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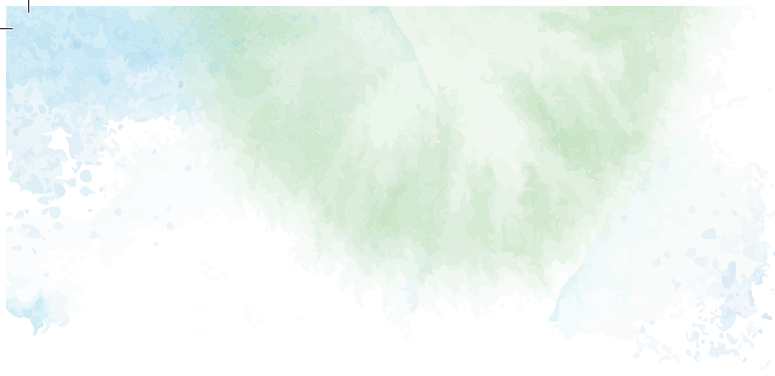
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Dedication

To those who love the Prophet ﷺ, regardless of their sins, and I am one of them!

To those who struggle with themselves to abandon what is forbidden, sometimes they overcome it, and sometimes it overcomes them—know that I am one of them. From my own situation, I know that you did not disobey Allāh ﷻ brazenly: we are only human.

Here, I present to you these *Messages from the Prophet* whom you love. Read them, and I read them along with you; strive towards them, and know I am striving along with you—to meet him at the basin—while our condition has become better.



1

Oh Allāh ﷻ, grant me a lover who is more beloved to me than myself

The Prophet ﷺ saw Salamah ibn al-Akwa' on the day of Ḥudaybiyyah, and he had no weapon. So, the Prophet ﷺ gave him a shield. Then, he saw Salamah afterwards, and Salamah did not have it, so the Prophet ﷺ said to him: “O Salamah, where is your shield that I gave you?” Salamah said to him: “My uncle, ‘Āmir met me, and he did not have a weapon—so I gave it to him!” The Prophet ﷺ laughed and said to him: “You are like the one who first said, ‘Oh Allāh ﷻ, grant me a lover who is more beloved to me than myself.’”

Encourage good behaviour from people, praise it.

Tell the person who is **dutiful to his parents** that he is a wonderful person and that he will be rewarded. Tell the **caring husband** that he is noble and that he will be rewarded. Tell the **honest employee** that he made you believe that there still exists goodness in people. Tell the one who is **diligent in their studies**, and the one who is **successful at their work**, that they are wonderful. Tell your **committed friend** that their commitment strengthens you.

People are like butterflies. Sometimes, they do not see the beauty of the colours on their wings. **Praise the beauty in people**, for this is the action of people with sound hearts!

2

Hanging to the curtains of the Ka'bah

When the Prophet ﷺ entered Makkah in the Year of the Conquest, a man came to him and said: “Ibn Khaṭal is hanging to the curtains of the Ka’bah!” The Prophet ﷺ said: “Kill him.” He pardoned all of the people of Makkah except six: four men and two women—including Ibn Khaṭal. He converted to Islām, and then unjustly murdered a Companion. Then, he returned to Makkah and apostatized, and began to satirize the Prophet ﷺ with his poetry. Then, he bought two slave girls who sang by satirizing the Prophet ﷺ and insulting him!

Some mistakes are unforgivable.

You do not always have to be slapped on one cheek and then turn the other. There are blows that men forgive for others, and incident unavoidable from from tasting each other’s evil. But **there is a villainy that must be paid for!**

