

As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu

Bismillahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem. Nahmaduhu wa nusalli ala Rasoolihil Kareem. Amma ba'd.

All praise is due to Almighty ALLAH, the Cherisher, Nourisher and Sustainer of the Universe. Peace, blessings and salutations be upon our Beloved Master and Leader, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ

RAHMATUN-NABI ﷺ - THE MERCY OF NABI MUSTAFA ﷺ

Allahu Ta'ala sent Mustafa ﷺ as a mercy to the entire universe and creation, as enshrined in the Noble Qur'an, Chapter 21, Surah Ambiya, Ayat 107:

Almighty ALLAH جل وعلی mentions: *Wa maa arsalnaka illa rahmatallil 'aalameen* – and We have not sent you, Ya Rasoolallah, but as a mercy to every creation of Almighty ALLAH. Mustafa ﷺ is not only a *rahmah* for human beings or jinn but for the entire creation and universe, *Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam*.

Incidents where the manifestation of Mustafa ﷺ's mercy became apparent:

1. DURING PERSECUTION

While the *mushrikeen*, polytheists, in Makkah Mukarramah were torturing, persecuting Mustafa ﷺ and the Muslims, Jibreel عليه الصلاة والسلام came down and said, "Give me permission and I will crush them with *akhshabain*." *Akhshabain* are the two big mountains in Makkah Mukarramah. Mustafa ﷺ said 'no', "*Bal arju, ayukhrij-ALLAHU min aslabihim, mayya'budullah, wahdahu la yushriku bihi shaya.*" – I have the firm conviction that Almighty ALLAH will bring forth from their progeny those who will worship Almighty ALLAH جل وعلی alone and who will not ascribe, associate anybody, anything to Almighty ALLAH.

عن عائشة أنها قالت للنبي صلى الله عليه وسلم هل أتى عليك يوم كان أشد من يوم أُحُدِ قال لقد أُقيبتُ من قومك ما لقيتُ وكان أشدَّ ما لقيتُ منهم يومَ العَقَبَةِ إذْ عَرَضْتُ نَفْسِي عَلَى ابْنِ عَبْدِ يَالِيلِ بْنِ عَبْدِ كَلَالٍ فَلَمْ يُجِيبْنِي إِلَى مَا أَرَدْتُ فَأَنْطَلَقْتُ وَأَنَا مَهْمُومٌ عَلَى وَجْهِي فَلَمْ أَسْتَفِقْ إِلَّا وَأَنَا بِقَرْنِ النَّعَالِبِ فَرَفَعْتُ رَأْسِي فَإِذَا أَنَا بِسَحَابَةٍ فَمَا أُظَلِّتُنِي فَنظَرْتُ فَإِذَا فِيهَا جَبْرِيْلُ فَنَادَانِي فَقَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ سَمِعَ قَوْلَ قَوْمِكَ لَكَ وَمَا رَدُّوا عَلَيْكَ وَقَدْ بَعَثَ إِلَيْكَ مَلَكَ الْجِبَالِ لِتَأْمُرَهُ بِمَا شِئْتَ فِيهِمْ فَنَادَانِي مَلَكُ الْجِبَالِ فَسَلَّمَ عَلَيَّ ثُمَّ قَالَ يَا مُحَمَّدُ فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ فِيمَا شِئْتَ إِنَّ شِئْتَ أَنْ أَطْبِقَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَخْشَبَيْنِ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بَلْ أَرْجُو أَنْ يُخْرِجَ اللَّهُ مِنْ أَصْلَابِهِمْ مَنْ يُعْبُدُ اللَّهَ وَحْدَهُ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا

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And we see, at the conquest of Makkah, that so many tribes, the majority of them, embraced Islam. This was due to the barakah and blessing of Mustafa ﷺ 's du'a and *rahmah*, mercy.

2. TEACHING HIS ﷺ's FAMILY MEMBERS

On one occasion, Siddiqa Sayyida A'isha رضي الله عنها heard a Jew greeting Mustafa ﷺ with the words: *Sam wa alayka*. *Sam* means *death* upon you, Allah forbid, Allah forbid! This was how they would speak with a forked tongue.

Sayyida A'isha رضي الله عنها reports: And I said, Allah's curse, *la'nat*, be upon you!

Mustafa ﷺ said, "*Mahlan mahlan, Ya A'isha,*" – take it easy, O A'isha, "*alayki birifqi, wa iyyaki wal 'unfa wal fuhsh.*" Allahu Ta'ala loves that we do things in a kind and polite manner, and beware of harshness and *fuhsh* (bad words)."

SubhanALLAH, this is the *akhlaaq, rahmah*, the sublime character and mercy of Mustafa ﷺ.

