



مواقف منتقاة من سيرة المصطفى صلى الله عليه وسلم  
Selected Incidents From the Life of the  
Chosen Prophet

Peace and blessings be upon him

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“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have a good example”

(Surah Al-Ahzab, 21)

## Prophethood



In the Name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful, all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the creation. We praise Him and seek his assistance, and seek the pleasure of none besides Him. We ask Him to send peace and blessing upon His final Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad ibn 'Abdillah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, and upon his family and companions and all those who follow them till the last day.

As mentioned previously the condition of Makkah and the lands surrounding it before the descent of the Final Revelation was that of utter paganism. Few and far between were those who rejected the idolatry that was rampant at that time. These few, not having any particular detailed revelation, tried their best to hold on to religion of Ibraheem and Isma'eel عليهما الصلاة والسلام. Each individual from this small group of monotheists essentially worshiped Allah in whatever way they could. They were known between themselves and between the people to not participate in any form of polytheism despite the lack of one single method or scripture to follow. Thus, it becomes clear that this time was in need of a prophet, a guide from Allah, a call to return the people back to the religion of Lord the Most High.

It was also a time of anticipation, as many forewarned of his coming. The People of the Book knew the signs of that awaited time and the description of the Final Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم as it had come to them in their scriptures. Allah mentions in the Qur'aan

that they knew him better than they knew their own children. Even the fortune-tellers of the pagans spoke of his coming.

### *Prelude to the Revelation*

Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was often disappointed to see the state of deep paganism that the people were in at that time. It saddened him to watch his people destroy themselves in idolatry and so it became his practice that every year during the month of Ramadhaan he would go to the outskirts of Makkah and seclude himself in the Cave of Hiraah. He would spend the month in solitude worshiping Allah based on the religion of Ibraheem عليه الصلاة والسلام the best that he knew how and contemplating what was around him. Upon completing the month in solitude, he would get up the next morning and go straight to the Ka'bah and perform Tawaaf. Then he would return back to his house. He صلى الله عليه وسلم did this for three years.

When Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم reached forty, which is the age of completion in which prophets usually receive their first revelation, he began receiving signs and indications of prophet-hood. He began seeing dreams and visions come true exactly as he would see them. This, in short, along with what was mentioned before was the foreshadowing of what was to come: a life changing experience for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and the dawn of a new era for mankind.

### *The First Revelation*

On a Monday of Ramadhaan (it is said the 21<sup>st</sup> of Ramadhaan) the year the Prophet reached forty-one years old, while in the cave of Hiraah worshiping Allah, the Angel Gabriel came to him.

As it comes in the hadeeth, the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم narrated on the incident himself. He said the Angel came to him and said, "Read", so he replied, "I'm not able to read". Then, he (i.e. the angel) took the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and covered him until he became exhausted, then he released him and told him to read, so he

responded as before. The angel then did as before and this happened three times until he released him the third time and began to recite:

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ (1) خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ (2) اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ (3) الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ  
(4) عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ (5)

*“Read in the name of your Lord who created. Created mankind from a clot of blood.  
Read in the name of your Lord the Most-Kind. The One who taught by the pen. Taught  
man what he knew not.”* Surah al-Alaq.

It is important to remember the circumstances the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was in at this time: Firstly, he has left the city and gone to outskirts of Makkah on a mountain in a cave seeking seclusion. This means he was not expecting anyone to be there. Secondly, after being in seclusion for a while alone in the cave the angel suddenly comes to him, and remember that an angel is not a like a human or any creature he has seen before. Lastly the angel not only suddenly appears but also orders him صلى الله عليه وسلم to do something he is not able to do, and when trying to explain why he suddenly seized by the angel in a tight grip. No doubt, this was a very shocking incident for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

The Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم then ran back to his house with his heart beating in fear. When he reached Khadeejah he rushed in saying, “Wrap me, wrap me!” So she covered him until he calmed down, then he informed her of what happened and then said, “Truly I feared for my life.” Khadeejah then responded, “Never, (I swear) by Allah, Allah will never disgrace you; you keep family ties, carry the weak, honour your guest, and help those in need.”

Then Khadeejah took the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to Waraqah bin Nuwfil, her cousin. He was an old man who had learned of the previous scriptures and used to write the Gospel in Hebrew. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم informed him of what took place in the cave, after which Waraqah informed him that the one who came in the cave, is the Angel that Allah used to send to Moosa عليه السلام. He said, “If only I were strong, I wish I could be there when your people exile you.” The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم responded, “Will they exile me?” He said, “Yes; no one has come with the like of what you have

came with except that they are {fought}, and if I were to (live to) meet your people, I would help you with a great help.” Waraqah however died soon after and did not live to see these events unfold.

*What can be Benefited from this Lesson:*

- 1- A person should not let the perils of society stop him from practicing his religion, even if he is alone in doing so.
- 2- If a person is forced to practice his religion in isolation then he should do so.
- 3- An honest person reports authenticated news as it is without letting personal feelings get in the way- and this takes strong character to do. (A benefit from our noble mother Aisha may Allah be pleased with her)
- 4- Sincerity is a strong reason for getting guidance.
- 5- It is important for a person to truth to remain truthful even when being tested.
- 6- Allah will help those who are righteous.
- 7- Allah will not humiliate the believer who does good deeds, but he will test him.
- 8- It is important and very helpful for a person to have a helpful family, especially the spouse.
- 9- It is helpful for the Da’ee to have an understanding and wise spouse to be able to help him.
- 10- It is important for a person to not become frightened when seeing that someone else is scared and to try to calm them down with sensible talk.
- 11- A person in doubt should go back to those who have knowledge. (this wise decision by our mother Khadeejah, may Allah be pleased with her, is supported also by the Qur’aan.)
- 12- When receiving news of the truth a person should always be ready to accept it, even if it starts by the intention. (a benefit from Warqah.)

