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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful



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Why do we love Rasoolullah (SAS)

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أَنْزَلَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا

O you who believe! Believe in Allâh, and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and the Book (the Qur'an), which He has sent down to His Messenger, and the Scripture, which He sent down to those before (him), and whosoever disbelieves in Allâh, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, and the Last Day, then indeed he has strayed far away.

In light of all that took place not too long ago in Libya, many people ask why are Muslims so attached to Muhammad SAS and we say to them:

1. Love for him is Faith and faith is not just feelings in the heart but as Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah scholars explain that:

- **faith is what the hearts believe**
 - **Believe in our hearts that he is the final Messenger of Allah SWT.**
 - **Believe in our hearts that he is the best example to follow**
- **what the tongues say**
 - **send Salaams to him**
 - **honor him**
 - **say words of respect**
 - **speak about him**
 - **defend who makes mockery of him**

- **What the limbs establish.**
 - **Follow his Sunnah**
 - **Read his Seerah**
 - **Defend his honor, integrity**

In a Hadith Rasoolullah (SAS) said:

"فَوَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ"

"None of you becomes a believer until I am dearer to him than his children, his parents and all mankind." (as reported by Bukhari and Muslim) Some versions add: "his life, his wealth and his family".

In another Hadith:

لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ يَكُونَ هَوَاهُ تَبَعًا لِمَا جِئْتُ بِهِ

None of you truly believes until his desires are in accordance with what I have brought.

And whatever he brought is revelation from Allah SWT as Allah SWT says

(5) يُوحَىٰ وَحْيِي إِلَّا هُوَ إِنْ (4) الْهَوَىٰ عَنِ يَنْطِقُ وَمَا (3) غَوَىٰ وَمَا صَاحِبُكُمْ ضَلَّ مَا (2) هَوَىٰ إِذَا وَالنَّجْمِ

By the star when it goes down, (or vanishes).

Your companion (Muhammad SAW) has neither gone astray nor has erred.

Nor does he speak of (his own) desire.

It is only an Inspiration that is inspired.

2. This love is not based on dogmas and emotions but emanates from the fact that the

mission he came it was worthwhile for our love:

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ

Indeed Allâh conferred a great favor on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger (Muhammad SAW) from among themselves

- **reciting unto them His Verses (the Qur'an), and**
- **purifying them (from sins by their following him), and**

- **instructing them (in) the Book (the Qur'ân) and**
- **AlHikmah [the wisdom and the Sunnah of the Prophet SAW etc.)], while before that they had been in manifest error.**

So without this guidance we would have been in manifest error, worshipping other than the One True God; Allah SWT.

3. Following the Sunnah of Rasoolullah (SAS) leads to Paradise and to the Love of Allah SWT.

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Say (O Muhammad SAW to mankind): "If you (really) love Allâh then follow, Allâh will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

And whosoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger (SAW) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise)

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ.

And obey Allâh and the Messenger (Muhammad SAW) that you may obtain mercy

4. His example is the best sent for mankind

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Indeed in the Messenger of Allâh (Muhammad SAW) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allâh and the Last Day and remembers Allâh much.

His example is the best with regards to:

- Selflessness
- Sincerity
- Honesty and truthfulness

- Simplicity
- Generosity
- Nobility
- Forethought
- Love for humanity
- As a commander
- As a mercy to humanity وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

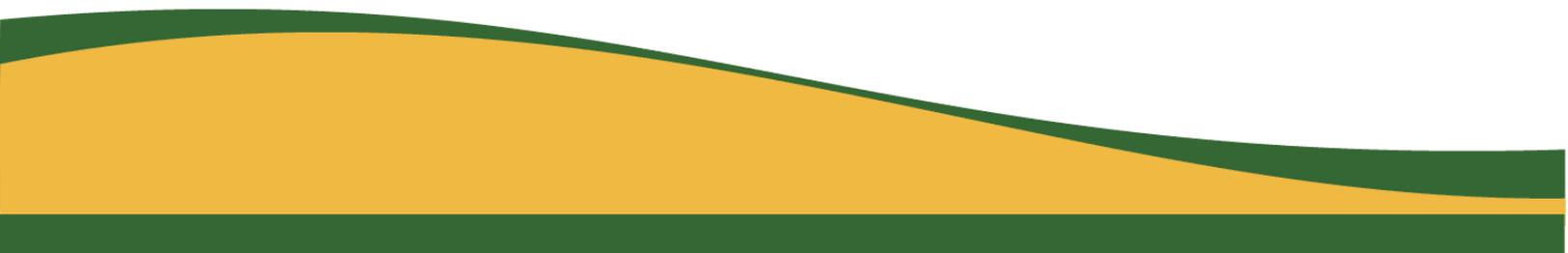
We have not sent you (O Prophet) but as rahmah to all the worlds. (Al-Qur'an 21:107)

- His was the best example for justice
- Role as a family man
- Care and concern for orphans
- The needy, wayfarer, the indigent
- Love for the slaves and the downtrodden
- Kindness to animals
- To the environment
- Concern for those who may be weak among his followers.
- He brought equality to human beings
- And gave women dignity and status
- He taught us how to live life in this world and how to utilize it for The Hereafter.
- We love him for the changes he has brought about in our lives and has given us a clear path to our destination
- We love him for his struggles

On the aspects of his struggles and his biography (Seerah) we come to understand many verses of the Qur'an.

- **Al-Imran**
- **Taubah**
- **Al-Ahzaab**
- **Al-Fath**
- **Al-HAshr**

As well as those reasons for revelation:



- **Suratul Anfaal – Badr**
- **At-Taubah- Tabuk**
- **Al-Hashr- expose of Bani Nadheer**
- **Verses in Suratu Al-Imran- Uhud**

How to inculcate that love?

- **Read the Quran, read the Seerah, read the stories of Companions.**
- **Emulate the Sunnah of Rasoolullah (SAS)**

مَنْ تَمَسَّكَ بِسُنَّتِي عِنْدَ فَسَادِ أُمَّتِي فَلَهُ أَجْرُ مِائَةِ شَهِيدٍ

Whoever holds on to my Sunnah when my Ummah will be in a state of corruption he will have the reward of one hundred Shaheed.

Love for Rasoolullah (SAS) calls for submission.

قَالَ رَجُلٌ لِلنَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لِأُحِبُّكَ فَقَالَ انْظُرْ مَاذَا تَقُولُ قَالَ وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لِأُحِبُّكَ فَقَالَ
انْظُرْ مَاذَا تَقُولُ قَالَ وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لِأُحِبُّكَ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ فَقَالَ إِنْ كُنْتَ تُحِبُّنِي فَأَعِدِّ لِلْفَقْرِ تَحْفَافًا فَإِنَّ الْفَقْرَ أَسْرَعُ إِلَى مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي
مِنَ السَّيْلِ إِلَى مُتَّهَاهُ

A man came to the Prophet (peace be upon him) and said, "I love you." When he had told him to consider what he was saying, and the man declared three times, "I swear by Allah that I love you," he replied, "If you are speaking the truth, prepare a complete armor for poverty, for poverty certainly comes quicker to those who love me than a flood does to its destination."

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