



God's love for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)



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Summary

Hudhur (aba) quoted a Hadith e Qudsi in which God states regarding the Holy Prophet (pbuh): 'If I had not created you I would not have created the world.' to emphasise the exalted status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

By attaining extreme closeness to God, he was given the station for the salvation of people and intercession on their behalf and given the title of 'Mercy of all the worlds' and God declared love for him is love for God

His task was to give the message of God to people and The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) took this message to everyone with love, compassion, patience and prayers

As other Prophets were derided and so was he, even today he is mocked; According to Divine promise, chastisement of his enemies in every age will become a sign

Allah will punish wrongdoers while God enjoins steadfastness to believers

If the enemy does not fear God's warnings, as He manifests His Power at times to reform people, then God definitely punishes, but only Allah has control over this matter

The true and ardent devotee of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has explained to us that this Hadith is genuine and it illustrates the Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) lofty and matchless station

He was the most excellent among all the Prophets and his advent took place for all time and God's love can be found by following him

. He was indeed that Seal of all the Prophets in that one of his followers has been granted status of prophethood, i.e. in accordance with his own prophecy; the Mahdi was given the status of prophethood

Exalted status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

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Exalted status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

'Then he drew nearer to God; then he came down to mankind,'

(53:9).

Explaining, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the Prophet's (pbuh) lofty status had two stations; one went upwards and the other came downwards. His rise was towards God, taking him closer, to the extent of a union. When he partook of God's blessings, he acquired grace and benevolence which he dispensed to mankind

'And We have sent thee not but as a mercy for all peoples.' (21:108).

By attaining extreme closeness to God, he was given the station for the salvation of people and intercession on their behalf and given the title of 'Mercy of all the worlds' and God declared love for him is love for God

The life of Holy Prophet (pbuh) was full of miracles which tell us about his lofty status and God's love for him

Yet once when the pagans demanded that he ascended the heavens in front of them and brought down a Book, God stated: '**...Say, 'Holy is my Lord! I am not but a man sent as a Messenger'** (17:94)

Although he was the perfect man and most excellent among others but he was a mortal man

Exalted status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Just as people bore enmity with earlier Prophets, they did with him. He had come for all the peoples of the world, enmity towards him existed then and it exists today and will continue to exist.

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O Messenger! convey *to the people* what has been revealed to thee from thy Lord; and if thou do it not, thou hast not conveyed His Message *at all*. And Allah will protect thee from men. Surely, Allah guides not the disbelieving people. (5:68)

Messenger of Allah

Other Prophets were derided and so was he, indeed continues to derided

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Patience and success

So bear with patience what they say, and glorify thy Lord with *His* praise, before the rising of the sun and before *its* setting; (50:40)

God told him that he would be treated in the same manner as the earlier Prophets had been treated by their people but he was to be forgiving, steadfast and determined unless someone imposed war on him

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) took this message to everyone with love, compassion, patience and prayers

God assured the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to face the inevitable derision and mocking with steadfastness

For the Qur'an is replete with prophecies that God and His Messenger will triumph ultimately and whosoever fears God will take heed and make his or her life in this world and the Hereafter better

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'Have patience, then, as had the Messengers of strong determination; and be in no haste about them. On the day when they see that with which they are threatened, it will appear to them as though they had not tarried save for an hour of a day. *This warning* has been conveyed; and none but the disobedient people shall be destroyed.'
(46:36).

Hudhur (aba) explained that patience and steadfastness during adversity and difficult times is what brings triumph and that success has its appointed time

- According to Divine promise, chastisement of his enemies in every age will become a sign

Enmity and Patience

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And those who disbelieve say, 'It is naught but a lie which he has forged, and other people have helped him with it.' Indeed, they have brought forth an injustice and an untruth.' (25:5).

Allah's message and Enmity

Hudhur (aba) said that the people who called the Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) a liar after his claim to prophethood were the same who were convinced of his honesty beforehand.

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Enmity and Patience

‘...And the wrongdoers say, ‘You follow none but a man bewitched.’

(25:9)

Although enemies called the Holy Prophet (pbuh) all manner of names and derided him, God commanded him to be steadfast

‘And they wonder that a Warner has come to them from among themselves; and the disbelievers say, ‘This is a magician, a great liar.’ (38:5).

