

## **The Companions (r.a)**

All praise are due to Allah (s.w.t) and I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah (s.w.t) and I bear witness that Mohammad (s.a.w) is His Messenger.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam!

When Allah (s.w.t) decided that prophethood and revelation should end He has chosen the best of all for the Job Prophet Mohammad (s.a.w) and selected for him the best Companions (r.a). So Allah (s.w.t) Himself had chosen to carry the heavy burden the greatest Aman'ah to all mankind after it was received in full by the Prophet (s.a.w). So, would Allah (s.w.t) have chosen for His Last Messenger to earth anyone less than the perfect, the trustworthy, the honest, the sincere and the pious out of all people? The answer is No, and a thousand No.

*“Allah (s.w.t) knows best where to place His mission”-6/124 ‘The Companions of the Prophet (s.a.w) were the first people that carried the Message of Islam to the world. They were the defenders of Islam.’-Sermons pg.371 ‘Many Ayah (versus) and Ahadith focus on the excellence of the Companions. They were the ones that believed in Allah (s.w.t) and His Messenger. They supported the Messenger (s.a.w), protected him and followed closely the guidance he brought. They certainly were the best people and the most honoured by Allah (s.w.t) after the Prophets (a.s). The book of Allah (s.w.t) and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (s.w.t) have emphasized their piety, honesty, credibility and devotion to the Quran and Sunnah’-Sermons*

The Messenger of Allah (s.w.t) advised that they (the Companions (r.a)) be loved, revered and perceived respectfully all and every one of them. Allah (s.w.t) and His Messenger (s.a.w) loved the Companions (r.a) therefore; those who love the Companions (r.a) are true believers and those who hate them or even dislike them are wicked, the rebellious or disbelievers. ‘So, beware of the people who discredit also or object to their opinions or mock their achievements. Beware of them if you want to protect your faith and safeguard the Message of your Prophet (s.a.w)’-Sermons 373

Brothers and Sisters in Islam,

Let us now listen to some of what the Noble Quran and the Authentic Sunnah say about the Companion (r.a).

Allah says in Surat-ul-Fath –meaning-: *“Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah and those who are with him are strong (severe) against disbelievers but merciful (and compassionate) amongst each other. You see them bow and prostrate themselves (in prayer) seeking Bounty and Grace from Allah (s.w.t) and His Good Pleasure. On their faces (foreheads) are their marks being the traces of their prostration. This is their description (similitude) in the Taurat. And their description in the Injeel (Gospel) is: like a seed which sends forth its blade (shoots) then makes it strong. It then becomes thick and it stands on its own stem (filling) the sowers with wonder and delight. As a result, it*

*fills the disbelievers with rage at them. Allah (s.w.t) has promised those among them who believe and do righteous deeds forgiveness and a great reward.”-48/29*

*Ibn-Kathir (r.a) said: “There are numerous Hadith’s mentioning the virtues of the Companions (r.a) and prohibiting the criticism on their mistakes. It is sufficient that Allah (s.w.t) the Exalted has praised them and declared that He is pleased with them. Surely, all those who follow the guidance of the Companions (r.a), may Allah (s.w.t) be pleased with them all, will be similar to them. However, the Companions (r.a.) have the better virtue, the obvious lead and the perfection in character, on account of which none among this Ummah will ever be able to attain their level. May Allah (s.w.t) be pleased with them and make them pleased. May He place them in the gardens of Al-Firdaws and make it their abode.”-Tafsir 9/181*

Brothers and Sisters in Islam,

Let us conclude today’s reminder with one Hadith and one Ayah, which will give a sign, an indication of the rank of the Companions (r.a) in the sight of Allah (s.w.t) and His Messenger (s.a.w) and let that be a warning to the whole Muslim Ummah until the Day of Resurrection again denying them their proper status that they indeed earned and deserved.

Reported by Imams Al-Bukhari and Muslim (r.a) –these are the words in Muslim-: Abu-Hurairah (r.a) said: *“Do not abuse or insult my Companions. By the One Whose Hand is in my soul, my life, If one of you were to spend an amount of gold equal to Mount Uhud in charity, he will never attain the reward of them, the Companions that is, gets for giving a Mudd or even a half Mudd spent by one of them.”-Muslim 1746, Bukhari 1526, Sermon pg.372*

*“And the foremost to embrace Islam of the Muhajireen and the Ansar and also those who followed them exactly in faith (in all good deeds and conducts) Allah (s.w.t) is pleased with them as they are will-pleased with Him. For them hath He prepared Gardens under which rivers flow, to dwell therein forever. That is the supreme Triumph (success).”-9/100*

Brothers and Sisters in Islam,

The love of all the Companions of the Prophet (s.a.w) is indeed part and included in the true love of Prophet Mohammad (s.a.w) and those who assail, abuse criticise, belittle or discredit anyone of the Companions (r.a) would be trespassing the limits set by Allah (s.w.t), against which no one should trespass.