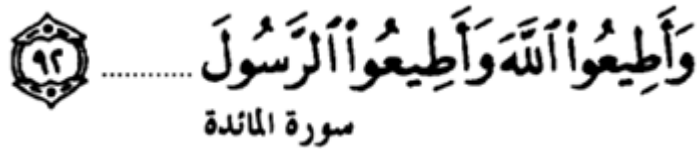


# The Quran and Allah on Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was the last messenger of Allah. History shows that he was known to be truthful and trustworthy even before he received the divine inspiration and became the Messenger of Allah. His actions, decisions, relaying [Allah's Divine Revelation](#), method of inviting people to the straight path and implementing injunctions received from Allah, the Most Wise, are evidence of his absolute honesty, piety and spirituality.

## Obedience to the Prophet

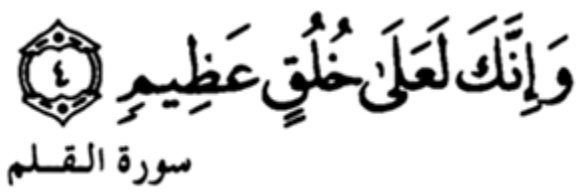
As [Muslims, our belief in Islam is not complete until we obey Allah and His Prophet](#) (s). Allah commands us to do so in the same verse in the Quran:



*“And obey Allah and the messenger (Muhammad (SAW))... (Quran, Surah Al-Maeda:92)*

## Excellence of Prophet's Character

Allah also told us about the [excellence](#) of the prophet's (s) character in the following verse:



*“And Verily. for you (Muhammad (SAW)) are on an exalted (standard of) character” (Quran, [Surah Al-Qalam:4](#)).*

However, we are also not to elevate the prophet (s) to a level beyond the standard that Allah set for him and we are not to overstep the mark with regard to what the Quran states about the message and humanity of the Prophet ([peace and blessings](#) of Allah be upon him). For example, it is not permissible to describe the prophet (s) (as many mistakenly do) as being noor (light) or as casting no shadow, or to say that the [prophet was created from light](#). Rather this is a kind of exaggeration which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) forbade when he said:

“Do not exaggerate about me as was exaggerated about ‘Eesa ibn Maryam. Say: the slave of Allah and His Messenger.” (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 6830.)

The following paragraphs highlight some of the Quranic verses where Allah clarifies the role of the prophet (s).

The Prophet was sent as a mercy to all mankind

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾  
سورة الأنبياء

We have only sent you as a mercy to the worlds (Surah Al-Anbiya, Verse 107)

The Prophet was sent as a messenger and a Warner

يٰٓأَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ  
عَلَىٰ فِتْرَةٍ مِّنَ الرَّسُولِ أَن تَقُولُوا مَا جَاءَنَا مِن بَشِيرٍ  
وَلَا نَذِيرٍ فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَشِيرٌ وَنَذِيرٌ ۗ وَاللَّهُ  
عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٩﴾ سورة المائدة

O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Now has come to you Our Messenger (Muhammad SAW) making (things) clear unto you, after a break in (the series of) Messengers, lest you say: “There came unto us no bringer of glad tidings and no warner.” But now has come unto you a bringer of glad tidings and a warner. And Allah is Able to do all things. (Quran, Surah Al-Maida:19)”

Only Allah knows the unseen and decides how much to reveal to His messengers

عَلِيمُ الْغَيْبِ فَلَا يُظْهِرُ عَلَىٰ غَيْبِهِ أَحَدًا ﴿٦٦﴾  
إِلَّا مَن أَرْتَضَىٰ مِن رَّسُولٍ فَإِنَّهُ يَسْلُكُ مِن بَيْنِ  
يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ رَصَدًا ﴿٦٧﴾ سورة الجن

- “(He Alone) the All-Knower of the Ghaib (unseen), and He reveals to none His Ghaib (unseen).”
- Except to a Messenger (from mankind) whom He has chosen (He informs him of unseen as much as He likes), and then He makes a band of watching

guards (angels) to march before him and behind him. Quran ([Surah Al-Jinn](#) :27)”

**The Prophet (s) did not have the power to guide anyone – He was only a messenger**

Allah says in the Quran:

إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي  
مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ سورة القصص

“Indeed, (O Muhammad), you do not guide whom you like, but Allah guides whom He wills. (Quran, [Surah Qasas](#), Verse 56)”

**The prophet’s words were a reminder for all mankind**

وَإِنْ يَكَادُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَيُزْلِقُونَكَ بِأَبْصَرِهِمْ  
لَمَّا سَمِعُوا الذِّكْرَ وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّهُ لَمَجْنُونٌ ﴿٥١﴾  
وَمَا هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾ سورة القلم

- *And verily, those who disbelieve would almost make you slip with their eyes through hatred when they hear the Reminder (the Quran), and they say: “Verily, he (Muhammad SAW) is a madman!”*
- *But it is nothing else than a Reminder to all the Alameen (mankind, jinns and all that exists). (Quran, [Surah Al-Qalam](#) : 51-52)”*

