

al-Shama'il al-Muhammadiyah

A Commentary on the Depiction of

Prophet

MUHAMMAD

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Imām al-Tirmidhī

# The Description of The Messenger of Allah ﷺ

Based on the Book of  
Shama'il

By Imam Tirmidhi

**56 Chapters . 415 Hadiths**

*Khalq, Khuluq & Life style*

# The *khalq* of the Messenger ﷺ

"من رآني في المنام فقد رآني، فإن الشيطان لا يتخيل بي"

**The one that has seen me in a dream has indeed seen me,  
for Shaytān cannot impersonate me**



Good physical **build**.. Not a fleshy **body**.. Moderately **tall**.. Rosy **skin**..

Moderately large **head**.. Slightly waved and dense **hair** to the earlobes.. Slightly round shiny **face**.. Wide and perfect **forehead**.. Arched and separate **eyebrows**.. Long **eyelashes**.. Extremely black **eyes**.. Prominent and shine-wrapped nose.. Moderately wide **mouth**.. Spaced front **teeth**.. Full and thick **beard**..

Elegantly long **neck**.. Broad **shoulders**, with the **seal** of Prophet-hood in between, more to the left side..

Wide **chest**.. In straight level with the **stomach**.. One extended hairline till the navel..

Long **forearms**.. Wide **palms**.. Thickly boned **hands**, softer than silk..

Thickly boned and smooth **feet** with a small amount of flesh on his **heels**.

# The *khuluq* of the Messenger ﷺ

قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ﴾

**And verily, you (O Muhammad ) are on an exalted standard of character**

بلغ العلاء بكماله  
كشفاً لاجه بجماله  
حسنات جميع خصاله  
صلوا عليه وآله

السلام  
صلى عليه وآله

He did not like over praise.. He did not like people to stand up for him..

He would visit the sick, attend funerals and accept the invitations of slaves..

He never took the revenge for himself.. He was never indecent or offensive.. Nor did he shout in the market..

He did not respond to a bad deed with a bad deed. Rather, he forgave and pardoned it..

Exceeding Allah's limits would get him so angry..

In his house, he would sew his clothes, fix his sandals, milk his goat and do the affairs of his house..

He would always hasten to greet whomsoever he met..

He was the most modest.. If he did not like something, people could notice that on his face.

# The *Life style* of the Messenger ﷺ

قَالَ تَعَالَى:  
﴿لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا  
اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ﴾

**Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad ) you have a good example to follow, for him who hopes in Allah and the Last Day**



He was **moderate** and **balanced** in all affairs of his life..

He would **comb** and **oil** his hair and beard occasionally.. He would apply **perfume** to his body.. **kuhl** to his eyes and **dye** his few white hairs..

He would **wear** whatever available and covering.. Without restricting himself to only one type of clothing.. He wore the turban, cap, the helmet and was sometimes uncovered.. He wore the qamīs, the *Izar* and *rida* and *burdahs*.. His best color was white.. He also wore mixed read, mixed green and black.. He used the *khuff* and Sandals..

He never got full stomach of food.. His bread was made of barley.. He never used sieved flour.. He would spend many consecutive nights hungry.. He used to have *idam* (vinegar or oil) with bread.. He loved pumpkin, *halwā* and honey.. He used to eat cucumber or watermelon with ripe dates.. He liked the cold and sweet drinks.. And never used table for food, just floor sheets..

He made cupping on both sides of his neck, the top area between his shoulders and upon the top of his foot.. And he paid the cupper his fees.



His used to **walk** fast.. leaning forward slightly..

He would **look** often to the ground.. and most of his looking was observing.. Looking behind, he would turn his whole body..

In the masjid, he would **sit** in al-*qurfusā* ' posture or legs-crossed.. Outside the masjid, he would recline, or sit in anyway that wouldn't discover his 'awra..

His **speech** was few words.. Slow.. Very clear.. Repeated.. True..

He used to **smile** most of the time.. And sometimes laughed wondering some issues..

He would **cry** when reciting the Qur'an or praying or when one of his beloved people pass away..

He would **sleep** with a light stomach.. At the beginning of the night.. Wake up in the second half of the night.. Use *siwāk*.. Perform ablution and pray until a sixth of the night remained. Then, he would sleep or talk with his wives until Fajr.





**Anas ibn Mālik said:**

“The day the Messenger of Allāh arrived at Madīnah,  
everything became illuminated.

The day that the Messenger of Allāh passed away,  
everything darkened..

We had not yet dusted off our hands after his burial, yet we  
felt a change in our hearts.”

إن الأنبياء لم يورثوا ديناراً ولا درهماً  
وإنما ورثوا العلم.  
فمن أخذه أخذ بحظ وافر

**The Prophets**

bequeathed neither  
dinar nor dirham but  
only knowledge; and  
he who gets it, has in  
fact got an abundant  
portion.

**Ibn Sirīn said:**

“This knowledge is a religion. Therefore, pay heed to  
whom you take your religion from.”