

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was given virtuous traits that no one other than him possesses — Example: His Night Prayer

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ
الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have a fine example to follow for whoever who hopes in the meeting with Allāh and the Last Day and remembers Allāh much.”

Allāh endowed the noble Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) with praiseworthy qualities that He did not give to anyone besides him. That is because he was best of all the Messengers, the leader of the pious and the head of the children of Ādam. No one can excel him in any trait of goodness or come close to him in striving for Allāh. There are numerous examples that highlight his virtues. And he is example for the believers to follow.

His prayer would cause his feet to swell and crack due to its length. Ā'ishah (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) said to him, **“Why do you do this when Allāh has already forgiven**

your previous and later sins?" He responded, **"Should I not be grateful servant [of Allāh]?"** (Bukhāri no. 1130; Muslim no. 819) On an occasion Hudhayfah Ibn Al-Yamān (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) stood alongside the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) in a part of the Night Prayer. He thought he'd be able to stand along with him through the prayer. So the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) stood and recited the whole of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, then the whole of Al-Nisā, then the whole of Āli 'Imrān — he did not pass by an āyah that mentioned Allāh's Mercy except that he stopped and sought mercy from Him, and he did not pass an āyah that mentioned Allāh's punishment except that he stopped and sought His refuge. (Muslim no. 772). Hudhayfah (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said: **"I resolved to sit down and leave the Messenger [to carry on]."** (Bukhāri no. 1135. Muslim no. 773). And that was due to the length of his (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) prayer. So this is the example of his Night Prayer (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) — and his rukū' (bowing) was similar in length to his standing and his sujūd (prostration) was similar in length to his rukū'.

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