



In the Name of Allah the Most Compassionate Very Merciful

All Praise Due to Allah Almighty the Lord of Hazrat Muhammad – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him

A brilliant commentary on “Mustafa Jaane Rahmat” Salaam – Verse No. 1

مُصْطَفِيٌّ جَانِ رَحْمَتٍ پَّ لَاكْھوں سَلَامٌ

شَمْ بَزْمٌ هَدَايَتٍ پَّ لَاكْھوں سَلَامٌ

Mustafa Jaane Rahmat Pe Laakhon Salaam

Sham'e Bazme Hidaayat Pe Laakhon Salaam

Millions of peace be upon the Chosen One, the Personification of mercy

Millions of peace be upon the Lamp of the legislature of guidance

Lexicography:

Mustafa: The Chose One

Jaane Rahmat: Personification of mercy

Sham'a: Lamp

Bazm: Assembly (Legislature)

Hidaayat: Guidance

(“Bazme Hidaayat” refers to “The Assembly of Prophets”)

Interpretation:

His three qualities:

1. Being the Chosen One
2. Being the Embodiment of Mercy
3. And the Leader of all the Prophets – peace be upon them

Are mentioned in this verse.

Mustafa:

The word “Mustafa – the Chosen One”, is his famous attributive name, the root of which is the word “Safwah”; meaning “The Conclusion” i.e. He is the greatest of all creation, most excellent and their last resort and conclusion.

Imam Jalaaluddeen Suyooti – may Allah be pleased with him – writes about the word “Mustafa” as follows:

هُوَ مَنْ أَشَفَرَ أَسْبَابَهُ وَالْأَصْطِفَاءُ أَلِّا خَتَّارُ مِنَ الصَّفَوَةِ وَهِيَ الْخُلَامَةُ

It is one of his most famous names. Istifa means “Choice” which comes from root word “Safwah”, which means “Conclusion”.

Hazrat Mustafa as The Beloved:

His personality appears to be the most excellent from whichever angle one sees him; his creation, the cream of his creation, family background, city, his appointment, and in all the other aspects of his perfection he is definitely the most excellent and the best of all. Allah Almighty has made him unparalleled from every perspective and in every aspect, and what could have been a better way of expressing his excellence than choosing his personality in order to make him the criteria of love, and He gave glad tiding of being loved upon his followership:

قُلْ إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحِبِّكُمُ اللَّهُ

'O beloved! Say you, 'O people! If you love Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you.'

(Aale 'Imraan 3, Verse 31)

It is narrated from Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood – may Allah be pleased with him – in Musnad Ahmad, Musnad Bazzaar and in Mu'jam Al-Kabeer of Imam Tabraani that Allah Almighty has chosen the personality of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – for Himself:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى نَظَرَ فِي قُلُوبِ الْعِبَادِ فَوَجَدَ قَلْبَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ خَيْرَ قُلُوبِ الْعِبَادِ

فَاصْطَفَاهُ لِنَفْسِهِ

Allah Almighty looked into the hearts of his servants, He found the heart of Muhammad – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – to be the best of hearts amongst his servants, so He elected him for Himself.

(Sayyiduna Muhammadur Rasoolullah p. 115)

Picking Out the Dust for the Blessed Body of Hazrat Mustafa:

Hazrat Shaikh Abu Al-Rabee', Imam Ibn Jawzy and Allamah Khefaaji mentioned that when Allah Almighty intended to create his blessed body He commanded Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – to bring white and shiny dust and then Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – descended on earth with the angels of heaven and took the white and shiny dust from his blessed room and brought in the glorious Court of Allah Almighty:

فَعِجِّنْتُ بِبَاعِ التَّسْنِيْمِ فِي مَعِيْنِ الْجَنَّةِ حَتَّىٰ صَارَتْ كَالدُّرَّةِ الْبَيْضَاءِ بِهَا شَعَاعٌ عَظِيْمٌ ثُمَّ طَافَتْ
بِهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ حَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ وَالْكُرْسِيِّ وَالسَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ حَتَّىٰ عَرَفَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ

It was then kneaded with pure waters and Tasneem until it became like shining pearl and had strong rays, and then the angels carried it travelling throughout the 'Arsh, Kursi, skies and earth until all the angels knew about him.

