

Assalamu Alaykum

My dear brothers and sister, today we would like to talk to you about one of the beautiful characteristics of this Deen. It's an attribute that whoever has, they attain trust and honour. Whoever uses it will have a high reward. It's the characteristic of the Prophets. Allah High and Mighty obligates the believer to have this and it's something that the people of Paradise have. It is truthfulness.

Allah Most high states in Al-Tawba 119 Translated meaning.

“Oh you who believe, fear Allah, and be in the company of the truthful.”

Allah obligates the Messenger SAW to ask Allah for truthfulness. Allah High and Mighty States in Al-Isra 80 translated meaning.

“And say, Oh my Lord, make me enter a rightful entrance and make me exit a rightful exit, and grant me from Your Own a power, favoured (by You).”

Truthfulness is a characteristic of the Messengers.

Allah Exalted in Might states in Al-Shuara 83 translated meaning.

“Oh my Lord, give me wisdom, and make me join the righteous,”

And in Maryam 41

“And mention in the Book (the story of) Ibrahim. Indeed, he was Siddiq (a man of truth), a Prophet.”

And again in Maryam 49,50,54 and 56.

“So, when he went away from them and what they worshipped besides Allah, We blessed him with Ishaq and Ya'qub and we made each one of them a prophet,”

“And We bestowed on them (a great deal) of Our mercy, and caused them to have a good name and a high level.”

“And mention in the Book (the story of) Isma'il. He was indeed true to his promise, and was a Messenger, a Prophet.”

“And mention in the Book (the story of) Idris. He was indeed a Siddiq (man of truth), a Prophet.”

Allah High and Mighty also States in Yusuf 46 translated meaning.

“Yusuf, Oh the truthful one,”

The Messenger SAW was the most truthful in his speech and character and even before his prophet hood he was known as the truthful and very loved among his people.

Allah High and Mighty states in An-Najm 2-4 translated meaning.

“Your fellow (the Messenger saw) has neither missed the way, nor did he deviate.”

“He does not speak out of (his own) desire.”

“It is but revelation revealed (to him).”

It was narrated from Ibn Mas’ud RA that the Messenger of Allah SAW said,

“Adhere (you people) to truth, for truth leads to good deeds and good deeds lead to Paradise, and if a man continues to speak the truth and makes truth his object he will be recorded as truthful before Allah. Avoid (you people) falsehood, for the falsehood leads to wickedness and wickedness leads to Hell, and if a man continues to speak falsehood and makes falsehood his object he will be recorded as a liar before Allah.” Sahih Muslim 2668, Sahih Bukhari 7188.

May Allah protect us from this and record our names among the truthful.

We need to be truthful to Allah and the people.

Allah High and Mighty States in Muhammad 21 translated meaning

“So, had they been truthful to Allah when the matter had become serious, it would have been much better for them.”

And in Al-Ahzab 23-24

“Among the believers, there are men who came true to the covenant they had with Allah. So, some of them have fulfilled their vows (by sacrificing their lives in the way of Allah), and some of them are (still) waiting, and they did not change (their commitment) in the least.”

“(All this happened) so that Allah may give reward to their truthfulness, and punished the hypocrites, if He so wills, or accepts their repentance. Surely, Allah is Most-Forgiving, Very-Merciful.”

Part of being truthful to Allah is that you direct your worship sincerely to Him alone and are not doing an act of worship other than to please Allah.

Allah High and Mighty States in Al-Bayyina 5 translated meaning

“While they were not ordered but to worship Allah, making their submission exclusive for Him with no deviation,”

Ya Allah we ask that you protect us from Riya.

Truthfulness in speech is very important, and the believer has to protect his tongue from false speech.

Allah High and Mighty Commands us in Al-An'aam 152

“And be just when you speak, even though the one (against whom you are speaking) is a relative;”

And also in Al-Isra 36

“And do not follow a thing about which you have no knowledge. Surely, the ear, the eye and the heart-each one of them shall be interrogated about.”

Abu Huraira RA narrated that the Messenger of Allah SAW said

“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should talk what is good or keep quiet, and whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should not hurt (or insult) his neighbour, and whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should entertain his guest generously.” Sahih Bukhari 6475.

Truthfulness in action, If the heart is truthful and the tongue is truthful then the body will be in accordance to it.

Allah the Exalted in Might States in As-Saff 2 and 3 translated meaning

“Oh you who believe, why do you say what you do not do?”

“It is severely hateful in Allah’s sight that you say what you do not do.”

The other part of truthfulness is to be truthful to the people around you because if you are truthful to your surroundings then it leads to happiness and contentment. Truthfulness is what takes people forward in their lives towards peace and tranquillity. It's a sad thing when the people are not truthful to each other and are at conflict with each other. It is very important to be truthful among each other because if we are not then how do we expect to move forward and be at the service of those who are in need of help and to be like a wall in guarding the wrongdoing that some may inflict on others. Truthfulness leads to unity and with unity comes success. When the day job of people is to lie to others to try and to have one over each other than how could we expect to unite and work towards bettering ourselves and lives. We have to be truthful in every matter no matter who it maybe against and this is how we can progress in every matter of living. Truthfulness is even an obligation when speaking to your children.

Narrated from Abdullah Ibn Amir

“My mother called me one day when the Messenger of Allah SAW was sitting in our house. She said: Come here and I shall give you something. The Messenger of Allah SAW asked her: What did you intend to give him? She replied: I intended to give him some dates. The Messenger of Allah SAW said: If you were not to give him anything, a lie would be recorded against you.”
Sunan Abi Dawud 4991.

Honoured guests, Islam has come to make peoples levels higher and to fix their character and integrity. Why do you think that the truthful is given such a high status? Those who are the revivers of the good, those are the ones that are hated most by the people because of the people being immoral. But know my brothers and sisters that the one who stays truthful is the one whom Allah loves and we have seen all the evidence for it. Know my brothers and sisters that success comes from the truthful and true love and respect from the truthful is always towards others who are truthful.

May Allah High and Mighty make us of the truthful and the ones who are truthful to Him Jalla Wa'ala no matter who it may be against?

Amen and Allah knows best.

