



MUHAMMAD

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**LIFE OF
THE MOST PRAISED ONE**

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History has witnessed several people who have contributed immensely to the welfare of mankind. One such personality was Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ. What makes his life story unique from the others is the fact that he was not only the “most praised” person during his life (which included his staunch enemies) but he remains the most praised individual even today.

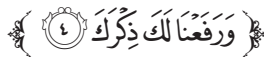
It will be interesting to explore how, why, when and where he is praised the most by studying his life in detail. A few examples of his praise are as follows:

- He is praised the most among all the Prophets and in the Books that they were given.
- He is praised among the angels and other creatures like the Jinn.
- His name is often mentioned in the Qurʾān with the Name of Allāh ﷻ.
- Obedience to him is obligated along with the obligation to obey Allāh ﷻ.
- His name is mentioned at least five times every day across the world in the Adhān, Iqāmah, and Salāh along with the Name of Allāh ﷻ by billions of people.

This will continue till the Day of Judgement. No other person is praised and remembered like this. Despite such high praise, he is the humblest servant of Allāh ﷻ.

One of his names—*Muḥammad*—refers to the one who is praised the most (among the people). His other name “ʿAḥmad” refers to the one who is praised the most in terms of the quality of the praise. This is when “Muḥammad” or “ʿAḥmad” is used as a subject in a sentence. However, when “Muḥammad” or “ʿAḥmad” occurs as an object in the sentence, it refers to he who praised Allāh ﷻ the most in quantity as well as in quality.

That’s why Allāh ﷻ says:



“And have We not raised high your fame?” [Sūrah ash-Sharḥ, 94:4]



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﴿ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾ ﴾

“And We have sent you (Muḥammad ﷺ) not but as mercy for the ‘Ālamīn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).” [Sūrah al-ʿAnbiyāʾ, 21:107]

Allāh ﷻ says about his blessed character and personality:

﴿ وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾ ﴾

“And verily, you (Muḥammad ﷺ) are on exalted (standard of) character.” [Sūrah al-Qalam, 68:4]

It is because of this excellent character of the Prophet ﷺ, which was so exemplary that Allāh ﷻ said:

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾ ﴾

“Allāh ﷻ sends His Ṣalāh (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy) on the Prophet (Muḥammad ﷺ), and also His angels (ask Allāh ﷻ to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your Ṣalāh on (ask Allāh ﷻ to bless) him (Muḥammad ﷺ), and (you should) greet (salute) him with the Islāmic way of greeting (salutation i.e., as-Salāmu ‘Alaykum).”

[Sūrah al-ʿAḥzāb, 33:56]

The Prophet ﷺ is the most praised in this world and he will also be the most praised in the Hereafter. In a long ḥadīth recorded in al-Bukhārī and Muslim, it is mentioned that on the Day of Judgement all human beings—Muslims and non-Muslims—will humbly request their father ʿĀdam to request Allāh ﷻ to start the Judgement process. ʿĀdam will turn them down. They will move with their request to Prophet Nūh, then Prophet ʿIbrāhīm, then Prophet Mūsā and then Prophet ʿĪsā ﷺ, where each one of them will turn them down as they will consider themselves not suitable for such an intercession. At this point, everyone will turn to our Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ and he will humbly request



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Allāh ﷻ to initiate the Judgement process. At that time, all human beings—Muslims and non-Muslims alike—will praise the Prophet ﷺ and he will be granted the highest status of praise by Allāh ﷻ called the Station of Great Glory (*al-Maqām al-Mahmūd*).

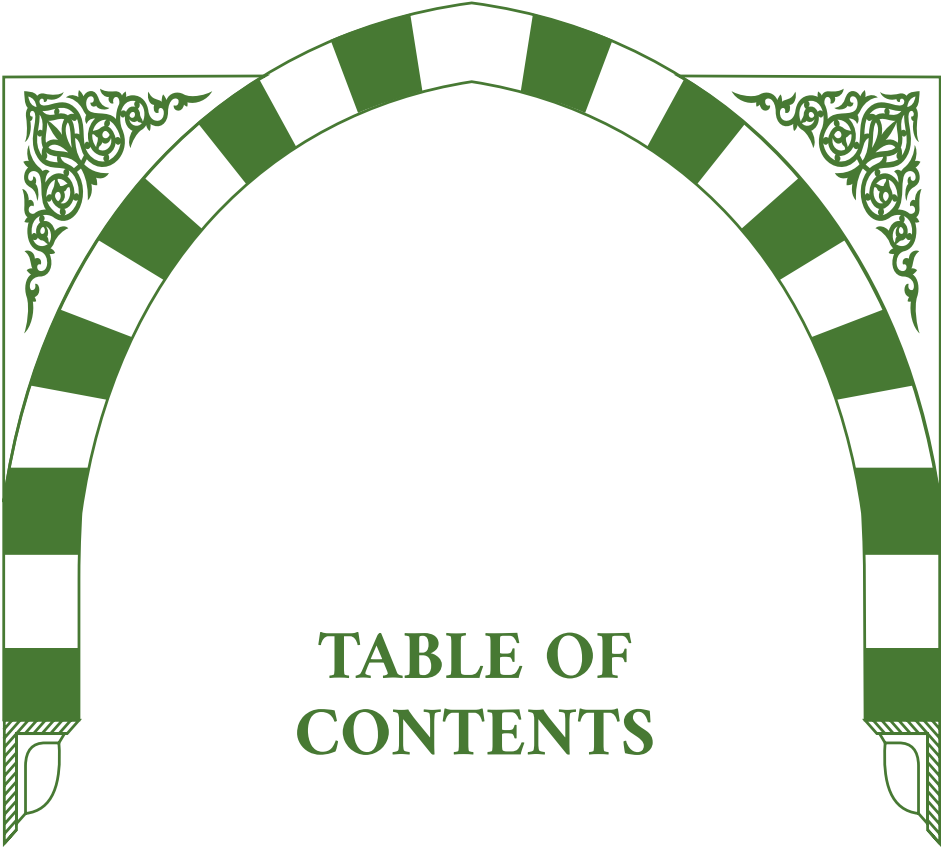
This is just a drop in the ocean and a glimpse at why it is so exciting and beneficial to study the life of the Prophet ﷺ who is the most praised here as well as the hereafter. You might also be curious to know what motivated me to write the biography of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ when many authentic books are available on this topic. A few reasons are mentioned below:

- It is a matter of great honour and spiritual growth for me personally to study and feast my eyes on it and after understanding it, present to the enquiring minds, the biography of the greatest human being. In fact, even before the readers, I have benefitted the most from this noble project.
- I have translated the Qur'ān into English and called it *The Easy Qur'ān*. It is the easiest English translation among all the existing translations. With the Grace of Allāh ﷻ, it is very well accepted all over the world. Its latest revised and improved edition has been published by Dakwah Corner Bookstore and is available online and across all major bookstores around the world.
- Similarly, I wish to present *The Biography of The Most Praised One* (our beloved Prophet ﷺ) in the simplest possible form so that our children primarily along with the adults may benefit from it equally.

I praise and thank Allāh ﷻ who has kept me in al-Madīnah al-Munawwarah as a neighbour of our beloved Prophet ﷺ for the last twenty years and enabled me to accomplish this noble project in this Sacred City. *Alḥamdulillāh*.

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