‘You shall surely hear many hurtful things from those who were given the Book before you and from those who set up equals *to God*. But if you show fortitude and act righteously, that indeed is *a matter* of strong determination.’ (3:187)

Enmity and Patience

**‘That it is surely the word *brought* by a noble Messenger;
And it is not the word of a poet; little is it that you believe!
Nor is it the word of a soothsayer; little is it that you heed!
It is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds.’ (69:41-44)**

Although God enjoins steadfastness to
believers

**We will, surely, suffice thee against
those who mock:’ (15:96)**

He Himself is retributive towards the
wrongdoer

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Allah punishes the wrongdoers

And as for those who are disobedient, their abode will be the Fire. Every time they desire to come forth therefrom, they will be turned back into it, and it will be said to them, 'Taste the punishment of the Fire which you used to deny, And most surely, we will make them taste of the lesser punishment before the greater punishment, so that they may return to *Us with repentance*. And who does greater wrong than he who is reminded of the Signs of his Lord and then turns away from them? We will surely punish the guilty.' (32:21-23)

If the enemy does not fear God's warnings, as He manifests His Power at times to reform people, then God definitely punishes, but He also states that He alone has control over this matter

And bear patiently all that they say; and part with them in a decent manner. And leave Me alone with those who reject *the truth*, possessors of ease and plenty; and give them a little respite. Surely, with Us are *heavy* fetters and *raging* fire And food that chokes, and a painful punishment —‘(73:11-14).

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God has kept the matter to display cautionary signs to Himself and has enjoined Prophets and their followers to be patient and keep themselves detached from such people

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Regarding His chastisement, God states:



Hast thou seen him who forbids A servant of Ours when he prays *Beware* if he were to be on the right Or had admonished righteousness? Again have considered if he falsified the truth *instead* and turned away? Does he not realize that Allah sees? Nay if he desist not, We will certainly drag him by the forelock, A forelock false, sinful Then let him call his companions We too will call *Our angels of punishment who will thrust him into Hell.*' (96:10-19).

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Hudhur (aba) explained this is the treatment for those who insult God's Prophets

There are some among the Jews who pervert words from their *proper* places. And they say, 'We hear and we disobey,' and 'hear *thou* without being heard,' and 'Ra'ina,' screening with their tongues *what is in their minds* and *seeking* to injure the Faith. And if they had said, 'We hear and we obey,' and 'hear *thou*,' and 'Unzurna,' it would have been better for them and more upright. But Allah has cursed them for their disbelief; so they believe but little.' (4:47).

Allah punishes the wrongdoers

‘Hast thou not seen those who were forbidden *to hold* secret counsels and again return to what they were forbidden, and confer secretly for sin and transgression and disobedience to the Messenger? And when they come to thee, they greet thee with *a greeting with* which Allah has not greeted thee; but among themselves they say, ‘Why does not Allah punish us for what we say?’ Sufficient for them is Hell, wherein they will burn; and a most evil destination it is!’ (58:9).

The Jews of the time would say ‘*Assamalaik*’ (may you be destroyed) rather than *Assalamoalaik* and when the Companions wanted to take revenge, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) always told them God had taken the matter from their hands

Message of Allah; enmity; patience, Allah's punishment

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was the most beloved of God and his prophethood is to last till the Day of Judgement, yet enemies opposed him as they did all other Prophets

At every juncture God enjoined him to be steadfast and pray like the earlier resolute Prophets and enjoined the same to his followers, assuring that He Himself would take retribution

However, permission was given to contend with the enemy if he attacked and destroyed peace

If this permission is not given, the detractors would destroy peace for followers of all religions

Allah punishes the wrongdoers

‘Perished be the two hands of Abu Lahab, and so perish he’ (111:2)

Abu Lahab’s stance towards the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was most reprehensible and he met a terrible ending when wolves tore his body apart

The Divine promises made to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), who is the most beloved of God, will continue to be fulfilled till the Day of Judgement

Next, Hudhur (aba) gave correction of a reference from last Friday Sermon

Regarding the death of Abu Lahab, a tradition relates that seven days after the battle of Badr he died of the plague and his body gave off a foul stench and was thrown in a pit and covered with stones

Another tradition relates that his death was caused by a boil and his sons did not bury him for a couple of nights, until his body started decomposing at home and gave off stench after which he was buried

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The nikah of a son of Abu Lahab was performed with daughter of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) Umme Kulsoom

He went to see the Holy Prophet (pbuh) with the intent to create trouble and told him that he denied Surah Al Najm

Then, as a mark of insult he spat and divorced the Prophet's (pbuh) daughter

The Prophet (pbuh) cursed him and it was during the expedition that he then went on to that wolves tore him apart

Correction; Death of Abu Lahab

Hudhur (aba) said he usually cross checks the references or has them checked, however this was reference of a scholar from our literature that Hudhur took, but it was incorrect

Hudhur (aba) prayed



- May God always show us manifestations of the Prophet's lofty station and God's love for him.
- May we put teachings of the Qur'an in practice and be those believers who the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) expected his *Ummah* to be.