

## Reflection On The Seerah Of The Beloved Messenger ﷺ

How can we end this lecture without thanking Prophet Muhammad (SAWS) for his life and endurance? He could have made *Dua'a* (supplication) against those who abused him, yet he preferred to bear the suffering for his message to be delivered to us, to all of us. May Allah (SWT) reward him immensely for everything he had done for the whole humanity.

Now, trying to summarize the *Seerah* is a difficult task indeed. Nevertheless, I will try to put it into key points that characterize the Prophet's method for revival. The title of this summary could be "The Message for Revival on Earth" or rather "The victory of Goodness over Evil". The duration was twenty-three years. This message targeted humanity. It was a human experience based on revelation that sets the methodology through the Qur'an. Thorough planning, rather than pure miracles, was the thing that guaranteed success since miracles did not change the course of events but rather raised the moral and strengthened the spirits.

The key characteristics should then be as follows:

- a- Flexible and thorough planning.
- b- Sacrifice and endurance.
- c- Spiritual, intellectual, ethical, and political training that prepares sound generations.
- d- Fair co-existence between civilisations; that guarantee our rights and leave our Islamic beliefs intact.
- e- Opting for peace rather than aggression and war as an essence in Islam.
- f- Believing in the 'Rights to Citizenship' in spite of differences in beliefs maintaining good ties within the society.
- g- Stressing on the importance of the role of women in the revival.
- h- Using culture and art as main tools to boost the morale of the people.
- i- Uniting Muslims in spite of differences.
- j- The language of *da'wa* should be progressive matching the current circumstances.
- k- The five basic values essential for the revival are: truthfulness, trustworthiness, faithfulness, diligence, and maintaining hope.
- l- Respecting the people's freedom of speech.
- m- Having a leader and a role model for the generations.
- n- Having a strong belief that supports the revival since belief and success are intertwined.

We move now to what we should do after Ramadan. First, you should love the Prophet (SAWS) as much as you possibly can. This can be done through learning about his *Seerah*. It is essential to live with a constant memory of the example of the Prophet (SAWS) trying to follow it in our lives. Secondly, remember that you have a mission to revive the earth, hence look for the suitable field through which you can fulfill your duty and employ what you can to serve this mission.

What did you learn?...