

Exemplary Compassion of The Holy Prophet (SAW)

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After Sura Fatiha, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) recited verse 128 of Chapter 9, Sura Al-Taubah.

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Then Huzoor (aba) stated:

Allah the Exalted, as we know, manifests Himself upon us through His attributes. He also says to His servants that they should color themselves in His colors and reflect His attributes. Only then will they be deserving of being called His real servants. There is no doubt, that the most perfect example of this commandment of Allah is not to be seen anywhere except in the person of the Holy Prophet (saw). He is that beloved of Allah from whose light many were blessed in the past, many are being blessed today, and many more will be blessed till the end of time, God Willing.

The Promised Messiah (as) has described the blessed personage of the Holy Prophet (saw) in these words, **“That man who in his person, his attributes, his words, his deeds, his spirituality, and his holy faculties set an example of perfection in knowledge, action, sincerity, and steadfastness and was called the perfect man. That man who was the most perfect man, who was the most perfect prophet, who came with perfect blessings, who through spiritual revival and resurrection caused the first day of judgment in this world, and the world that was dead found a new life through his coming. What was that day of judgment? It was the day when the dead ere given a new life. That blessed prophet was the Seal of the Prophets, the leader of the pure, the last of the messengers, the pride of the prophets Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa, may Allah shower His blessings upon him. O` our Lord shower such blessings upon this beloved prophet of ours as you have not sent on any since the beginning of time. May Allah shower peace and blessings upon him, his progeny, and all his companions.”**

So, this is our Holy Prophet (saw) who, due to the love of Allah, truly manifested Allah's attributes in himself. At another place the Promised Messiah (as) says, **“He loved God to the extreme and he was extremely compassionate towards fellow human beings.”** It was due to his intense love for Allah that he loved God's creatures. He could not bear to see them in pain. God treats His servants under the divine attributes of Grace and Mercy. How can it be that the person whose sole purpose, whose every action and inaction was to win the pleasure of Allah, would not treat God's creatures in the same manner as God would. His compassion, mercy, and love for God's creatures were so intense that Allah has recorded them in the Holy Quran in the verse that I have recited at the beginning. The translation of this verse is:

“Surely, a Messenger has come unto you from among yourselves; grievous to him is it that you should fall into trouble; he is ardently desirous of your welfare; and to the believers he is specially compassionate and merciful.” (9:128)

So, this is the example of our beloved Prophet (saw) and his feelings for the betterment of humanity. That beloved Messenger (saw) feels intense pain to see you suffer, or the punishment you will bear as a result of disobedience of God's commandments.

This verse reflects his feelings for both the believers and non-believers. We see from his life that he and his companions had to bear extremes of pain and suffering at the hands of his enemies. Women's legs would be tied to two camels that would be made to run in opposite directions thereby tearing apart their bodies. He himself was tortured. He, along with his followers, was isolated in a desolate valley for two and a half years. Even then, he wished well for them. He used to pray that Allah may guide them to the right path so that they may be saved from the wrath of Allah. When he fought, it was only to defend himself. The thought of revenge never ever even crossed his mind. He was so restless to save them that he was ready to lay down his own life.

It is stated in the Holy Quran that when Allah directed him to warn the non-believers, idolaters, and those who held the belief that God has a son that if they do not desist then there is a severe punishment that awaits them, this mercy for both the worlds is extremely perturbed. He cried in pain and prayed to Allah to guide them to the right path. He conveyed God's message to them and asked them why are they bent upon destroying their present and hereafter? Why are they running blindly towards the fire of hell? He reaches such a state that Allah says in the Holy Quran:

فَلَعَلَّكَ بَاطِعٌ لِّنَفْسِكَ عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِمْ إِن لَّمْ يُؤْمِنُوا
بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَسَفًا ۝

“So it may be, thou wilt grieve thyself to death sorrowing after them if they believe not this Discourse.” (18:7)

So, it was the intense feeling of mercy due to which he would grieve so much for the non-believers in order to save them that caused him self to reach a point near death. Tell me if there is anyone today who worries so much to save their own children's life as much as he did for those people to whom his only relation was that they were the creatures of his beloved God, and that he may be able to discharge his duty of saving humanity from the clutches of Satan for which he was appointed. This was his only purpose.

How desirous of the welfare of believers was he? It is also apparent from the verse I recited at the beginning. He would be overjoyed to see the believers. He would guide them in various ways and means of gaining the love and nearness of Allah. I shall give a few examples from the Hadith. He was always anxious that his followers should remain wrapped up in the mercy of God.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) narrates that he submitted to the Holy Prophet: “teach me a prayer that I should supplicate in my salat.” He said, “you should say ‘O’ Allah! Certainly I wronged my soul and there is none besides you who can forgive, you grant me forgiveness and have mercy on me. No doubt you are the Ghafoor (most forgiving) and Rahim (Most merciful).”

