

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



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# ISLAMIC STUDIES

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# **Prophethood,**

**Difference b/w Rasool & Nabi,**  
**Need & Necessity of Prophethood,**  
**Characteristics of Prophethood, &**  
**Proves of the Finality of Prophethood.**

# Prophethood

- ➡ It is the system or arrangement through which Almighty Allah conveyed His Message to the Mankind.
- ➡ It is the chain of people who conveyed Message of Allah to the People.

# Prophet ?

➡ The personality through which Allah conveyed his Message.

# Message ?

➡ The message was ONENESS or towards ONENESS

# Importance of Prophethood

It is narrated in the books of Ahadiths, that Almighty Allah sent down 124,000 (approximately) prophets for the guidance of humanity and in few books the number is 200,000.

26 prophets names are mentioned in Holy Quran.

آدم، ابراهيم، ادريس، اسماعيل، ايوب، اليسع، الياس، داود، ذوالكفل، زكريا، سليمان، شعيب، صالح، عزيز، عيسى، محمد، موسى، نوح، هارون، هود، يحيى، يعقوب، يوسف، يونس، لوط، اسحاق

6 prophets names are the titles of surahs.

# Prophethood in Quran

رعد-7

• وَلِكُلِّ قَوْمٍ هَادٍ

Translation: To every nation there is a Guide.

نحل-36

• وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا

Translation: And verily, we have sent among every Ummah (nation, community) a messenger.

فاطر-24

• وَإِنْ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ

Translation: And there never was a nation but a Warner has passed among them.

بقره-285

• لَا تَفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْ رُّسُلِهِ

Translation: We make no distinction between one another of his messengers .



# Difference b/w Rasool and Nabi

- رسول is from the word رساله which means “Message” that is why known as messenger or message conveyer. Ibrahim, Moosa etc.
- نبي is from the word نبا which means “News” that is why known as News conveyer or apostle. Idrees, Yuonus, Loot etc.
- Rasool = New Shariah + New Scripture (s)
- Nabi = No new Shariah + No Scripture, but they preach and follow the Shariah of previous or existing Rasool.
- Rasool used to be “one” at a time but Nabi were more than one.

# Purpose of Prophethood OR

## Need & Necessity of Prophethood

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ  
وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ

جمعه-02

- Reciting to them the verses.
- Purifying them (from disbelieve and polytheism)
- Teaching them the book(the Quran, Islamic Laws and Islamic jurisprudence) and Al-Hikma (As-Sunnah: legal ways, orders, acts of worship etc.)

# Purpose of Prophethood

OR

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و يُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ جمعه-02

چار مقاصد:

ایک: آیات قرآنیہ کا پڑھنا سکھانا

دوسرے: اعمال و اخلاق و عقائد کا تزکیہ کرنا

تیسرے: قرآن کریم کے معنی و مفہیم اور مطالب سمجھانا

چوتھے: رسول اللہ کی سنت کی تعلیم دینا

# Purpose of Prophethood

OR

## Need & Necessity of Prophethood

- To tell Humanity about the purpose of life.
- To aware the Humanity about the Allah's Will and inclination.
- To aware humanity about the liking and disliking of Allah.
- To eject people from the slavery of slaves to the slavery of Allah.
- To make people successful.

# **Situations in which Allah sent prophets**

- 1. In an area / community where never ever any prophet came.**
- 2. To nations / areas where prophets came, they completed their missions and passed away. With the passage of time their teachings were violated, corrupted and became in-applicable so Allah sent the prophets again and again.**
- 3. For the completion of the mission of the martyred prophet, prophets were sent.**
- 4. On the request / for the help of a prophet, prophets were sent.**

# CHARACTERISTICS OF PROPHETHOOD

1. Humanity.
  2. Innocence.
  3. Gift of Allah.
  4. Worthy of obedience.
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# Characteristics of Prophethood

## 1. Humanity انسانيت

- ✓ Who was needy of Guidance ?
- ✓ Human → Prophets were also Human or from Humanity

✓ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رِجَالًا نُوْحِيْ اِلَيْهِمْ

Translation: And we sent not before you (as messengers) any  
but men to whom we revealed (Yusuf-109)

# Humanity انسانیت

✓ قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَىٰ

- ✓ Translation: Say (O Muhammad ﷺ) “I am only a man like you” It has been revealed to me (كهف 111)
- ✓ Every aspect of prophet’s life is guidance.
- ✓ How the life of an angel can be the suitable for human to follow?
- ✓ Prophets are physically human but their teaching is light.



