت (Innovation in religion)? ---- If it is so then all verses of Quran about the birth of Prophet Adam عليه السلام are innovation. Similarly, God describes in Quran at various places about the birth of Prophet Moosa عليه السلام. In this way Quran is full of innovations. God Forbid-! ---- Rivalry with Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم will destroy you in this world as well as in Hereafter, خَيْرِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ.

Remember! If a person simply says لا إله إلا الله he will not be considered as Muslim but he has to say مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ as well.

One cannot be a true Muslim until he does not love with the Noble Prophet more than his life, wealth and relations. Sad to say! These days the claimers of the 'Oneness of God' are trying hard to reduce the respect of the Noble Prophet. -- It must be noted that that if

you reduce love with the Prophet then your Faith will also become weak. **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ**.

On the tenth day of Muharram Jews used to observe fasting. The Prophet asked one of the Jews that why you keep fast on this day? He said, “This day Moose عليه السلام got freedom from Firaun.” The Prophet said:

نَحْنُ أَحَقُّ بِمُوسَى مِنْكُمْ

(As regards to Moosa we have more rights than you)

And then he himself observed fast. Look! Our Prophet has celebrated the day of independence of Moosa عليه السلام. What aberrance is this that we do not want to celebrate happy birthday of our Prophet? One hadith says:

أَلَا بِذِكْرِ الصَّالِحِينَ تَنْزِلُ الْبَرَكَاتُ

(Indeed! Talking of good people reveals graciousness)

Then with the Remembrance of the Leader of Prophets Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم there will definitely be more reveals of blessings.

Following hadith has been narrated by Imam Umro bin Wahia Kalbi in **مولد البشير النذير** and Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti in **سبل الهدى** فى سبل الهدى. “Abu Darda says: I, accompanied with the Prophet, went to the house of Abu Aamir Ansari. At that time Abu Aamir was describing about the birth day of Prophet and telling, “That was the same day as today - that was the same day as today.” The Noble Prophet said, “Aba Aamir! God has opened the doors of His blessings for you. Angels pray for your forgiveness. Whoever will do as you did now; he will also be pardoned like you.”

This hadith has been reported by Imam Ahaad bin Hajr-ul-Maki in **مولد الكبير** and Abul Qasim Muhammad bin Othman in **الدر المنظم** and Suyuti in **سبل الهدى** that, Ibn Abbas says, One day on my invitation many people arrived to my house and I was describing regarding the birthday of the Prophet. People were enjoying and were praising for God and offering blessings for the Prophet. Suddenly, the Prophet came and said: **“خَلَّتْ لَكُمْ شَفَاعَتِي”** means, you are now justified for my recommendation.
