

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Muhammad in the eyes of Muslims

(Peace be upon him & his progeny)

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The scripture Qur'an enjoins total obedience to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him & his progeny). A believer is commanded to show him the utmost respect. Whenever his mere name is mentioned, the believer sends peace upon him and invokes God's blessing upon him. The Qur'an clearly states that the Prophet has greater right on the believers than they have on their own lives.

The following quotes from the Qur'an will demonstrate the status of Prophet Muhammad in the eyes of the believers.

"And most surely you (Prophet) conform to sublime morality." Chapter 68, verse 4

"Surely God and His angels bless the Prophet; O' you who believe! Call for (divine) blessings on him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation." Chapter 33, verse 56

"Surely (as for) those who speak evil things about God and His Apostle, God has cursed them in this world ..." Chapter 33: verse 57

"O' Prophet, surely We have sent you as a witness and as a bearer of good news and as a Warner, and as one inviting to God by His permission, and as a light-giving torch." Chapter 33: verses 45 & 46

"Certainly you have in the Apostle of God an excellent exemplar, in him who hopes in God and the latter (judgment) day, and remembers God much." Chapter 33: verse 21

"The Prophet has greater claim on the faithful than they have on themselves," Chapter 33: verse 6.

"And We have sent you not but as a mercy to the worlds." Chapter 21: verse 107

"Say: Obey God and the Apostle," Chapter 3: verse 32.

"O' you who believe! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet, and do not speak loud to him as you speak to one another, lest your deeds become null while you do not perceive. Surely, those who lower their voices before God's Apostle are the ones whose hearts have been tested for piety;" Chapter 49: verses 2, 3.

Prophet Muhammad measured up to the highest standard divinely laid for him. Historians, philosophers, students of world religions, and world leaders have nothing but glowing praise for his noble personality, as well as his spiritual and temporal accomplishments.

Thus, it is clear that giving the utmost respect, bestowing the highest honor, and holding the Prophet dearer than one's own life is integral part of the faith of a Muslim. Naturally, non-Muslims who are not aware of this aspect of Islamic faith are surprised and confused at the strong emotional reaction of Muslims when Prophet Muhammad is portrayed in a negative light.

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