

# Noble Character of the Holy Prophet (s) in the Holy Quran

**Today's Topic:** Introduction

**Today's Verses**

- 1) Sura al-Qalam, 68:4
- 2) Sura al-Ahzab, 33: 21
- 3) Sura Aale Imran, 3:31
- 4) Sura al-Ahzab, 33:6

What points do you get from these verses? How would you link them together?

# Agenda

- A conversation with the 6<sup>th</sup> Imam (a)
- Understanding Nobility
- Hadith on Nobility
- Sura al-Qalam verse 4
- Sura al-Ahzab verse 21
- Poetry on Nobility of the Holy Prophet (s)

## A conversation with the 6<sup>th</sup> Imam

A man asked Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (a).  
Can you describe to me the qualities of  
the Messenger of Allah?

**Imam:** Can you count for me the favors  
of the Lord?

**Man:** How can I? When God says;  
*If you count the favors of Allah  
you cannot number them* (14:34)

**Imam:** Allah says about the same favors:

مَتَاعُ الدُّنْيَا قَلِيلٌ

*The enjoyment of this world is **little** (4:77)*

But about the Prophet he says:

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَى خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

*And indeed you possess a **great** character  
(68:4)*



# Understanding Nobility

Is nobility gained from. . .

- station and rank?
- heredity and birth?
- outer appearances and glamor?

Nobility is:

- high standards in thought and behavior
- having a cause greater than the self
- ideals of personal and social interactions

# Hadith on Noble Character


Husnul Khulq, according to the Holy Prophet (s)

- ❖ Husnul Khulq is half of religion
- ❖ Husnul Khulq goes away with the good of this world and the Hereafter
- ❖ There is nothing as heavy as Husnul Khulq in the Mizan (scales)

## Al Qalam, verse 4

• وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And most surely you conform  
(yourself) to sublime morality.



1) Meaning of the word 'Khulq'  
from the word 'khilqat', something that  
cannot be separated from the human being.

2) Nobility of the Prophet (s) for:


- great leadership
- example for others
- attracting people



## Al Ahzab, verse 21

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


Certainly you have in the Messenger of Allah  
an excellent exemplar  
for him who hopes in Allah  
and the last day  
and remembers Allah much.

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- 1) Human being needs models and mentors
  - 2) The Prophet (s) as an example in all fields of life; personal, social, political, spiritual, family life . . .
  - 3) The Prophet (s) is an example for people with certain characteristics

## Aale Imran, verse 31

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


Say: If you love Allah, then follow me, Allah will love you and forgive you your faults, and Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

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- Importance of following and obeying the Holy Prophet (s)
  - Obedience is based on love of Allah
  - Allah will forgive the sins. This shows that people will still need forgiveness, even those who love Allah and follow the Prophet (s).

## Al-Ahzab, verse 6

النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ

The Prophet has a greater claim  
on the faithful  
than they have on themselves

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- The Holy Prophet (s) has a greater claim on believers than their own selves. They obey him over their own desires.
  - The Holy Prophet (s) is more beloved to believers than themselves.
  - This authority signifies true leadership. Obedience to a Divinely sent leader is obedience to Allah.

# Poetry on the Holy Prophet (s)

Balaghal 'ula bi kamalihi  
Kashafadujja bi jamalihi  
Hasanat jami'u hisalihi  
Sallu 'alayhi wa Aalihi

He attained exaltation by his perfection.  
He dispelled darkness by his beauty.  
Beauteous are all his qualities,  
Blessings be on him and on his family.

Sa'adi Shirazi, in the *Gulistan*





خدایا گر تو سعدی را برانی  
شفیع آرد روان مصطفی را  
محمد سید سادات عالم  
چراغ و چشم جمله انبیاء را

My God, if you cast away Sa'adi  
from your favor

He will bring as an intercessor  
the Soul of the Chosen one  
Muhammad the Chief of the  
dignitaries of the world

The light and the eye of all the Prophets