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The morals of Prophet Mohamed

Dear Muslims,

One of the main missions of Islam is to restore the values and morals in the Islamic community. That is seen clearly in both the Ouranic and Hadith speech. Here are some examples:

(He who has a good nature will have the reward of those who observe fasting in days and keep awake praying at nights) Narrated by Ahmad.

(The best of you are the most well-mannered and generous ones who interact and cooperate with people and people who interact and cooperate with them, and whose places of residence are frequently trodden on by guests) Narrated by Al-Bukhari,

Abu Dharr reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (Fear Allah wherever you are. Follow up a bad deed with a good deed and it will blot it out. And deal with people in a good manner) Narrated by Al-Termithy

(The best of you are those who have the best morals) Narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim

(Allah is generous, He likes generosity and virtuous conduct, and does not like evil conduct) Narrated by Al-Hakim

AbuUmamah said: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: (I guarantee a house in the surroundings of Paradise for a man who avoids quarrelling even if he were in the right, a house in the middle of Paradise for a man who avoids lying even if he were joking, and a house in the upper part of Paradise for a man who made his character good) Narrated by Ahmad.

Since that is the case about Islam, It is obvious that the one who will deliver the Message should enjoy a high quality of morals. That was the case for Prophet Mohamed who enjoyed the highest levels of morality and demonstrated many good manners by his speech as well as his behavior.

(I was sent to complement the virtues and to help the people so that they may assimilate these virtues) Narrated by Ahmad

“Ye have indeed in the Apostle of God a beautiful pattern (of conduct) for any one whose hope is in God and the Final Day, and who engages much in the Praise of God” Al-Ahzab 21.

“And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character” Al-Qualam 4.

Here we will review some of the prophet's morals that he enjoyed and urged us to adopt:

1. Honesty: In every thing especially with our intension. We should be honest when acting or saying, serious or joking, and in any place. **Abdullah bin Mas`ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (PBUH) said, (Be truthful because truth leads to piety and piety leads to Jannah. A man persists in speaking the truth till he is enrolled with Allah as a truthful. Falsehood leads to vice and vice leads to the Fire (Hell), and a person persists on telling lies until he is enrolled as a liar) Narrted by Al-Bukhari and Muslim.**
2. Kindness and forgiveness. **(Anas b. Malik reported: I was walking with the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) and he had put on a mantle of Najran with a thick border. A bedouin met him and pulled the mantle so violently that I saw this violent pulling leaving marks of the border of the mantle on the skin of the neck of the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him). And he (the bedouin) said: Muhammad, issue command that I should be given out of the wealth of Allah which is at your disposal. The Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) turned his attention to him and smiled, and then ordered for him a gift (provision)). Narrated by Muslim**
3. Generosity. **Anas said: (I served the Prophet Mohammad (SAWS) (and his family) for ten years. (During these 10 years) he (was never cross and) never said even oh ! and never asked as to why I did this or didn't do that (Bukhari & Muslim))**

He also reported: (A man asked for goats from the Holy Prophet Mohammad (SAWS) (that were his) and were there between two mountains. He gave him all of them. The man came to his people and asked them to become Muslim. He said, "By God. Prophet Mohammad (SAWS) gives his people a lot & is not bothered by giving away all or everything. (Muslim)).

4. Humility and simplicity and humbleness. This was even an order from Allah **“And lower thy wing to the Believers who follow thee” Al Shu'ara' 215**. Despite his position as leader, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) never behaved as if he was greater or better than other people. He never made people feel small, unwanted or embarrassed. Instead, he was very humble to the extent that if you don't know him, you can not distinguish him between his companions.

`A'ishah, the prophet's wife, was asked: how he lived at home. "Like an ordinary man," she would answer. "He would sweep the house, stitch his own clothes, mend his own sandals, water the camels, milk the goats, help the servants with their work, and eat his meals with them; and he would go and fetch what we needed from the market." (Ahmad)

Anas reported that the Prophet of Allah used to visit the sick, attend funerals, ride on a donkey and accept a slave's invitation for a meal. (Al-Termithy)

Jaabir stated that the Prophet used to slow down his pace for the sake of the weak and also prayed for them.

Anas bin Malik (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: A slave-girl of Al-Madinah would take hold of the hand of the Prophet (PBUH) and take him wherever she desired (Al-Bukhar).

5. Shyness. **Abu sa'eed Alkhodri reported: (The Holy Prophet Mohammad (SAWS) was more shy & modest man than a virgin lady. If he did not like something (he may not say so) but he could see the effect of disliking on his face. (Bukhari & Muslim)).**
6. Kindness to guests and Neighbors. **Abou Hurayrah relates that Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: (Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak a good word or remain silent. And whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should show hospitality to his neighbor. And whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should show hospitality to his guest) Narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim**
7. Respects for elders and mercy for younger. **Anas ibn Malik reported that an elderly man approached, wanting an audience with the Prophet (peace be upon him), but the people were slow to make room for him, so the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (Whoever fails to show mercy to our children and honor to our elders is not one of us) Narrated by Al-Termithy.**

It is well documented that the Prophet carried Umamah, his granddaughter, when he was leading the congregational prayer. When he prostrated himself, putting his forehead on the floor, as we are required to do in prayer, he would put her next to him on the floor. Then when he stood up for the next *rak'ah*, he lifted her and carried her. Once, a visitor saw him kissing his grandson. He was amazed at his action. He said: "Do you kiss a child? I have 10 children, and I never kissed one of them." The Prophet said to him: **“How can I help it if God has removed mercy from your heart?”**

Dear Muslims,

These were only some examples of a whole panel of perfect character that Prophet Mohamed enjoined. If we love him and want to be with him in Jannah, we need to follow his path and behave as he used to behave. By doing so we will not only get the rewards at the Judgment day, but will also enjoy good and peaceful life in a healthy community.

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