

## **Greatest Favors of our Beloved Prophet (SAW) on humanity and his followers (Ummah)**

There are numerous favors our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) did to humanity and especially his followers with the blessings and permission of Allah (SWT). In this paper an attempt has been made to list some of them.

- 1) The greatest and biggest favor humanity got from our beloved prophet was that we got the greatest gift of knowledge and guidance from our creator Allah (SWT), the Quran through him. The holy Quran was revealed to humanity through him over the period of twenty three years. Throughout the history of human race Allah (SWT) sent His books and Messengers to guide people, but the Quran is the ultimate book of guidance and Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was the last and final Messenger Allah sent to complete guidance and His message to humanity till the end of time.
- 2) Not only he conveyed the message of Quran to us but showed how to implement in our lives by his Sunnah and Ahadith. According to Hazrat Ayesha (his beloved wife) he was a walking Quran. Conveying and implementing messages are totally two different things, he not only implemented Quran in his life but prepared a company of his companions who followed him and implemented Quran in their lives to show the world first hand that this message of guidance is real and can be implemented and adopted in any circumstances.
- 3) Allah (SWT) says in Quran “Today I have perfected your faith for you, completed My favor upon you, and chosen Islam as your way of life” Al-Quran Surah Al-Maida, Aya #3.  
What is meant favor here by Allah? It means Quran and Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Without the Sunnah of Prophet we cannot even understand Quran or interpret and implement Quran in our lives. The role of our Prophet is pivotal in developing the understanding and implementation of Quran.

- 4) Through Prophet Muhammad (SAW), we not only knew Quran (Allah's revelation), but he purified us and taught us Quran and wisdom (His Sunnah), otherwise we were clearly astray.

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ  
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Surah Jumma, Aya #2

Prophet (SAW) is also a witness (For and against us on the Day of Judgment), deliverer of good news (through him we learned that a believer and doers of good deeds will get Paradise) and a Warner (Disbelievers will get hell fire). He was also a caller to the "the way of Allah by His command, and a beacon of light'.

Just like darkness disappears from the light, similarly Prophet took us out from the darkness of disbelieving and polytheism to the light of believing and Tauheed (oneness of Allah).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا  
وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُّنِيرًا

Surah Ahzab, Aya 45,46

- 5) Because of our beloved Prophet (SAW), Allah gave distinction to us (his Ummah) as the best nation raised up for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and you believe in Allah.

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ  
Surah AL-IMRAN, Aya# 110

- 6) Because of our Beloved Prophet (SAW), Allah made us a just nation (Ummah) that we will be witnesses over the people (other nations) and our Prophet Muhammad (SAW) will be witness over us. This means that the follower of Muhammad (SAW) is a middle/ just nation, a connection between Allah and mankind. We have to call people towards Allah and His guidance (Quran). Mankind depends on us to guide them and take out of darkness as we are now the custodians of Quran. Our beloved Prophet did his job by conveying this Message and showed how to implement it, now after him this huge responsibility rest on our shoulders and we will be asked about it on the Day of Judgment and will be called upon as witness

that we conveyed this message to mankind and our Prophet will be witness over us that he conveyed Allah's message to us.

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا  
Surah Al-Baqra, Aya 143.

7) Allah's Mercy on us is so great due to our Beloved Prophet that though our Ummah is last nation from the people of the world, but will be first to be judged on the Day of Resurrection and to enter Paradise.

8) Due to Dua (supplication) of our beloved Prophet, Allah promised him that his Ummah (us) will never be completely destroyed like the previous nations, nor by drought and not be overcome by enemies from outside their ranks.

9) Reward for one good deed for the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is as a minimum 7 times, and reward for one bad deed is only one. We are even rewarded for good intentions and with sincere repentance Allah can change even bad deeds to good deeds (Subhan Allah).

10) Our beloved Prophet is granted permission by Allah (SWT) to be intercessor on our behalf to enter paradise eventually after serving our punishments for bad deeds. Every person who believed in Allah and Prophet Muhammad (SAW) will eventually enter paradise with his intercession except those who committed shirk (Associated partners with Allah (SWT)).

11) Allah promised a house in Jannah for the followers of our beloved Prophet, who performs 12 Raka't of Sunnah prayers regularly as did by our Prophet (2 before Fajr, 4 before Zuhar, 2 after Zuhar, 2 after Maghreb and 2 after Isha). This is in addition to obligatory (Fard) Salah. Reported by Muslim and narrated by Umm Habibah.

12) The earth has been made for Prophet and his Ummah a place for prayer and a place to perform "Tayammum" (Dry ablution), therefore anyone of his Ummah can pray whenever and wherever the prayer is due. It is not true for other followers of other Messengers of Allah, like Jews, Christians etc, they have to pray in synagogues, Churches etc.

13) Another great favor on us by our beloved Prophet is that he was so loving, merciful and caring for us that even Allah (SWT) has testified in Quran Himself and said that he is (Rau'f and Raheem) for believers (That is his Ummah, which is us). Remember the attributes of Rau'f and Raheem are reserved for Allah (SWT).

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Their certainly has come to you a messenger from among yourselves. He is concerned by your suffering, anxious for your well-being, and gracious and merciful to the believers. Surah Tauba, Aya #128.

Imagine if our Prophet is so concerned for our well-being, then how much Allah will be concerned for the followers of His Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

14) Another great favor conferred to us by Allah (SWT) through our beloved Prophet (SAW) is that if we want to love Allah, we just need to follow our Prophet, Allah will not only love us but will also forgive our sins (Subhan Allah/Allah –o-Akbar).

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ  
Say, 'O Prophet,' "If you 'sincerely' loves Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you and forgive your sins. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful." Surah AL- Imran, Aya# 31.

