

HAZRAT MUHAMMAD (SAW) AN EMBODIMENT OF JUSTICE.

Unit 1

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MESSAGE FROM THE LIFE OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)

- The life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is a perfect example for people to follow because he has set a high benchmark in every field of life.
- Following the footsteps of Hazrat Muhammad (SAW), people can achieve goodness, piety and success in their individual and social lives, apart from perfection in moral, spiritual and social areas.

JUSTICE OF MUHAMMAD (SAW) BEFORE PROPHETHOOD

- Prophet Muhammad (SAW), even before becoming a Prophet had shown on several occasions that he believed in justice and equality more than any other human being.
- There are several examples in his life that validate his point of view on justice and equality.
- As a young trader He (Muhammad SAW) was fair in all his business dealings.

JUSTICE OF MUHAMMAD (SAW) BEFORE PROPHETHOOD (cont...)

- When the time came for setting of the Black Stone during the reconstruction Kaaba, Muhammad (SAW) thought of a plan where all the tribal elders together would set the Black Stone.
- This action not only prevented an on spot clash but also saved the people from a long bloody tribal conflict.

JUSTICE AS A HEAD OF STATE

- As a head of state, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) decided all cases with justice and equality.
- Once a Quraishi woman was found guilty of theft, being the dominating tribe, the people wanted to save it's reputation.
- Hazrat Usama Bin Zaid was asked to appear in place of that woman. He requested the Prophet (SAW) to forgive the woman as she and the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) belonged to the same tribe.

JUSTICE AS A HEAD OF STATE (cont...)

- The Prophet (SAW) replied, the House of Israel (Bani Israel) was destroyed because different laws were applied for the poor and the rich.

REVENGE CANNOT BE TAKEN FROM OTHERS

- Once Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was giving a sermon when an Ansari became aware of the presence of the men from Banu Thalba.
- The Ansari stood up, pointing to words they said to the Prophet (SAW) that their forefathers killed one of our family members and now they should be punished for that crime.
- Prophet Muhammad replied that revenge of father cannot be taken from son.
- This set a benchmark for others to follow and understand that revenge cannot be taken from others who are/ were not involved in a crime.

JUSTICE FOR ALL

- Being well known for justice, the Jew who were bitter enemies of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), even brought their cases to him for decision.
- They knew that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) would decide for their cases in the light of Jewish laws purely on merit.

JUSTICE IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Justice demands that it should be upheld in circumstances even when one's self or family is at stake/ risk.

PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S ADVICE TO HAZRAT ALI (RA) ON JUSTICE

- The advice given to Hazrat Ali (RA) on justice was
‘When two people come to you for justice/ judgement, never give the decision without listening to both of them otherwise you will not know the truth and justice will not be done’.

HADITH ON FAILURE OF JUSTICE REPORTED BY HAZRAT MUAWIA (RA)

- Hazrat Muawia (RA) once heard Prophet Muhammad (SAW) saying
‘If any ruler/ judge who closes his door (for justice) on the poor, the needy and the helpless, God Almighty closes his door on him when he becomes needy and helpless’.

JUSTICE ON DEATH BED

- Being on death bed, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) presented himself, his property and his honor to the people to take revenge if he ever did any wrong to them in any way.
- A man claimed a few dirhams from the Prophet (SAW) which were immediately given to him.

MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD

- History has shown Prophet Muhammad (SAW)
 - ❖ as being just in all his dealings.
 - ❖ up holding justice in all circumstances which made friends and foes to bring their cases to him for judgement.
- Examples of justice and fair dealings for Prophet Muhammad (SAW) go beyond the barriers of time.
- People can seek guidance in all areas of life from the actions of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

QURAN ON THE LIFE OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)

- The Holy Quran describes the life of the Holy Prophet (SAW) as
We have without doubt in the life of the Messenger of Allah a good example for anyone who hopes in meeting Allah, the day of judgement and remembers Allah much.

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

TASK

- Attempt the questions given to as assignment which would be uploaded.
- Try answering the questions in 30 to 40 words.
- Read the slides thoroughly along with the chapter.