

## Chapter: 7

## سِرَاجٌ مُنِيرٌ

The Almighty God, addressing the Noble Prophet (PBUH), says in the Holy Quran:

- يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا -
- وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا -
- وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُم مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَثِيرًا -

{O Prophet! We have indeed sent you as an observing present witness and a herald of glad tidings and warning.

And as a caller towards Allah, by His command, and as a bright shining lamp.

And give glad tidings to the believers that Allah has kept bounteous blessings for them (33:45,46,47)}

Just think of it! The Almighty God is portraying His Messenger as **سِرَاجٌ مُنِيرٌ**, meaning "**Bright Shining Lamp**". And the action of Prophet's calling people towards Allah is being treated as a "**Great Grace**" from Allah. Why not! the arrival of Noble Muhammad (PBUH) in this world was, in fact, to reform a society infuse in darkness. A society where the pride of wealth, the highs and lows of the family, the domination over the weak, the oppression of women, and burying alive at the birth of daughters were widely spread. Moreover, there were curses as well like usury, alcohol and gambling. Idol worship and polytheism were common. So a great social revolution was needed to cure such a sick society. Certainly, the arrival of the Noble Prophet (PBUH) was like a "**Bright Lamp**" for such a society. And this revolutionary act of Prophet Muhammad , the Benevolent of Humanity, proved to be a "**Great Grace**" from Allah.

جہاں تھا جہالت سے تاریک جس دم  
محمدؐ چراغِ ہدیٰ بن کے آئے

{That moment the world was dark from ignorance  
Muhammad (PBUH) came as a shining lamp guide}

In Quran, instead of introducing the Noble Prophet through the sun and the moon, he was referred to as **سراجِ مُنیر**, which means "**Bright Shining Lamp**". This is because the lamp has its own unique qualities, the lamp is the source of light in the night of darkness. When the Noble Prophet (PBUH) came to this world, the darkest scenes were prevailing everywhere. Therefore, the nature made him **سراجِ مُنیر** so that gradually the dim lamps get light from this bright lamp, and come out of the darkness of oppression and disbelief and keep scattering the light of guidance.

Muhammad Mustafa (PBUH) says:

أَنَا مِنْ نُورِ اللَّهِ وَكُلُّهُمْ مِنْ نُورِي

{I am from Allah' Light and all these (creations) are from my light}

Believing Muhammad (PBUH) **سراجِ مُنیر** is a requirement of faith. The Noble Prophet (PBUH) is full of guidance and light, as the Holy Quran was revealed through his blessed tongue. The Prophet, in his existence, in his actions, and in his words, all are authentic and complete in every respect. The believers are guided by the light of the words and deeds of the Prophet (PBUH) and they become in high esteem. Whereas the eyes of the unbelievers are dazzled, so they steal their eyes and are drowned in darkness.

بشیر کہیے نذیر کہیے، انھیں **سراجِ مُنیر** کہیے

جو سر بسر ہے کلامِ ربی، وہ میرے آقا کی زندگی ہے

{ Say Bashir, say Nazir, call him "Sirajum Munir"  
The Words of the Lord, is the life of my Master (PBUH)}