15) Another great favor we got from Allah (SWT) for being the ummah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is Allah gives us so extensive rewards for very little efforts and small good deeds (like praying, reading Quran/understanding it, doing Zikr (Remembrance) of Allah etc) . Here are few of them listed below:

1) Just doing good deeds in one night (LIAL UL QADR, NIGHT OF POWER) once a year will be rewarded as it is better than thousand months.

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ,

2) Fasting 6 days in the month of "Shawwal" is like fasting whole year.

3) Fasting just one day on 10<sup>th</sup> of "Zilhajj" has tremendous reward.

4) Fasting on 10<sup>th</sup> of "Muharram" has tremendous reward as our beloved said that "I hope that Allah will accept it as expiation for the past year.

- 5) An accepted Hajj for the follower of our beloved Prophet is like he/she is just born, free from any sins he committed all his life (Subhan Allah).
- 6) Doing just correct wadu (ablution) is rewarded by removal of minor sins without any extra effort.
- 7) One Friday prayer to other Friday prayer and one Ramadan fasting to other acts as erasing minor sins in between that period. (Provided we do not commit major sins and continue to fulfill obligatory commandments).
- 8) Praying Isha Prayer with congregation, followed by Fajr prayer in the same morning with congregation is rewarded as praying the whole night.
- 9) Saying few words of praise of Allah (SWT) after Fajr prayer is equivalent to that you are in Allah's remembrance until afternoon Zuhr prayer.

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**Meaning** “(Allah is free from imperfection and I begin with His praise, as many times as the number of His creatures, in accordance with His Good Pleasure, equal to the weight of His Throne and the ink that may be used in recording the words (for His Praise).” (Muslim):

- 10) Another great favor of Allah to the follower of His Messenger is that Children's of the believers if they also are believers, Allah with His Mercy will join them with their parents in the Paradise, even if their parents are living in higher ranks of Paradise then the children just as to please their parents (Subhan Allah) .Free upgrade

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينٌ

Translation: We shall unite the believers with those descendants of theirs who followed them in their faith, and shall not deny them any part of the reward for their good deeds. Every person is pledged to what he did. [Q 52/21]

EXP: This theme has already been mentioned in ([Surah Ar- Raad, Ayat 23](#)) and ([Surah Al-Momin, Ayat 8](#)), but here a greater good news has been given. In the verse of Surah Ar- Raad only this much was said: They will enter into them (Gardens) along with the righteous from among their forefathers, wives and descendants, and in Surah Al-Mmin: The angels ask forgiveness for the believers; they say Our Lord... (Admit therein also) of their parents and wives and children who are righteous. Here, what has been said in addition is: If the children had been following in the footsteps of their forefathers in

faith, they will be joined with them in Paradise even though they might not deserve, on the basis of their deeds, the same high rank which the elders would attain on the basis of their superior faith and deeds, and this joining will not be of the nature of occasional visits and meetings but they will be lodged permanently with them in Paradise as is borne out by the words: **أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ** . For the sake of further satisfaction it has been stated: In order to be joined with their offspring the parents will not be lowered and reduced in rank, but in order to be joined with their elders the rank of the children will be enhanced and exalted.

Here, it should be borne in mind that this news has been given in respect of the children who on reaching maturity voluntarily decided to affirm faith and of their own free will followed in the footsteps of their righteous forefathers. As for those of the children of a believer, who might have died even before reaching maturity, there cannot be any question of belief or disbelief, obedience or disobedience, for they will be admitted to Paradise automatically and will be lodged along with their parents to be a comfort of the eyes for them.

Note: Major sins, including committing “Shirk” will not be erased by doing these acts; one has to ask for sincere repentance from Allah (SWT). Similarly “Huqooq ul Ibad” rights of other on us will not be forgiven unless we correct that mistake we committed with our Muslim brother/sister and ask his/her forgiveness.

16) Another great favor by Allah (SWT) to non Muslims (Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists or Atheist) through the courtesy of Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is that if they become Muslims (Accept Shahada, that he accepts that “None is worthy of Worship except Allah alone and Prophet Muhammad is His slave and final messenger) then all of his/her previous sins no matter how grave they were including Committing “Shirk”(Associating anything else with Allah or with His attributes) will be completely erased and he/she will be like just born in this world and they will join the ummah (Nation) of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and ultimately enter Paradise with his intercession on the Day of Judgment.

**Now the Question is what we should do to please our beloved Prophet in return for these uncountable favors. Remember we can never ever repay the favors of our Prophet, but at least we should do the following:**

1) We should love our Prophet more than our parents, family and even ourselves.

النَّبِيِّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ

The Prophet has a stronger affinity to the believers than they do themselves.

Surah Al-Ahzab, Aya #6

2) We should invoke Allah's blessings (Darud) upon him abundantly, as Allah and His Angeles do.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet, and His Angels pray for him, O believers! Invoke Allah's blessings upon him, and salute him with worthy greetings of peace. Surah Al-Ahzab, Aya #56.

3) We should implement his message of Quran and Sunnah in our lives.

4) We should spread his message of Quran and Sunnah to others to the best of our abilities.

5) We should not be divided into different sects, groups, involve in innovation (Bid'ah), Just follow the life of his and his companions.

6) We should love and respect his family (Ahle Bait) and his companions.

Remember that we cannot even count bounties, favors and blessing of Allah and never repay even a minute favors to Him, similarly we can never count or repay back the favors of our Prophet, but at least we should try to please them and do not disobey them. In addition to Allah's and Prophets Favors and love for us, we can also never count the favors and loves of our parents and can never pay them back, no matter how much hard we try!