In another Hadith, it is narrated by Hazrat Abu Huraira (ra) that the Holy Prophet said, “ When one of you remains at his place after saying the salat, provided he doesn't do anything undesirable, the angels pray for him: ‘O’ Allah! Forgive him. O’ Allah! Have mercy on him.”

This is also to induce people to come for salat; to ask Allah for His forgiveness and mercy; to become able to obtain as much of Allah's love as possible.

So look at his extreme desire to be merciful to the believers.

It is reported in a narration by Hazrat Abu Huraira (ra) that he heard the Holy Prophet (saw) saying: “O’ Allah, If I said some harsh words to a believer, you make it means for him to become nearer to you.” That is, “ My harshness should become an excuse for Your forgiveness for him.”

He was kind and merciful to them to this extent. If by error or by intention, he had shown anger for some reason, that person should not receive punishment for it. Instead, it should become an excuse for mercy for him.

Thus, this is our Prophet (saw) who is compassionate and merciful. Allah has given him the name of 'Rauf' (compassionate) and 'Rahim' (merciful). He is anxious to increase spirituality of his own people and he is anxious to save others also from divine chastisement.

In this context, Promised Messiah (as) relates, "Affinity and resolve are granted to a person when he comes under the canopy of God and he becomes "Zillallah" the "reflection of God". And then he finds a urge in him for the welfare of His creation.

Our noble prophet, in his rank, was ahead of all other prophets. He could not bear the sight of suffering of God's creation. Therefore Allah the Exalted says,

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا
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"that is "this prophet cannot bear the sight of your suffering. It is very hard on him. And he is always anxious to see that you receive extra-ordinary benefits."

Then he says, "Guidance of Quran teaches us to love the Righteous and Noble; and to show kindness to the non-believers and impious (Fasiqoon) ." Allah the Exalted says:

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"That is "O' Non-believers! This prophet is so kind that he can not bear the sight of your grief. And is extremely desirous that you should escape these calamities."

Thus his desire to save even the non-believers was so great that their failure to believe, in their sympathy, agonized his soul.

Therefore he is the "perfect man" whose comparable we don't find anywhere. These days, every so often in the West, sometimes in this country or in another, by using different means of propaganda against Islam and the Holy Prophet, attempt is made to tarnish his stature.

In the last few days a member of Parliament of Holland made imprudent remarks, in which he used extremely derogatory and cruel words about the Holy Prophet, Islamic teachings, and the Quran. With the grace of Allah, Jamaat responds to such incidents in any country where such statements are made against Islam or the Founder of Islam.

I also told the Holland Jamaat members to write about it in newspapers, to remove this erroneous impression from the minds of the public and to help create the true and beautiful image of Islam in them.

In reality, it is only Islam that presents the real and true concept of God in this day and age. If these people say such things about Islam and the Holy Prophet (saw) due to ignorance and lack of knowledge, then you need to tell them what the beautiful teachings of Islam are, what the great examples the Holy Prophet (saw) set in every sphere of life are, and how the heart of the Holy Prophet (saw) was filled with mercy for all of God's creation, so that their minds are cleansed.

But if their hearts are filled with hatred and spite and they are not willing to listen to anything reasonable, then you will have made your argument against them.

In any case, it is a huge task that every Ahmadi has to perform. As far as this member of Parliament of Holland is concerned, it seems that his heart has extreme hatred and spite towards Islam, the Holy Prophet, the Quran, and all Muslims. He expressed it a few days ago in an interview. His name is Geert Wilders. He was born in a Catholic family, but now according to the reports received, he doesn't have much to do with religion. This kind of people who don't find peace in their religion and can't understand God, so obviously they can't reach Him, start to defile Islam and accuse it.

In any case this person has a longstanding record of criticizing Islamic teachings. When the crisis (about the newspaper article) developed in Holland initially, he was at the forefront of it at that time too.

Outwardly he is indifferent to religion, but because of his hatred for Islam, according to the interview, he considers Christianity and Judaism to be better than Islam. He may hold that opinion but if he has any sense he should realize that, in this period when the Western Countries claim to be civilized and this person claims also that he is learned and is also the member of Parliament, they have no right to be derogatory against other religions.

Due to the individual acts of some people, he does not get the right to say such things about Quran and the Holy Prophet (saw) that no fair minded and sane person would say anyway.

For example, he says about the Holy Prophet (saw), that if he was in Holland at this time, he would have expelled him from the country for being a terrorist (God Forbid). What power do you have to expel ? You are, God willing, going to see the time when you will find a majority of followers of Muhammad (saw) everywhere.

