

Lesson 12

Summary Notes

The Messengers (II)

"And [we believe that] **Muḥammad** (ﷺ) is His chosen servant, His selected prophet, and His approved messenger." [29]

"And [we believe] that he (ﷺ) is the Last of the Prophets, the leader of the pious, the chief of the messengers, and the beloved of the Lord of the Worlds." [30]

"And every claim of prophethood after him (ﷺ) is deception and whim." [31]

"He (ﷺ) is the one sent to the whole of jinn, and the entirety of mortals, with the truth and guidance, and with light and illumination." [32]

Muḥammad (ﷺ)

He is Muḥammad (ﷺ), son of 'Abdullāh, son of 'Abdul Muṭṭalib, son of Hāshim, son of 'Abdu Manāf, of the tribe of Quraysh, from the descendants of Isma'il, of the progeny of Abraham (عليه السلام).

Significant aspects of his life: birth, trustworthiness, receipt of revelation, persecution, migration to Madīnah, establishment of the Islamic state, triumphant return to Makkah, death.

"Slave of Allāh ('**abd**)" is an honorable title. Qur'ān [4:172]

Prophethood is a selection by Allāh.

He (ﷺ) is the best of creation and is sinless.

1. Universality of his message

"Say, 'O mankind! I am the messenger of Allāh to you all." Qur'ān [7:158]

Nobody will receive revelation after him, or have the power to change religious rulings.

2. Finality of Prophethood

Evidence for the finality of prophethood:

1. Qur'ān

"... but he is the messenger of Allāh, and the Last of the prophets." Qur'ān [33:40]

"This day have I perfected for you your religion, and completed my favor upon you, and chosen Islām for you as your religion." Qur'ān [5:3]

2. *Mutawātir* sunnah

"The likeness of myself to the prophets before me is that of a man who built a house, and adorned and beautified it, except for the place of one brick, so that whoever saw it said, 'How beautiful it is, except for the fact that this brick is missing!' I am that brick, and Prophethood was brought to an end with me." [Bukhārī, Muslim, etc]

3. **Consensus** (Ijmā')

of the Ṣaḥābah, as well as the scholars of tafsīr and the scholars of every generation.