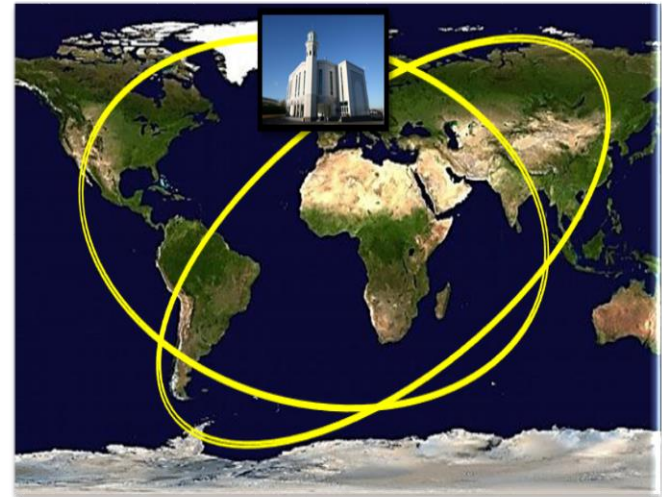


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‘And as for the foremost among the believers, the first of the Emigrants and the Helpers, and those who followed them in the best possible manner, Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him




The *sahabah* [companions] of the Holy Prophet (sa) took the lead; those, whose spiritual rank is the highest amongst all



To be pleased with Allah the Exalted is the highest state of placing one’s trust in God, devotion, being pleased with God and submission to Him.



Huzoor (aba) gave many faith-inspiring incidences from the lives of companions (ra)



The first example was set for us by the Holy Prophet (as) and after that by his companions. Only by following these examples can we become true Muslims.

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Hazrat Umar (ra) also said that the Holy Prophet (sa) said, 'My companions are like stars. Whomsoever, among them, you will follow, you will attain guidance.'

The Promised Messiah (as) said :. ...To be pleased with Allah the Exalted is not the task of a human being. Rather, it is the highest state of placing one's trust in God, devotion, being pleased with God and submission to Him. After reaching this state, a person is no longer displeased with his Lord in any form.'

The Promised Messiah further writes: 'This indicates that the companions had attained all stages of comprehending God and gaining His nearness.'

(Al-Anfal: 61) and *(Aal-e-'Imran: 201)*.' That is, tie your horses at the frontier, whereby you may frighten the enemy of Allah and your enemy. O ye who believe! Be steadfast and strive to excel in steadfastness and be on your guard. Continue to be patient and demonstrate patience.

The Promised Messiah (as) states, 'What is the meaning of *Ribaat*? The horses which are tied at the frontier of the enemy are called *Ribaat*. Allah the Exalted commands the companions to be prepared to confront the enemies.

Hence, the soul must also be trained in this way and be kept under control and the need to teach it is also there.

Thus, *Ribaat* will only happen when a believer endeavours to make progress in knowledge and in actions and by controlling his desires.

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HOW EXCELLENT WAS THE EXAMPLE OF THE COMPANIONS WHO WERE BORN AS A RESULT OF THE SPIRITUAL POWER OF THE HOLY PROPHET (SA). I SHALL PRESENT SOME OF THESE EXAMPLES.

Once Hadrat Abu Bakr (ra) had a disagreement with Hadrat Umar (ra). They argued for a long time to the point where their voices were raised out of anger.

Afterwards when it had ended, Hadrat Abu Bakr (ra) went to Hadrat Umar (ra) and apologised for raising his voice during the altercation and for using strong words.

However, Hadrat Umar (ra) refused to forgive him.

Thereupon Hadrat Abu Bakr (ra) went to the Holy Prophet (sa) and related the whole incident.

A short while later Hadrat Umar (ra) began feeling remorseful and embarrassed and realised his fault.

He then went to the Holy Prophet (sa). When the Holy Prophet (sa) saw him, his face became red out of his displeasure.

Seeing the Holy Prophet (sa) displeased with Hadrat Umar (ra), Hadrat Abu Bakr (ra) fell to his knees and said the fault was his so forgive Hadrat Umar (ra).

This was that pure society which the Holy Prophet (sa) established and those who lived in it became the recipients of God Almighty's pleasure.

