

With Abu Bakr Al-Sidiq (3)

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Following the night of Mi'raaj and the Prophet's return to Mecca, he told Quraysh what had happened. Some people took the news to Abu Bakr who said: you are lying, they replied: go and listen to him in the mosque. Abu Bakr then said: "If he said that, then he is truthful. I believe him concerning the news of the heavens — that an angel descends to him from the heavens. How could I not believe he went to Jerusalem and came back in a short period of time — when these are on earth? Then Abu Bakr went to the mosque and listened to the Prophet's detailed description of Jerusalem. He commented, "You tell the truth, I bear witness that you are the Prophet of God!" prophet (pbuh) said after he finished: "and you, O Abu Bakr are the most truthful" so he called him the most truthful from that day.

The Prophet and his companions called him "the most truthful", he is known in the Islamic history as "the most truthful" and Muslims remember him as "the most truthful" to this day.

Oh Muslims,

The conduct of Abu Bakr Al-Sidiq is saying to us:

Holding tight to the manner of truthfulness in all times, circumstances and situations, seeking it in every incident, make demands for it in every judgment. For truthfulness must be an essential base and pillar for our life and a behaviour that must be apparent and constant in our personalities.

Prophet (pbuh) said: "It is incumbent upon you to be always truthful for truthfulness leads to righteousness and righteousness leads to Paradise. If a man is always truthful and seeks truthfulness, he is recorded by God as a truthful one. Always avoid lying for lying leads to shamefulness and shamefulness leads to Hell. If a man insists on lying and seeks deceit, he is recorded by God as a liar." [Al-Bukhari]

Muslims of the first generations were known of their truthfulness when they talked, their accuracy and control of their speech. It was a clear attribute which distinguished Muslims to the point when many nations accepted Islam because of this great manner.

Lying, breaking of covenants, deceiving and cheating are clear signs of hypocrisy and losing connection with religion/the way of God. Indeed, lying, breaking of covenants, deceiving and cheating are the worst manners for any human being. They keep Islam away from the eyes and the hearts of people (non Muslims).

God the most high says "O you who believe! Fear God and be with those who are true (in word and deed) "[Al-Tawba 9:119]. We are obligated to seek truthfulness when we talk and when we act. O believers, fear God, and always say a word directed to the right, so that He may make your conduct whole and sound and forgive you your sins.

The conduct of Abu Bakr Al-Sidiq is also saying to us:

The success of any nation is by fulfilling its message truthfully and in producing truthful actions that lead to development and progress. If the nation has a big wealth of truthful acts then it will move forward and lead. If not, then confusion, inactivity, laziness and neglecting rights will not lead to success and achieving targets by any means.

Seek truthfulness in all aspects of your life; be truthful with your self, your wife, your children, your friends, your work mates. Seek truthfulness in your knowledge, your trading and all matters of your life as truthfulness leads to righteousness and righteousness is the top of all good deeds which is only reached by those who have big determination.

Reflect of the saying of God the almighty "It is not righteousness that you turn your faces Towards east or West; but it is righteousness- to believe in God and the Last Day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers; to spend of your substance, out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask, and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity; to fulfil the contracts which you have made; and to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of **truth**, the God-fearing" [Al-Baqara 2:177]

Abu Hurairah said: I heard the prophet (pbuh) saying:" Whosoever has given charity two (things of any kind) for the sake of God will be called from the doors of paradise. Whoever is among the people of prayer will be called (to paradise) from the door of prayer. Whoever is among the people of jihad/struggle will be called from the door of jihad/struggle. Whoever is among the people of sadaqa/charity will be called from the door of sadaqa/charity. Whoever is among the people of fasting is called from the door of fasting and the door of Ar-Rayaan." Abu Bakr said "...Is anyone called from all of those doors, O Messenger of God?" He (pbuh) said: "Yes, and I hope that you will be among them, Abu Bakr"

Abu Bakr is a symbol of honesty and truthfulness; he always said the truth and acted on it - so he was distinguished by this great manner. Make this manner a door for changing and improving your self and a road that takes you to the highest of levels.