From the time of the Holy Prophet's claim up until now, what efforts have not been made by his opponents? Have they succeeded? In the world today everywhere, in every country, weather the Muslims are in small numbers or large, 5 times every day, with a loud voice, if the name of any prophet is called out, it is the name of this person (Muhammad) "the mercy for all ages."

Whose heart was, despite all the efforts and mean tactics of his opponents, full of compassion always, all the time, for everyone merely because of them being humankind?

Then he says that the commandments of Quran are such that (God Forbid)) half of the Quran should be ripped off.

One should ask this person that in practice you are irreligious but the religions that you regard as better than Islam, you should compare their teachings with Islam with the eye of your mind. Rid your eye of the prejudice, then see the comparison. And if you still do not comprehend, then understand it from us,

because imbeciles can not comprehend this teaching. Holy Quran makes the assertion that you should cleanse your hearts and your minds, then you will understand it. Otherwise many imbeciles have passed before you, who continued to criticize it. There was one who was regarded "Abdul Hakam," father of wisdom, who was, for not understanding Quran, named "Abu Jahl" the "father of stupidity."

And the servants of this prophet, who lacked wisdom and knowledge in the eyes of the world, because of their understanding of this Quran, became able to spread knowledge and wisdom to all.

Therefore we, for the sake of giving you the opportunity to understand, with regard to the kind and compassionate being of the Holy Prophet (saw), like to point this out to you, because he was ever anxious to save even people like you from the torment of fire.

Read his words with attention and deliberation. Study them, analyze them, understand them. And if you do not comprehend, ask us for explanations and save yourself from that agonizing punishment that Allah, the exalted, has prepared for such people . It is destined for those who exceed all bounds.

May these people who say such things, take heed and understand.

But it is also a big responsibility for Ahmadis that they should show to them the picture of every beautiful moment of the life of this kind and merciful Prophet (saw).

These people say that he (saw), who was recognized by Allah, the exalted, as kind and compassionate, gave the teaching of terrorism.

Explain to them that in wars, how kind, humane, and merciful a treatment of women, children, and elderly is vouchsafed in Islam. And tell them what the instructions are for kind treatment of even prisoners of war. Even at the expense of personal hardship, there was kindness and mercy for the prisoners of war.

Those prisoners of war, who had participated in the war to kill Muslims, there is such a kind and compassionate treatment that they are being fed nicely even when the captors are hungry or eating bare minimum.

Those who accuse this example of mercy today, should tell us about the instance when atomic bombs were dropped on 2 cities in Japan. The entire populace of those cities was burnt alive, young and old, women and infirm, all of them were reduced to ashes in a single moment. Even the survivors of the adjoining areas have continued to suffer for years and even up till now, are afflicted by many terrible illnesses. Babies are born defective. Are these the high morals that are practiced by those who call themselves “peace loving” and “peace promoting.”

Whatever is happening in Iraq, what do these people call that?

You should remember that despite all these excesses, the God of Islam, brought down a teaching on his dear Prophet (saw), who was forgiving and merciful for everyone, that teaching is in the form of the Quran before us. It is such a beautiful teaching that if they have any sense they would see it as such.

I do not want to go into details, but I shall mention one verse. Allah the Exalted says, and He has made provision for forgiveness of even such sinners:

إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ
يَبْدِلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا
رَحِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾

“Except the one who repents and believes and does good things, these are the people whose faults Allah will replace with virtues. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Ever Merciful.” (25:71)

Instead of tormenting the Muslims, they should ask for forgiveness for their own sins; and seek the goodness and virtues that they possess themselves. Instead of disgracing the beloved of Allah, they should get involved in self-introspection. Today, in the West, the reason for the widespread immorality is the lack of self-reflection by the masses. The reason for the decline in our domestic peace and harmony lies in the fact that we do not repent our sins before God Almighty. Allah Almighty has provided you with the opportunity to recognize your God even now and to keep away from disgracing and defaming His dear ones and to call upon the compassion of the Merciful God to forgive your sins.

I reiterate to the Ahmadis to adhere to the teachings of Islam and explain to these mindless people or at least to those who are influenced by this group and those who do not give any attention to the defamation focused towards the dear ones of God, that if you do not abstain from these (evil) actions, then there is no assurance that you will persist as a nation or as a country.

Therefore, if you wish to live on, then stop attacking this Benefactor of humanity and the dear Messenger of God Almighty, Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and cultivate your relation with him, and even if you do not wish to have any relation with him, plain goodness demands that you refrain from these verbal attacks.

Apart from wars, the world is headed towards disaster owing to climatic catastrophes as well. Holland is one such nation where *Shirk* (associating partners with God) is rampant because the people claim that God created the rest of the world, whereas we (the people) created Holland. These people have completely lost their minds due to the mere fact that they have extracted a piece of land that was submerged under the sea, and they do not understand that a large party of the land still lies below the sea-level. Even mountain ranges cannot withstand the storms and catastrophes that come as punishment from God. Therefore, within this context, the responsibility of bringing these people and people around the world closer to God lies with an Ahmadi. You must understand your responsibility and out of sheer mercy, adopt the ways practiced by the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and be concerned for the salvation of humanity. Make the world recognize God.