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ سَلَامٍ، أَخْبَرَنَا عَبْدُ الْوَهَّابِ، عَنْ أَبِي بَرْزَةَ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ أَبِي مُلَيْكَةَ، عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا أَنَّ يَهُودَ، أَتَوْا النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالُوا السَّامُ عَلَيْكُمْ. فَقَالَتْ عَائِشَةُ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَلَعَنَكُمْ اللَّهُ، وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ. قَالَ " مَهْلًا يَا عَائِشَةُ، عَلَيْكَ بِالرَّفْقِ، وَإِيَّاكَ وَالْعُنْفَ وَالْفَحْشَ ". قَالَتْ أَوْلَمْ تَسْمَعْ مَا قَالُوا قَالَ " أَوْلَمْ تَسْمَعِي مَا قُلْتُ رَدَدْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ، فَيَسْتَجَابُ لِي فِيهِمْ، وَلَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَهُمْ فِي ".

Reference: Sahih al-Bukhari 6030 USC-MSA web (English) reference: Vol. 8, Book 73, Hadith 57 (deprecated numbering scheme)

<https://sunnah.com/bukhari:6030>

3. TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

We see Mustafa ﷺ's mercy even in his ﷺ's treatment of animals. *Qalan-nabiyyu* ﷺ - the Master عليه السلام said, "itha zabahtum fa ahsinu" – when you slaughter animals then do your duty with beauty. You say *Bismillahi, ALLAHU AKBAR* and use a sharp knife. One animal must not be slaughtered in front of the others. All these Ahadith one will find in Mishkaat, Muslim, Ahmad and various compilations.

Mustafa ﷺ narrated to his ﷺ companions a well-known incident, "Dakhalat imra-atun naar," – a lady entered Jahannam, the fire of hell, "fi hirratin" – because of her cat or kitten. "Habasat-ha khatta matat fa la hiya at'amat-ha heena habasat-ha" – She tied up the cat until it died. She would not feed it herself nor leave it to roam around and find something to eat.

This showed Mustafa Nabiyullah ﷺ's love and concern for creation.

دَتْنِي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ أَسْمَاءَ، حَدَّثَنَا جُوَيْرِيَةُ بْنُ أَسْمَاءَ، عَنْ نَافِعٍ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا - أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " عُدْبَتِ امْرَأَةٌ فِي هِرَّةٍ سَجَنَتْهَا حَتَّى مَاتَتْ، فَدَخَلْتُ فِيهَا النَّارَ، لَا هِيَ أَطْعَمَتْهَا وَلَا سَقَتْهَا إِذْ حَبَسَتْهَا، وَلَا هِيَ تَرَكَتْهَا تَأْكُلُ مِنْ حَشَائِشِ الْأَرْضِ ".

Reference: Sahih al-Bukhari 3482 In-book reference: Book 60, Hadith 149 USC-MSA web (English) reference: Vol. 4, Book 55, Hadith 689 (deprecated numbering scheme)

[Sahih al-Bukhari 3482 - Prophets - Sunnah.com - Sayings and Teachings of Prophet Muhammad \(صلى الله عليه وسلم\)](https://sunnah.com/bukhari:3482)

4. CONCERN FOR HIS ﷺ UMMAH

In Bukhari Sharif and various kitabs, Mustafa ﷺ stated, "Lowla an ashuqqa 'alaa ummati, la-amartuhum bisiwaki ma'a kulli salaah" – had it not been difficult upon my Ummah, I would have commanded them to use the miswaak at the time of every salaah.

In a second riwayat, second hadith, he ﷺ said, "Lowla an ashuqqa 'alaa ummati, la-amartuhum bisiwaki ma'a kulli wudhu-in." This shows the great importance of using a miswaak with every salat and every wudhu as well as Nabi Muhammad ﷺ's mercy and compassion for the Ummah in that he ﷺ did not make it compulsory.

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ لَوْلَا أَنْ أَشُقَّ عَلَى أُمَّتِي أَوْ عَلَى النَّاسِ لِأَمَرْتُهُمْ بِالسِّوَاكِ مَعَ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ

وفي رواية أحمد قال لِأَمَرْتُهُمْ بِالسِّوَاكِ مَعَ كُلِّ وُضُوءٍ

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LESSON: ADOPTING THE NOBLE QUALITY OF MERCY

We should inculcate within us this great quality and spread mercy to everybody – Muslim, non-Muslim, atheist, whoever. We should also be merciful to other creation.

May Almighty ALLAH enhance our love for the Master ﷺ and may Almighty ALLAH جل وعلی accept us for His Deen, Aameen. Rabbana, taqabbal minna, innaka antas-Samee'ul 'Aleem. Wa SallAllah alan Nabiyil ummi. Birahmatika, Ya Arhamar-Rahimeen.