

Holy Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) attribute of forgiveness



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SUMMARY

Every aspect of the life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was a practical depiction of the Holy Qur'an and a blessed model for us to follow

In spite of continuous persecution of himself and his Companions, when he attained power he demonstrated a peerless model of forgiveness

Abdullah ibn Abi bin Salool, the head of the hypocrites, created all sorts of problems for the Holy Prophet (pbuh), who not only forgave him in life, but also led his funeral prayer and prayed for his forgiveness

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) forgave people who attempted to kill him even when confessed

Ikrama, son of Abu Jahal who was an arch enemy of Islam was forgiven by the Holy Prophet (pbuh), who also prayed to Allah for his forgiveness

The Holy Prophet forgave Wahshi who brutally murdered the uncle of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

For his people, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) had this **prayer 'O Allah forgive my people for they do not know what they do'**

If only the Muslims of today understood this point, they could help Islam advance manifold

Holy Prophet's (pbuh) attribute of forgiveness

'Take to forgiveness, and enjoin kindness, and turn away from the ignorant.'

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الْجُهْلِينَ ☺

His elevated station as the Seal of all the Prophets is apparent as God revealed the last Book of religious law to him

Hadhrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said that the Prophet's life was a representation of Quranic commandments

Every aspect of his life was a practical depiction of the Holy Qur'an and a blessed model for us to follow

His blessed quality of forgiveness enhanced the pious in their love for him, and highlighted the immorality of the hypocrite by forgiving them

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that the perfect man, the Prophet (pbuh) was badly persecuted and verbally abused but this embodiment of forgiveness prayed for his enemies instead. In accordance with God's promise his detractors met the sorry end that was predicted for them and none could harm the Prophet's (pbuh) honour.

In spite of continuous persecution of himself and his Companions, when he attained power he demonstrated a peerless model of forgiveness

Any fair-minded historian could not deny that the Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) attribute of forgiveness and fortitude was unequalled

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Abdullah ibn Abi bin Salool was the head of the hypocrites who appeared to obey the Prophet (pbuh) but did not desist from making filthy attacks on him

The reason for his enmity was that the people of Medina were thinking of making him their leader but after the Prophet's (pbuh) migration all the tribes and people of all religions accepted him as their leader instead

In an incident before the battle of Badr, the quality of forgiveness of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) shone through

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Once the Holy Prophet (pbuh) passed by an assembly in which Abdullah bin Salool sat along with Muslims, idol-worshippers and Jews

As the Prophet (pbuh) rode past, Abdullah Salool covered his nose and said 'do not throw dust on us'

In response, the Prophet (pbuh) said his greetings and read some Qur'an to them

Abdullah Salool said, 'do not bother us, go home and read the Qur'an to whoever comes to your home'

A Companion who was present said, 'O Prophet of God, come and read the Qur'an to us in our gatherings'

People stood up and an argument ensued, The Prophet asked them to quieten down and left

During one expedition, some disagreement broke out between a migrant (Makkan Muslim) and Ansar, who both started calling their people for help

Seeing this, the Prophet (pbuh) stopped them from reverting to ignorant times

When Abdullah Salool came to know of this he reacted aggressively in front of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Hadhrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him), stood up and asked the Holy Prophet (pbuh) if he could cut the man's head off for the insolence

- The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) replied, 'forgive him for people may say that Muhammad kills his associates

Despite all his misgivings, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) called him as associate

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) heard that Abdullah Salool had said something disagreeable so he asked him for confirmation

He denied and the Prophet did not ask him again. However, God informed the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) through revelation that what he had heard was true

Abdullah Salool's son was a sincere Muslim, he asked the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) if he could kill his father

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The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) replied there was no need for that and that he did not intend to punish him but was going to treat his father gently and kindly

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Once Hadhrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) was mistakenly left behind a convoy

One Companion noticed her on her own and asleep. He read '*Inna lillaha wa inna illahihe raji'oon*'. She woke up and covered herself

He brought his camel next to her, she mounted it and they met up with the convoy

Abdullah Salool made terrible allegations about Hadhrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her)

The allegation about Hadhrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) was an attempt to harm the Prophet (pbuh)

Later, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) made a speech in which he said he had been given deep hurt regarding his family

When God sent the revelation exonerating Hadhrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) he still did not punish anyone and pardoned them

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When Abdullah Salool died his son asked the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) if he could give one of his tunics in which Salool could be buried

- The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) gave him a tunic and also led the funeral Prayer of Abdullah Salool

Hadhrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) remarked to the Prophet that he knew of everything regarding the hypocrites and also that even if they did *Istaghfar* (seeking forgiveness) seventy times, it would not be accepted

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) replied that there was leeway in this matter and that he would try and say *Istaghfar* more than seventy times for Abdullah Salool

Once a Bedouin demanded a donation for the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in a disrespectful manner saying,) 'load on my two camels with the fortune of God that is in your possession, because it is neither yours nor your father's'. The Bedouin pulled the cloak of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) so fiercely that a mark of the thick border was left on the Prophet's blessed neck

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) remained silent for a while and then said, 'the fortune is Allah's, and I am His servant

