

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ
 وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا.
 وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
 إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ صَالِحَ الْأَخْلَاقِ.

Honorable Muslims!

Next Wednesday Night will be The Mawlid (Laylat al-Mawlid), the anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) honoring the world with his birth, who communicated the message of Islam to us, taught us the right and truth, and guided us as the best role model on the road to the Heaven.

Dear Believers!

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) was an inviter who invited all people to peace and salvation, and a warner who warned all people against and saved them from wrongdoing and being rebellious. He was the perfect living answer to the questions of "What do Muslims believe?" and "What kind of a life should Muslims lead?" In him were embodied such virtues as affection, compassion, loyalty, courage, and foresightedness. By him earned the weak, the poor, and the victimized people the deserved respect for being human. Around him became guided even the people, who wanted to kill him, to the right path thanks to his compassion. So

much so that a dark age dominated by ignorance and oppression and lack of compassion, virtues, and wisdom turned into the Age of Bliss (the Asr al-Saadah) under the light of knowledge, justice, and compassion with his arrival and divine struggle. People who had lost their way and values in the whirl of the Jahiliyyah (Ignorance) period set the best examples of brotherhood, virtues, commitment to promises, and all good behaviors by following his path.

Dear Muslims!

In this regard, he said, **"I was sent to perfect the good moral character."** ¹

The Almighty Allah (swt) states in the Holy Qur'an, **"There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often."** ²

Then let us get to know the Prophet Muhammad (saw) better, understand him better, and make sure that his great Sunnah has a determining role in our lives. Let us shape our world of thought according to his mentality, and let us clean our hearts with his morals. Let us protect all the principles, on which he never made any concessions, in all domains of our lives. Let us not forget that our faith, our humanity, and our society will reach the long-awaited good days to the extent that we take him as our role model. Only then will his birth (mawlid) mean literally a rebirth in our lives.

¹ (Ibn Hanbal, II, 381)

² Ahzab, 33/21