(Al-Wafa Be Ahwaal Al-Mustafa p. 34)

Choosing the Best of Backs and Wombs for the Light of Mustafa:

From Hazrat Adam – peace be upon him – and Hazrat Hawwa – may Allah be pleased with her – to Hazrat Abdullah and Amina – may Allah be pleased with them – all the recipients of his light, all those men and women were incredibly pure and excellent.

It is narrated from Hazrat Ali – may Allah be pleased with him – that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – recited the (following) verse and stated whilst reciting the فِي آنفِسِكُمْ with Fatha/Zabar:

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ

Assuredly there has come to you a messenger best amongst you

(Al-Taubah 9, Verse 128)

نَسَبَّا وَصَهْرًا وَحَسَبَّا لَيْسَ فِي أَبَائِنِ مِنْ لَدُنْ أَدَمَ سَفَّاحٌ كُلُّ نَاسٍ كُلُّ

In lineage and dignity. My fathers, from Hazrat Adam to the last one, were all married.

(Al-Shifa Vol. 1, p. 17)

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbaas – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – stated:

وَلَمْ يَرَلْ يَنْقُلِنِي مِنْ أَصْلَابِ الْكِرَامِ إِلَى الْأَرْحَامِ الظَّاهِرَةِ، حَتَّى أَخْرَجَنِي مِنْ بَيْنِ أَبْوَيْ، لَمْ يُلْتَقِيَ عَلَى سِفَاحِ قَطْ

Allah Almighty had been transferring me from blessed backs into pure wombs until I was born by my parents.

Imam Muhammad Ibn Saa'ib Al-Kalbi – may Allah be pleased with him – wrote:

"I have done research on the five hundred mothers of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him. I have not found any one of those women to be having any flaws of Jaahiliyyah; for example, adultery. They were all married.

(Al-Shifa Vol. 1, p. 17)

Hazrat Waasilah Ibn Al-Asqa' – with whom Allah Almighty is pleased – narrated that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – stated:

وَاصْطَفَى مِنْ قُرَيْشٍ بَنِي هَاشِمٍ وَاصْطَفَانِ مِنْ بَنِي هَاشِمٍ

And (Allah Almighty) elected Bani Haashim from Quraish and then elected me from Bani Haashim.

(Jame' Al-Tirmidhi – Kitaab Al-Manaaqib)

It has also been narrated from Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbaas – may Allah be pleased with him – as follows:

أَنَا خَيْرُهُمْ نَفْسًا وَخَيْرُهُمْ بَيْتًا

I am best of all in personality and best of all in family background.

Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him – bears testimony over his chosen family:

Imam Baihaqi, Abu Nu'aim and Tabraani have recorded the Hadeeth from Hazrat 'Ayesha – may Allah be pleased with her – that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – stated:

"Jibreel Ameen visited me and said, 'Ya RasoolAllah!:

قَلَّبْتُ مَشَارِقَ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغَارِبَهَا فَلَمْ أَرْ رَجُلًا أَفْضَلَ مِنْ مُحَمَّدٍ وَلَمْ أَرْ بَنِيَّ أَبٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ

بَنِيَّ هَاشِمٍ

I have been to every place on the earth. I have not seen anyone better than Muhammad (may Allah send peace and blessings upon him) and neither have I seen a family nobler than Bani Haashim.

(Sharah Shifa Vol. 1, p. 362)

Similarly, Allah Almighty has elevated his status in all the other merits and excellences. Refer to my book "Imtiyaazaate Mustafa" for further details of it.

Jaane Rahmat:

Allah's Beloved's – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – personality is mercy and compassion. Allah Almighty has described this quality of his in the following verse:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We sent not you, but a mercy for all worlds.

(Al-Ambya 21, Verse 107)

Hazrat Abu Umaamah – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَعَثَنِي رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ وَهُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

Indeed, Allah Almighty has appointed me as a mercy unto the worlds and guidance for the ones who fear.

