

YOU AND THE PROPHET 6 Ways Prophet Muhamman Showed His Love For You

You may hear a lot about loving Prophet Muhammad - that it's an expectation upon us. But what you may not hear nearly as often is how much he loved you.

Yes, you.

We're not talking about love for people he met or descendants of his people in Arabia. We literally mean **you**: *Naomi, Justin, Abbie, Travis, Sandra, Andrew, Lindsay -* you.

How can you be so sure?



HE COULDN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU

One day, he was found crying. His companions asked, "What makes you cry, O Messenger of God?"

He replied, "I miss my brothers." Confused, they asked, "Are we not your brothers?"

He said, "No, you are my companions. My brothers are those who will come after me and they will believe in me without seeing me."

Think about this for a minute.

He was talking about you. And he cried because he couldn't wait to meet you.

HE WILL WAIT FOR YOU AT HIS "POND"

The Prophet was asked how he'd recognize those who were not born yet - those he never met in this life (i.e. you).

He replied, "They will come with bright faces and white limbs because of the ablution they performed. I will arrive at the Pond ahead of them."

1. In Arabic, the term used for brothers in this context is gender neutral. Side note: on the Day of Judgement, each prophet will be assigned a pond a meeting point of sorts for prophets and their followers to rendezvous before entering Paradise. He will eagerly await you there.

5 THE SUPPLICATION HE SAVED FOR YOU

Each prophet was promised one supplication, that when made, is guaranteed an answer.

Some used that supplication against their oppressors (like Noah against his people, or Moses against Pharaoh). Solomon asked for a dominion the scale of which was never given to a human before. And Abraham supplicated for a messenger to come from his progeny (the answer was none other than Prophet Muhammad).

Every prophet used his supplication for himself in his lifetime... **except Prophet** Muhammad.

He saved it for you.

Prophet Muhammad said, "I have kept it for my followers, and I will use it for them on the Day of Judgement. And my supplication will be: *O God, forgive my entire nation.*"



HE SUPPLICATED FOR YOU IN EVERY RITUAL DEVOTION

In one of many amusing interactions between Prophet Muhammad and his wife, Aisha, this happened:

She asked him randomly, "Supplicate to God for me!" So he said, "O God, forgive Aisha her past sins and future sins, the hidden sins and the apparent."

Aisha was over the moon! She was so happy, her head plopped in her husband's lap out of joy.

Smiling, the Prophet asked her, "Does my supplication make you happy?" She said, "And how can it not make me happy?"

He stated, "By God, it is the supplication I make for my followers in every ritual devotion."

Pause for a minute.

At least five times a day, likely more, Prophet Muhammad dedicated time to supplicate for you. Is this not a sign of love and concern?



SECURING YOUR REWARD MADE HIM HAPPY

He walked in one day with joy written all over his face.

So one of his companions asked, "What makes you so happy, O Messenger of God?"

He replied, "Angel Gabriel just came to me and said, 'Will it not please you, O Muhammad, to know that when any in your nation sends peace and blessings upon you, I will send peace and blessings upon them tenfold?"

What made Prophet Muhammad so happy was not that he would receive the peace and blessings... it was that you would receive them tenfold.

Try it now. Ask God to send peace and blessings upon your beloved Prophet Muhammad. You in turn, will receive peace and blessings in your life - tenfold.

HE WAS EAGER TO MAKE THE RELIGION EASY FOR YOU

There is a fascinating story behind when, where and how the five ritual devotions (salah) were prescribed. It is a story beyond the scope of this book; so you are encouraged to learn about it in any of New Muslim Academy's courses, ebooks, or webinars about the five ritual devotions.

In short, when the ritual devotions were first prescribed, Muslims were commanded to do so 50 times a day!

Not 5, but 50.

Prophet Muhammad knew this would be too difficult upon his people, so he kept requesting God to reduce its number. And so it was 40, then 30, 20, 10, and eventually 5.

Of course, God in His infinite knowledge and wisdom, knew this would be the case. God ordained for our five ritual devotions to carry the reward of 50.

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He loved you unconditionally

The Prophet's love for you was unconditional. He, may the peace and blessings be upon him, could not wait to meet you. In fact, he will wait for you at his Pond on the Day of Judgement.

In every ritual devotion, everyday, he supplicated to God on your behalf. Securing your reward made him happy. And on more than one occasion, he pleaded God to make the religion easy for you.

Always caring for your well being, the Prophet saved his one guaranteed supplication for the Day of Judgement to make on your behalf.

Would you like to love him back?

The only way to love someone is to know them. You are encouraged to read more about his life and his sacrifices. Then, your love for him will grow.

Prophet Muhammad said, "Those in my nation with the strongest love for me are from the people who will come after me. Some of them would have given their family and wealth to have seen me."

He also said, "Whoever loves me will be with me in Paradise."