**The Prophet (s) never forged any of Allah’s messages**

وَلَوْ نَقُولَ عَلَيْنَا بَعْضُ الْأَقَاوِيلِ ﴿٤٤﴾  
 لَأَخَذْنَا مِنْهُ بِالْيَمِينِ ﴿٤٥﴾  
 ثُمَّ لَقَطَعْنَا مِنْهُ الْوَتِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
 فَمَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ عَنْهُ حَاجِزِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

- And if he (Muhammad SAW) had forged a false saying concerning Us (Allah),
- We surely should have seized him by his right hand (or with power and might),
- And then certainly should have cut off his life artery (Aorta),
- And none of you could withhold Us from (punishing) him. (Quran, [Surah Al-Haqqah](#) : 44-47)

Allah also states that it is not up to the Prophet (s) to change Allah's words in this verse.

وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ قَالِ الَّذِينَ  
 لَا يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا أَنْتِ بِقُرْءَانٍ غَيْرِ هَذَا  
 أَوْ بَدِّلْهُ قُلْ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَبَدِّلَهُ مِنْ تِلْقَائِي  
 نَفْسِي إِنْ أَتَيْتُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ إِنِّي أَخَافُ  
 إِنْ عَصَيْتُ رَبِّي عَذَابٌ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٥﴾

“And when Our Clear Verses are recited unto them, those who hope not for their meeting with Us, say: Bring us a Quran other than this, or change it.” Say (O Muhammad SAW): “It is not for me to change it on my own accord; I only follow that which is revealed unto me. Verily, I fear if I were to disobey my Lord, the torment of the Great Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection). (Quran, [Surah Yunus](#) : 15).

## The Prophet (SAW) did not claim to know anything more than what Allah had taught him

This is made clear when Allah says in the Quran,

قُلْ لَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ عِنْدِي خَزَائِنُ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ  
الْغَيْبَ وَلَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنِّي مَلَكٌ إِنْ أَتَيْتُ إِلَّا مَا  
يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرُ  
أَفَلَا تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

“Say (O Muhammad SAW): “I don’t tell you that with me are the treasures of Allah, nor (that) I know the unseen; nor I tell you that I am an angel. I but follow what is revealed to me by inspiration. Say: Are the blind and the one who sees equal? Will you not then take thought? (Quran, [Surah Al An’aam, 50](#))”

The Prophet (s) had no power to pardon anyone

لَيْسَ لَكَ مِنَ الْأَمْرِ شَيْءٌ أَوْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْهِمْ  
أَوْ يُعَذِّبَهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿١٢٨﴾  
سورة آل عمران

“Not for you (O Muhammad (S)), but for Allah) is the decision; whether He turns in mercy to (pardons) them or punishes them...” (Quran, [Surah Aal-e-Imran:128](#)).

## Allah’s direct command to the prophet (s) about conveying

### Allah’s message

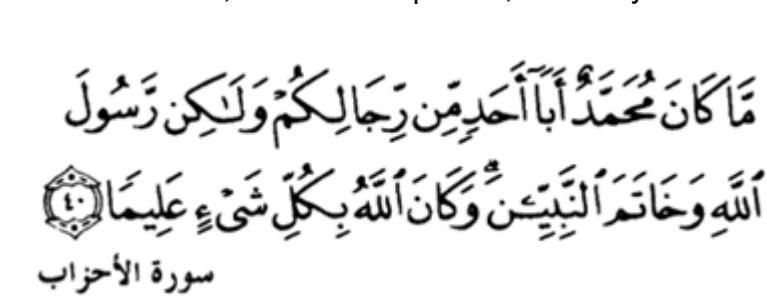
In fact, we see the Quran’s (Allah’s) stern message when reminding the prophet (s) of his responsibilities. [Allah says in the Quran](#):

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ  
وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا بَلَغْتَ رِسَالَتَهُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ  
مِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٧﴾﴾

**“O Messenger (Muhammad SAW)! Proclaim (the Message) which has been sent down to you from your Lord. And if you do not, then you have not conveyed His Message. Allah will protect you from mankind. Verily, Allah guides not the people who disbelieve” (Quran, [Surah Al-Maeda](#) : 67).**

## **The Prophet (SAW) was Allah’s last messenger**

[Obedience of Allah](#), is what the Prophet exemplified. His (S) character epitomized [Quranic teachings](#). His faith in Allah was pure and absolute. Through his manner of living and fulfilling the obligations of Islam he demonstrated [Quranic](#) teachings. In all, this he was following the instructions received from his Maker, Allah the Supreme, Who says in the Quran:



**“Muhammad (SAW) is not the father of any man among you, but he is the [Messenger of Allah](#) and the last (end) of the Prophets. And Allah is Ever All Aware of everything. (Quran, [Surah Al-Ahzab:40](#))”**