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There is an incident regarding the humility of **Hadrat Umar (ra)** when a man said to him that you are better than Hadrat Abu Bakr (ra).

Hadrat Umar (ra) replied in a passionate manner that by God just one night and day of Hadrat Abu Bakr (ra) is better than the whole lives of Umar (ra) and his progeny.

He said "his night was that when the Holy Prophet (sa) had to migrate in the night and Hadrat Abu Bakr (ra) accompanied him.

His day was that when the Holy Prophet (sa) passed away and the Arabs denied praying and giving the Zakat. At that time, against my advice, he resolved to do Jihad and God Almighty made him successful in this and proved him to be right.

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Hazrat Usman (ra) was the most kind and compassionate than anyone else and also feared God Almighty the most.

When the Masjid Nabvi [the Holy Prophet's mosque] was being extended, Hazrat Usman (ra) who stepped forward immediately.

He offered to buy those houses and gave 15,000 Dirhams and purchased the land for the extension.

The Muslims once faced great shortage of water supply.. Hazrat Usman (ra) purchased the well at whatever the price the Jew set and arranged the water supply for the Muslims.

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Hadrat Ali (ra) possessed great courage and was very strong.




He spoke decisively and decided matters with justice.



A fountain of knowledge and wisdom flowed from him.



He dreaded the splendour of the world and loved seclusion at night i.e. his favourite act at night was worship rather than being indulged in worldliness.



He respected religious people and would give shelter to the poor.

Abdur Rahman Bin Auf (ra) was a very wealthy trader and had riches in abundance.

Once, he was heard praying while circling the Kaaba 'O Allah! Save me from the covetousness of my soul.'

On one occasion he devoted his [commercial] caravan of 700 camels loaded with wheat, flour and other products to the cause of God.

Once the Holy Prophet (sa) said about him, ! Do not say anything to my companion. Even if one of you gave a mountain-full of gold the size of Uhud you would still not reach the morning and evening of Abdur Rahman Bin Auf (ra) which he has spent doing Jihad in the way of Allah.

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Hazrat Saad Bin Waqas (ra) withstood immense emotional pressure from his mother to remain steadfast on his faith.

God Almighty states that we should obey our parents and serve them, but when it comes to matters of faith and of God then one must first listen to the word of God.

Hazrat Zubair bin Al 'Awaam (ra) was also very courageous and brave. He was very wealthy and would give away a majority of his earnings in charity for the sake of Allah Almighty.

Hazrat Talha bin 'Ubaidullah (ra) was very rich and would spend in the way of Allah Almighty. One of his attributes that he would always return home joyously with a smile on his face.

Hence, this is a model for us to follow.

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Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood (ra) showed utmost obedience to the Khalifa of the time, Hazrat Umar (ra) when he was called back from being the Amir of Kufa. Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood (ra) said that obedience to the Khalifa of the time was obligatory upon him and that he could never allow himself to disobey him and returned to Medina.

Hazrat Bilal (ra), who endured every kind of difficulty, but he always proclaimed the oneness of God. He would be dragged across hard stones and hot sand but despite this he remained firm on his faith.

Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'az (ra) said on the day of the Battle of Badr fulfilled declaring to the Holy Prophet (sa): 'O Prophet of God! Do as you will and *inshAllah* you will find us at your side. Even if you command us to jump into the sea, we shall jump and not even one of us shall remain behind. We do not shy away from facing the enemy and we know very well how to face the enemy with great courage and valour.'

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The Promised Messiah (as) states: “If one becomes pure in this manner and illuminates themselves like a polished vessel, then it will be instilled in him to derive benefit from the blessings bestowed by God Almighty. However, how many people exist that are the embodiment of the verse that **He indeed *truly* prospers who purifies it?**”

Thus, we should endeavour to reform ourselves and keep our [spiritual] vessels clean. Since we have accepted the Promised Messiah (as), the Imam of the age and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (sa), then we must strive to act on all the teachings mentioned by the Promised Messiah (as). The first example was set for us by the Holy Prophet (as) and after that by his companions. Only by following these examples can we become true Muslims. May Allah the Almighty enable us to do so.