الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الْخَالِقِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ كَلَّ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى قَوْمِ الدِّينِ وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

All praises are for Allah. The True and Ultimate Creator of all. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love, adoration and worship, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader is our Prophet Muhammad , the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. O Allah send your salutations, peace and blessings upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon all of his family and companions. And upon whomsoever follows them in the best of ways till the Last Day.

The Companions, Tabi'een and Salaf Loved and Adored the Prophet , because they saw him, his beauty, majesty, reality and lived the truth. This was due to their proximity to him and one another; so can we ever replicate that love and will we ever be as close to the Prophet ?? The Prophet has not forgotten about us, he knows us, and described people who would love and follow him in the centuries to come.

"There are a people who will come after me, who will love me so intensely, that they would be willing to give up their entire family and wealth in return for a single glance at my face." (Mustadrak Al-Haakim)

Thus, their love is such that if their homes were to be taken away from them, their cars and every penny to their name. If they were to take their husband/wife, children, parents and family at large, rendering them the loneliest of people on planet earth in exchange for a single glance at the Prophet , there would be those true lovers and followers who would accept this exchange.

"Glad tidings to the one who believed in me and saw me, and sevenfold glad tidings to the one who believed in me but did not see me." (Ahmad)

# Anas bin Malik & who served the Prophet & for 10 years said

"In my life, I have never touched any silk garment or pure silk that was softer than the palm of the Prophet , nor have I ever smelt a scent that was sweeter than that of the Prophet ..." (Bukhari)

## **Umm Ma'bad's Description When The Prophet Visited Her:**

"I saw a handsome man, of glowing appearance, who had a beautiful face and was of good proportions. He was of a smart of appearance, with intense black eyes, long eyelashes, a husky voice, a long neck, a full beard, and thin eyebrows. When silent, dignity was upon him, and when he spoke, splendour overcame him. He was the most splendid and striking of men from a distance, and the sweetest and most beautiful from close up. He was well-spoken, clear in what he speaks, saying neither too much nor too little. Rather, his words flowed as if they were pearls cascading from a string. He had companions who surrounded him. If he spoke, they listened to him, and if he commanded, they rushed to fulfil his command. He was well served and well attended. Neither did he frown, nor did he overlook anyone." (Zaad Al-Maad, Ibnul Qayyim)

A father, a husband, a statesman, a judge, a peacemaker, a teacher, a warrior, a counsellor, and on top of all this, he was the final Prophet and the greatest of all creation. This was who the Prophet Mohammad **\*\*** was.

His breath-taking work ethic and endless sacrifice for Islam caused people, and the entirety of creation, to fall in love with him.

#### A LOVE THAT CAUSED THE STONE TO SPEAK

"I know of a stone in Makkah that used to greet me with Salaam before I became a Prophet. I know it's location till this day." (Muslim)

#### A LOVE THAT MADE A TREE TRUNK WEEP

The Prophet was used to stand and lean by a tree on Friday... A new pulpit was made for him, when he used it, the tree screamed like a child! The Prophet descended from the pulpit and embraced it. It continued moaning like a child who was being quietened, and the Prophet said: "it cried as it missed me." (Abi Dawood)

LOVE BEFORE WAR - The Prophet prodded Sawaad for not standing in line before war, Sawaad asked for retribution & leapt onto the Prophet saying: "O Messenger of Allah, I wanted my last moments to be one where my skin touches yours." (Ibn Hisham)

## **ADORED, REVERED & LOVED BY HIS COMPANIONS**

"O people! By Allah, I have visited the kings, and I have visited Caesar, Khosrau and the Negus, yet by Allah, I have never seen a king who was more honoured by his people than the honouring the companions of Mohammad showed him. By Allah, if he spat, the spittle would fall in the hand of one of them who would rub it on his face and skin. If he ordered them, they would carry out his order immediately, and if he performed ablution, they would compete over the remains. When he spoke, they would lower their voices in his presence, and they would not look at his face continuously out of sheer respect." (Bukhari)

### **HIS WORSHIP**

**HIS GENEROSITY** 

**HIS BRAVERY** 

**HIS COMPASSION** 

THOSE WHO MISSED HIM -Thabit Al-Bunani said to the companion Anas
Ibn Malik "Hand me over those two eyes of yours that saw the Prophet

so that I may kiss them!" (Ahmad)

How can we not fall in love with the Greatest of Creation - Our Prophet **\*\***