

EXPECTATIONS THAT CONTRADICT REALITY

Imagine you are heading to the home of the greatest leader of the most powerful nation in history, a man revered by all, whose orders and commands are followed and obeyed by people.

You would expect to find a house filled with expensive artifacts, luxurious furniture, and servants in every corner.

But upon entering, you are surprised by the simplicity of his way of living.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, despite having the ability to own the treasures of the earth, chose to live a life of asceticism and humility.

He was teaching humanity that greatness does not lie in wealth and status but in spreading the truth and guiding people and practicing excellent morals and kind character. Those who initially opposed him.

THE GREATEST CHOICE

In a scene that brings together heaven and earth, God gave His Prophet a choice: to be a prophet-king, with the treasures and riches of the earth opened to him, or a servant-messenger who lives a life of poverty.

The Prophet ﷺ chose the path of the utmost asceticism, avoiding worldly pleasures, because his gaze was fixed on eternal bliss in the hereafter.

SIMPLICITY OF LIVING AND BEAUTY OF SPIRIT

While many chase after luxury, the sustenance of the Prophet ﷺ and his family was oil, dates, and water.

They would go months without lighting a fire for cooking in their home.

Yet, ﷺ he was the most radiant of people in appearance and the sweetest in scent.

The beauty he possessed was not measured by wealth or status but by awe and dignity, unmatched by any king in both appearance and spirit.

A TRAVELER PASSING BY

In a moment that embodies the true simplicity of life, a companion saw the Prophet ﷺ sleeping on a rough mat that left marks on his side.

The companion suggested that he get a soft bed. The Prophet smiled and replied:

“What have I to do with the world? I am in the world like a rider who rests under the shade of a tree, then leaves it and moves on.”

This was the Prophet of asceticism and humility, who viewed the world as a transient stop, not a destination.

THE PROPHET OF MODERATION AND BALANCE

The Prophet ﷺ was a model of balance.

He combined worship with rest, fasting with breaking the fast, and marriage with family life.

When some companions wanted to take a more extreme approach to worship, he said to them: "I am the most knowledgeable among you about God and the most God-fearing, yet I pray and sleep, fast and break the fast, and marry women. Whoever turns away from my way is not of me." ﷻ

In this way, the Prophet ﷺ taught us that asceticism does not mean abandoning the blessings of God but rather choosing moderation and balance.

THE WEALTH OF BAHRAIN: A MEANS FOR GIVING

When the greatest wealth ever reached the Prophet ﷺ from Bahrain, he did not keep any for himself.

Instead, he ordered it to be distributed in the mosque among the people.

For him, money was not a goal but a means to give and serve others.

"Distributed it in the mosque." In the end, the Prophet ﷺ kept nothing for himself, distributing it all among the people.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING: WHEN YOU REMEMBER OTHERS AND FORGET YOURSELF

This generosity was a part of the life of the Prophet ﷺ and his family.

On one occasion, Lady Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, sent one hundred thousand dinars to the poor.

When someone asked her for something to eat, she said: "Why didn't you remind me?" This reflects the spirit of giving that the Prophet ﷺ instilled in his family, where they would remember the needs of others before thinking of themselves.

So here is an open invitation to learn about a great Prophet who lived to liberate people from the servitude of the world and wealth and to guide them toward worshipping the One and Only Creator.

A GREAT LEADER

A SIMPLE LIFE AND AN
ETERNAL MESSAGE