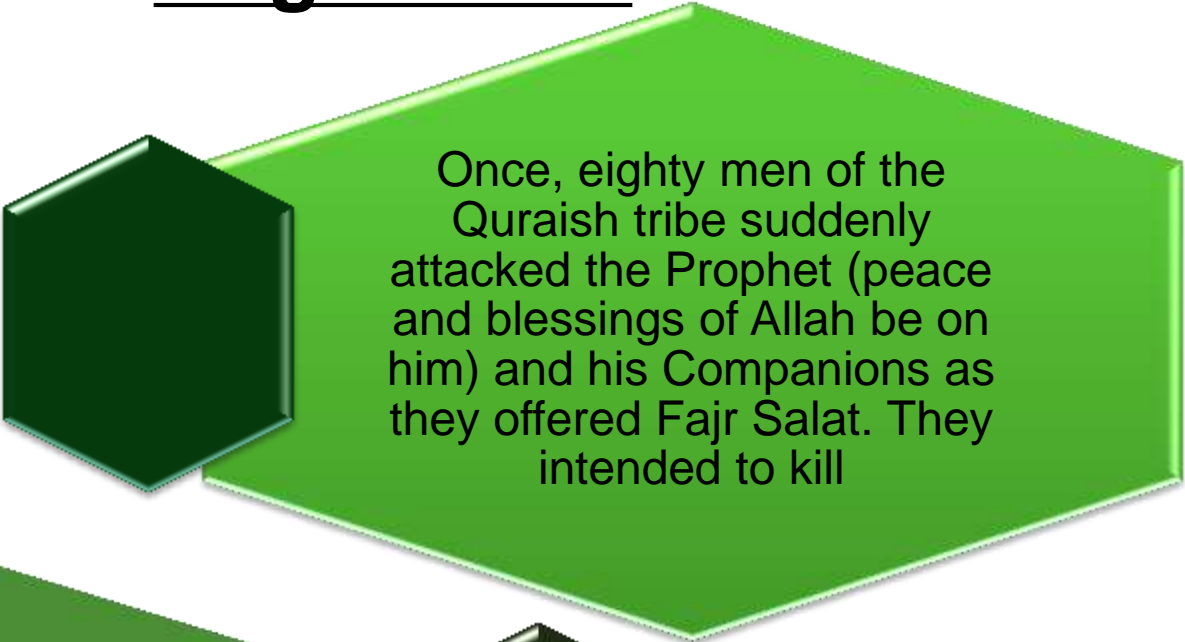
Do you not think you will be retaliated for the pain you have given me'. 'No, I do not,' answered the Bedouin.

'Why?' asked the Prophet. The Bedouin said, 'because you do not react to evil with evil.'


The Prophet laughed and ordered to load the Bedouin's camels with barley and dates.

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Once, eighty men of the Quraish tribe suddenly attacked the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his Companions as they offered Fajr Salat. They intended to kill



The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) forgave them and let them go

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A Jew once passed the Prophet (pbuh) and instead of saying *Assalamoalaikum* said *Assamo alaik* (may you be destroyed)

The Companions wished to retaliate

The Prophet stopped them thus leaving a message that his compassion was for everyone



He only punished where Divine commandments were breached

Once a Jewish woman poisoned the Prophet (pbuh) and his Companions

In spite of her confession, he forgave her

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Wahshi [ibn Harb, an enemy of Islam] heard that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) did not seek reprisal from envoys, so he went to see him with some envoys from Taif



The Prophet (pbuh) asked him if he was Wahshi which he confirmed, the Prophet (pbuh) then asked if he had killed Hadhrat Hamza. Again, he said yes







The Prophet (pbuh) asked him the details of how he had killed his uncle and wept as he related the incident



He then forgave him but said if it was possible, could he not come in front of him again

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- After the victory of Makkah, an order was given to kill Ikrama, a war criminal and a then extreme enemy of Islam
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- Meanwhile, his wife accepted Islam and brought him back by telling him that she had just come from the best among all people and that she had sought refuge for him
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- Ikrama returned and asked the Prophet (pbuh) if this was true. When the Prophet (pbuh) confirmed this, Ikrama recited the Shahadah
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- The Prophet (pbuh) forgave all his transgressions and prayed, **'O' Allah, forgive every hurt that Ikrama caused me.'**

Once, a man came to Ka'ba where the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was performing the circuits. The man intended to kill the Prophet who was informed by God of his plan.

The Prophet (pbuh) summoned the man to him, who became perturbed. When asked why he had come there, the man started making excuses

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) smiled and placed his hand on the man's chest

All the hatred in the man's heart was removed and the affectionate touch released a sea of love in him

Such was the treatment of our master with his enemies

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He subdued his enemies with love. He did not ever take revenge for any wrong committed against his own person apart from instances where God's commandments were violated.

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وَقَالَ نُوحٌ رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ
مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ دَيَّارًا ﴿٢٧﴾

Chapter 71, Verse 27

Hadhrat Umer (may God be pleased with him) once said, 'O Prophet of God, my parents be sacrificed on you, had you prayed in the same way about us as Hadhrat Nuh (peace be on him), all of us would have been destroyed'

: '... 'My Lord, leave not in the land a single one of the disbelievers;'

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) had of course thus prayed

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O Allah forgive my people for they do not know what they do

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Hudhur (aba) prayed



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If only they reflected on this blessed model

May God give them the sense to do so