## 2. Innocence معصومیت

- ✓ All prophet are innocent. Only prophets are innocent.
- ✓ They are free from errors, mistake and crime.
- ✓ Why we fall into mistake and crime?

✓ وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ (۳) إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ (۴)

Translation:He does not speak of (his own) desire. It is only a Revelation revealed.

# 3. Gift of Allah

- ✓ Prophethood is not achievable position.
- ✓ Our prophet is last prophet, but before our prophet none was able to get it through any mean, say meditation, worship and prayers.
- ✓ It is a gift or bounty of Allah.

✓ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ حَيْثُ يَجْعَلُ رِسَالَتَهُ (الانعام-124)

- ✓ Translation: Allah knows best on whom to place / bestow Prophethood.

✓ وَاللَّهُ يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ (البقره-105)

- ✓ Translation: Allah chooses for His mercy whom He wills.

✓ Muhammad in Cave Hira, Jesus, Moses ?

# 4. Worthy of Obedience

- ✓ Prophethood is worthy of obedience ?
- ✓ Teaching or way of Prophethood is applicable to the life of common people
- ✓ Prophethood is “model to follow”

✓ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۚ نساء-64

Translation: We sent no Messenger, but to be obeyed by Allah's leave

✓ مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ ۗ نساء-80

Translation: He who obeys the Messenger , has indeed obeyed Allah



# **Proves of the Finality of Prophecy.**

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# Finality of Prophethood

## 1. Proved from Quran and Hadith

✓ مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ٥

Translation: Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the messenger of Allah and the seal of prophets. الاحزاب-40

✓ انا خاتم النبيين لا نبي بعدى (Last Sermon)

✓ I am the Last prophet, no prophet after me

✓ قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا  
الا عراف-158

Translation: Say (O Muhammad ﷺ) “O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as messenger of Allah.

# 1. Proved from Quran and Hadith

✓ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا

Translation: And we have sent you (O Muhammad ﷺ) except as a giver of glad tiding and a Warner to all mankind. (سبا-28)

✓ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَاتَّمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

Translation: This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion. (المائدة-3)

# 1. Proved from Quran and Hadith

الْمَّ ﴿١﴾ ذَلِكُ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدى  
لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢﴾ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَ يُقِيمُونَ  
الصَّلَاةَ وَ مِمَّا رَزَقْنَهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٣﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَ مَا أُنزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ  
وَ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٤﴾

## 2. Quran is safe from all changes

✓ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾ سورة الحجر

Translation: Verily, we it is we who have sent down the Zikr  
(Quran) surely, we will guard it (from corruption).



# 3. Life History of our Prophet (ﷺ)

is completely  
available and  
safe

## 4. “To Convey the Message of God” is the responsibility of every believer

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ  
الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ (آل عمران-104)

Translation: let there arise out of you a group of people inviting all that is good (Islam), enjoining *Al-Marooif* (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do) and forbidding *Al-Munkar* (polytheism and all that Islam Has forbidden) and it is they who are the successful.

تم میں سے ایک جماعت ایسی ہونی چاہیئے جو بھلائی کی طرف بلائے اور نیک کاموں کا حکم کرے اور برے کاموں سے روکے، اور یہی لوگ فلاح و نجات پانے والے ہیں۔

4. “To Convey the Message of God”  
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كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ  
عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ (آل عمران-110)

Translation: You are the best people ever raised up for mankind, you enjoin *Al-Marooof* (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do) and forbid *Al-Munkar* (polytheism and all that Islam Has forbidden), and you believe in Allah.

#### 4. “To Convey the Message of God” is the responsibility of every believer

قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُو إِلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي (يوسف-108)

Translation: Say (O Muhammad ﷺ) “This is my way; I invite to Allah with true knowledge, I and whosoever follows me (Also must Invite others to Allah)

- ✓ Caliph of Allah, Second to prophet and Inherit to Quran.
- ✓ Which Methodology to be adopted for peaching ?