

In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful

Peace and blessing be up on the most trust worthy messenger who was not sent but to be the mercy for the entire world.

My dear brothers and respectable sisters AAWW.

The month of Rabi ul Awal which we are in now- is the month of the first year of the elephant incident, corresponding to the year of 571 of the birth known as milady! A milestone in the history of mankind. It is the morning of the 12th of the month (on most novels) that the birth of the last prophet Mohammed (peace and blessing be up on him) the owner of the final message who was born and became the light between the west and the east.

The prophet (PBUH) was originated from a well-known community of Quraish and the best household of that family was the family of Bani Hashim. As the beloved prophet (peace be up on him said, (Allah SWT has preferred Kanana from son of Adam, and respected Quraish of Kanana and he best owed Bani Hashim of Qurash then he chose me from Bani Hashim which meant that I am well appointed from an open option!)

The Arabian Peninsula at the time was spread by the worship of idols, believing in superstitions and ignorance. It was also the inferior traditions, bad habits and unpleasant tradition such as adultery, drinking alcohol, and daring to kill and shed blood. Killing children and buried their girls alive in the fear of being a shamed to have them or being stigmatised by their own people!

Despite growing up in those atmospheres of ignorance, the beloved messenger (PBUH) from his youth/childhood, he has not been contaminated by any of these pagan habits and never engaged with people of his tribe in their injustice, Allah SWT has always saved him from falling into those unpleasant traditions.

The most beloved prophet (pbuh) has always been known for his trustworthiness, respectful manners amongst his tribe of Quraish even from the early childhood al the way to adulthood. They have even trusted his judgments when the tribes had a lot of disagreements amongst themselves as to who should be honoured in placing the black stone of Makkah. However the tribes have agreed to accept the judgment of anyone who would be walking in first through the entrance of Makkah so guess who was the first person to go in? Mohammed Bin Abdullah (PBUH) he spread his robe and put the stone in the middle, he then asked each tribe to carry a corner the robe and lifted to reach the position. He then took it with his honourable hands and put it in place..

When the most beloved prophet (pbuh) became 25 years of age, he married Khadija Bint Khuwaylid before he became the prophet, they had four children together who were Qasim, Rukaya, Zeinab and Umm Kulthum then Abdullah was born after he became the prophet.

Furthermore, when the prophet (pbuh) completed reached his fortes, he became the prophet, Khadija was the first amongst woman to believe and accept Islam and Abu Baker Al- Sadiq(MBPWH) was the first amongst men to have believed and accepted Islam hence, Ali Ibn Abi Talib (MABPH) was the first to have believed in became Islam amongst the youth.

The prophet (PBUH) has called and preached Islam secretly for three years in Makkah, only a few have joint but when he revealed his intentions widely and started calling freely, the Quraish have started causing him trouble. They did everything they could to stop him and his companion to revert back to their idols worshiping, beating them up until they have been left with no choice but to relocate to Habasha (now Ethiopia) then to Madina.

10 years had passed before our beloved prophet(pbuh) was able to return to Makkah after Allah SWT had empowered Muslims to win the war against the tyrant tribe of Quraish where they were previously weak, unable and unsupported under the hand of his own extended infidel families in Makkah! The call of Islam was no secret anymore, Allah SWT has proved to the disbelievers of Quraish that Islam is the winner and the infidels are the losers! The following year which prophet (pbuh) had passed away was on 12th Rabai ul Awal in the year 11 of Hijri calendar which corresponds to 7th Jan 632 Georgian calendar in the age of 63.

Dear brothers and sisters, what is so significant about messengers? We can categorise it by two important points:

1)Calling on Islam Allah SWT tells us in surat Al Maidah verse 67

O Messenger, announce for what has been revelled to you from your Lord, if you do not , then you have not conveyed his message. Allah will protect you from the people, indeed, Allah does not guide the disbelieving people.

2) Role model: To call on Islam in the best way possible because the people who do not respond unless they hear the truth in their ears, or do not respond unless the truth is out and even represented by people of their skin who is also living with them.

Allah SWT tells us in surat Al Baqarah verse 124

Mention Oh Muhammed, when Abraham was tried by his Lord with commands, he fulfilled them Allah said, Indeed, I will make you a leader for the people. Abraham said, and my descendants? Allah said, My covenant does not include the wrongdoers.

Preaching Islam will not be as effective if your talk does not correspond with your life, attitudes and behaviours with your surroundings in general because people will not approved for what they listen but approved for what they see, for that reason our beloved prophet (pbuh) was a perfect example who “preached what he believed” and absorbingly pass it on to others to follow him when he proved to them that he was adamant, trustworthy, caring, moral , merciful, respectful and well-mannered from birth so people wrapped around him!

Allah SWT tells us in Surat Al Qalam verse 4 and the way he SWT talks about him and says:

“Indeed, you are of a great moral characters”

Dear respectable guests, if we do not become the person/Muslim in our lives who we can talk they way prophet did, work the way he did, posses a high of moralities the way he was, and adapt to his noble qualities as prophet (pbuh) was attributed to in all the affair of our life, we can not be rightly guided!

Dear Muslims, can you think of any other time better or more appropriate than this time we live in where we must correct our talk, attitudes and behaviours like prophet (pbuh)

As Allah SWT tells us in surat Al Mumtahana verse 6

“There has certainly been for you an excellent pattern”

Allah SWT has ordered us to follow the beloved prophet (pbuh) in his path, his traditions, his biography and his dealing with others as **he SWT tells us in surat Al Hashir verse 7**

“Whatever the messenger has given you take it, what he has forbidden you- refrain from it”

Dear brothers and sisters, let me pause at this point, and ask ourselves some serious questions: how can we correctly follow the path of our prophet? How could we be like prophet, in corresponding our life affairs with his biographies, moralities, caring and mercifulness? If we don't know about his life, his career, his heroism, his attitudes, his peculiarities, his relationship with his wives, daughters, bothers! I would say that knowing the biography of the prophet is obligatory for every Muslims! May Allah guide us correctly to the path of our prophet, familiarise us with his life, traditions and biographies. May Allah help us to correct our behaviours' in the way that Allah SWT is pleased with. Ameen