God says: "It is those who will be forgiven who repent, those who believe and do good deeds while remaining steadfast in their belief."

Deliver this message to the masses; otherwise, as I have stated earlier, the world is inviting the wrath of God by directing cruel attacks on His beloved. In this era, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has claimed the occurrence of terrestrial and celestial calamities as a sign of his truth. Therefore, it is a matter of great concern and it is extremely important to warn the world with great force. It is necessary to elucidate the high status of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). It is crucial to draw attention to that light that transformed the extremely ignorant and uncivilized Arab people of that time into the most cultured and God-fearing people.

The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) says: "**A Messenger came into this world so that he could bestow ears to the deaf who are unable to hear not since today but for hundreds of years. Who is blind and who is deaf? The one who did not accept *Tauheed* (Oneness of God), nor the prophet who re-**

established the message of *Tauheed* in this world all over again. The one who transformed savages into humans and transformed humans to a civilized people i.e. established them at the true moderate level of refinement. And further transformed them from a mere state of being civilized to that of God-fearing people. That prophet, yes indeed, that master, the radiating sun of truthfulness on whose feet thousands of those rendered lifeless lying in the corruption of *shirk* and infidelity and falsehood and wickedness found life and practically demonstrated a picture of the Day of Resurrection (i.e. bringing the dead to life) unlike the boastful claims attributed to Jesus. The one who appeared in the land of Makkah and annihilated the darkness of *shirk* and idolatry. Yes, the world hailed that this indeed was the one who found the world in utter darkness and imparted it with such illumination that rendered sheer night to day.”

What state did the world find itself in before his advent and what did it become after him? This is not such a dilemma that entails a difficult response. If we do not adopt the path of deceitfulness, our conscience will impel to confer that before the advent of this excellent personality, the people of each and every nation of this world had forgotten the greatness of God and the eminence of God was attributed instead to stars and rocks and cosmic constellations and trees and creatures and mortal beings. And this futile creation was given the seat of this Glorious and Holy God. And it is the absolute verdict that if these mortals and creatures and trees and stars were indeed God, enumerated among whom is Jesus as well, then there was no need for such a Prophet. But if these things were not God, then the claim that our master Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) made on the hills of Makkah is accompanied with a magnificent radiance.

What was that claim? It was in reality that he stated: finding the world in extreme darkness of *shirk*, God send me to this world to eradicate this darkness. This was not a mere claim but in fact he lived this claim to its letter. If the superiority of a prophet can be established over all other prophets by the actions that have as an end to generate true compassion for humankind, then o people! Rise and bear testimony that there is no precedent in this attribute to the Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in this world.

These blind worshippers of worldly things have not been able to discern the noble prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who demonstrated thousands of such instances of compassion. But now I see that the time has arrived that the virtuous prophet is identified. If you wish, note down what I say that from now onwards, idol-worshipping will decline to the point where it will be abolished. Will man challenge the Divine? Will a trifling drop eradicate the Will of God? Will the machinations of mere mortal beings vanquish the designs of the Provident? O ye who hear me, pay heed, and

those who can ponder, reflect and remember that truth will prevail and that which is the true light will indeed shine bright.

Therefore, this message is the message of *Tauheed* that we must deliver to all those who possess the faculty of understanding and nobility. We must resolve and aim higher to this end. The divine plans have started to transpire, and we are witnesses to this every day. To this end, it will be a tiny effort on our part, which will reap great rewards. In the end, I would like to aim at these loudmouths who attribute false accusations towards the person of Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) the extract from the sayings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

He says: "The Muslim people are ever ready to sacrifice their lives for the honor of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and they prefer to embrace death over befriending those and strengthen their ties with those who busy themselves day and night in slandering the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). And they insult him in their magazines and books and announcements. And talk about him in extremely nasty expressions. You should remember that such slanderers are not the well-wishers of their own nation because they lay thorns in their path. And I tell you the truth that it is indeed possible for us to befriend the snakes and wanderers of the wilderness and creatures of the jungle, but it is impossible for us to reconcile with those who do not refrain from spreading evil about the pure status of the messengers of God. They believe that victory lies in slander and abuse, but victory comes only from the Heavens."

InshaAllah (God-willing) that victory will indeed materialize. Every Ahmadi should deliver this message to those involved in these activities and to others that the people who engage themselves in such slander are not their well-wishers, nor of their nation, nor do they desire peace and harmony in the world. In fact, these are the ones who create disorder. Their aim is solely to spread anarchy and chaos in this world. May Allah protect the world from all kind of evil.