

## Faith in Messengers

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### In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful.

The messenger (ppbu) said: **{I among the messengers, is like a man who built a house and perfected it, and gave it all the finishing touches, and completed the decorations but he left just one tile that he left out. People walk by that building and get amazed by it, and they say: “if that tile was just put into place”. For I among the messengers is like the placing of that tile}**.

Dear Muslims, Messengers are ambassadors of Allah to his slaves, and they are His argument and evidence. They give the glad tidings and also warning and admonition; with one message yet many religions. Allah says: {and any messenger We sent before you, that We inspired to him that there is no god but I, therefore warship Me}. Whosoever believes in them and was truthful about his or her belief then his or her belief would be supported or will include the following four points:

- 1) Believing that their message is truly from Allah. This who does not believe in the message of any of them then he or she would disbelieve in all of them.
- 2) Belief into any of them whom we knew his name and all the details about him, like Noah and Abraham (pbu), and also belief that there are those whom we do not know about.

The messenger (ppbu) asked the messenger about the total number of prophets. The messenger (ppbu) said: {One hundred and twenty four thousand messengers. From those, three hundred and fifteen are the majority in numbers}. According to this there are many many more

prophets than there are messengers. There are 23,685 prophet and 315 messengers.

Don't think there have been too many prophets or messengers. Allah say: **{your God would not destroy a town until He send a messenger into it}**. In fact, in His mercy, Allah used to send numerous prophets into the same nation one after the next. And some times they appear at the same time. Allah says: **{and give them an example the people of the town for who messenger were sent. We sent two, and they disbelieved them, so we affirmed with a third and said we have been sent to you}**.

Part of belief in messengers is having conviction in their true stories; and rejecting all lies of the Jews about them, and the claims of the Christians about the messengers in their Torah and Bibles. This is not unusual for a nation which was known to be killers of prophets, and blood shed nation. What is strange is to find amongst Muslims who choose not to see those facts. They seek their agreement and satisfaction. Allah says: {Is it that you wish that they will faith into you, and yet a group of them used to listen to Allah's words then they would knowingly falsify it after they understood it}. Here are some of the falsifications and claims they made:

They Jews claimed that the prophet of Allah; Aron (pbu) made a statue of a calf and worshiped it along with the children of Israel. They also said about Jacob that he stole livestock and took it out in secret without the knowledge of the true owners. They also claimed that prophet Suleiman at the end of his life turned as infidel or a unbeliever worshiping status and build a large temple for them. They also claimed that Abraham (pbu) gave his wife Sarah to Faro so she may bring him good luck. They also claimed that prophet Lut (pbu) drank alcohol and got drunk and committed adultery with his two daughters.

Christians claimed that Jesus (ppbu) gave witness that all prophets sent to Israel are thieves and rubbers. They also claim that Jesus insulted and scorned his mother Miriam in a cowed. If you want to know more of that you may look at a book called “Muhammed, the prophet of Islam” (ppbu).

Dear faithful, if our messenger Al-Mustafa (ppbu) told of the punishment of whoever defames his companions then do you not think that the punishment is even more befitting to those who slander and insult the prophets of Allah. The messenger (ppbu) said: {whoever defames my companions then he shall be cursed by Allah, and by the angels and by all the peoples}.

Dear Muslim, just as Jews and Christians and who followed them exceeded all limits of the rights of the prophets; we also deplore those at the other extreme, those who magnify the characteristics of the prophets and who associate them with features that are only fit for their creator. They made them competitors to Allah, they pray to them and seek their help, and make pilgrimage to them, and visit their shrines, and give offerings and sacrifices. Jews claimed prophet Auzair is the son of God and Christians said Isa is the son of God. The messenger (ppbu) warned against that. At his death bed as he was slipping in and out he said: {Allah cursed Jews and Christians for they turned the shrines of their prophets into temples}. He warned against what they did. Prophets and messengers (ppbu) are humans who do not possess of God’s characteristics. Allah says on the behalf of his prophet (ppbu): **{say I can do not for my self what would benefit me or would hurt me except with the will of Allah. And if I can tell the future then I would have made riches and no harm would befall me, for I just bring warning and good tidings to those who have faith}**.

Yet despite that, Allah has given special features and benefits to his prophets and messenger. Some messengers talked to Allah, and some are at higher levels than others. The most honorable of them all are the

five known as “the strong resolute” or the strong determined. And the most honorable of them all is our prophet (ppbu). And why not when he led them all in a prayer at Al-Aqsa Mosque, and he is the mediator for all the creations on the day of resurrection, and the one with the largest followers, and the first for whom the doors of paradise shall open. Our prophet (ppbu) is the one who was granted five features that were never granted to a prophet before him and they are in his own words: {(1) I am granted victory by my enemies fearing me a month before I get to them, (2) the entire earth is suitable place for me to pray. Any man of my followers caught up by time for prayer then let them pray where ever he happens to be. (3) gains and spoils of wars were made legal to me and they were not to any before me. (4) I was given the power to mediate on the day of resurrection. (5) Prophets used to be sent to their own people, and I was sent to all peoples}.

The messenger (ppbu) also said: {I was granted to pick 70,000 of my people to bring into paradise with out being judged or without being brought to an account, their faces shall be like the moon when it is full, and their hearts united. I asked my Lord for more and granted me for each of them 70,000 more}

Our messenger (ppbu) was given the best of all the words, the start, the totality and the summary. His name is mentioned at each call to prayer, he is prayed for or upon at each prayer, yet that never made him vain nor gave him ego, or made him look down upon his companions, or thought he was better than other people. His wife A-Esha said that he used to stitch his own shoes, and saw his clothes, milk his sheep, care for himself, and labor in the home just like any of you would. He was human like the all the sons of Adam. He used to visit the needy, and sit with the poor, and answer the invitation when invited, and sits with his friends like one of them, and used to be against standing up for him as others stand in the presence of their kings. Allah says: **{Say I am just a human like you, who receives inspiration that your God is the one**

**God. So this who hopes to meet his God then let them do a good deed, and never associate partners when worshipping his God}.**