(Jawaahir Al-Behaar Vol. 1, p. 285)

The objective of 'Aalameen at this occasion is the entire creation of Allah and everything that is in Allah's possession, and the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – is a mercy unto them. Thus, to say that he is a mercy only for the humans and Jinns is not correct at all.

Allamah Aloosi writes:

والذى اختاره أنه صلى الله عليه وسلم إنها بعث رحمة لكل فرد من العالمين

ملائكتهم وآنسهم وجنهم ولا فرق بين المؤمن والكافر من الانس والجن في ذلك ، والرحمة

متفاوتة

The preferred view in my opinion is that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – is sent as a mercy to each and every member of the universe whether they are angels, Jinns and humans. There is no distinction between being Mu'min or Kaafir in the humans and Jinns in this concern, although the nature of his mercy will differ from person to person.

(Roohul Ma'aani Juz 17, p. 197)

He writes from the spiritual perspective as follows:

أن البراد من العالمين جميع الخلق وهو صلى الله عليه وسلم رحمة لكل منهم إلا أن الحظوظ

متفاوتة ويشترك الجميع في أنه عليه الصلاة والسلام سبب لوجودهم بل قالوا : إن العالم

كله مخلوق من نور صلى الله عليه وسلم

The entire creation is the objective of 'Aalameen, and he – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – is a mercy for everyone but the share of each in the mercy is different, save the fact that all are the recipients of his mercy, for his personality acts as a foundation for the existence of everything and everyone. The Soofies have gone to the extent in saying that the existence of the entire universe is from his – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – light.

(Roohul Ma'aani Juz 17, p. 100)

Hazrat Mulla 'Ali Qaari – may Allah be pleased with him – writes whilst discussing the concept of him being a mercy for everything, as follows:

"Allah alone is aware of the truth of the matter. In my opinion, the blessed existence of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – is a mercy for every creation of Allah Almighty, for the fact that 'Aalameen encompasses everything besides the personality of Allah Almighty, and here, there is nothing contradicting it."

And then he provides proof on it from Quran and Sunnah:

"This view is supported by the fact that Allah Almighty had made him the Prophet of everything, and even of that which existed in the past and in future to come. He is like the heart of the army of Mujaahideen, the

Prophets are in the front row of the army, the Awliya in its last row, and the rest of the creation is on his left and right, like the participating soldiers. The statement of Allah Almighty also guides us in this concern:

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْقُرْآنَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا

Immensely Blessed is He Who has sent down the Quran to His Bondman that he may be a warner to the entire world.

(Al-Furqaan 25, Verse 1)

And the Hadeeth of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – further strengthens it:

بِعِثْتُ إِلَى الْخَلْقِ كَافَّةً

I am appointed upon the entire creation.

(Sharah Shifa Vol. 1, p. 38)

He is a mercy for everything in the universe as per their status and there is nothing which deprived of his mercy. Few examples of it are given below:

Hazrat Jibreel's Share in The Mercy:

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said to Hazrat Jibreel – peace be upon him, “Did you receive any share from my mercy?” He replied, “Of course I did, O Allah’s Messenger, which is, because I used to fear due to Iblees’ bad end:

كُنْتُ أَخْشَى الْعَاقِبَةَ فَأَمْنَتُ لِشَنَاعِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَى بِقَوْلِهِ ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ
مُطَاعٍ ثُمَّ أَمِينٍ

I used to fear from a bad end but I have been comfortable from the time this has been said about me in the speech revealed upon you:

ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ

Who is powerful, dignified in the presence of the Lord of the Throne.

مُطَاعٍ ثُمَّ أَمِينٍ

There He is obeyed, He is trustworthy.
(Al-Takweer 81, Verse 20-21)

Share of the Greatest 'Arsh from His Mercy:

When he ascended onto the 'Arsh in the night of Me'raaj then the 'Arsh said to him, "O my master! It is your blessed personality whom Allah Almighty has honored with the glimpse of his radiance. I am the most gigantic creation of Allah Almighty. When he had created me, I used to shiver due to His Jalaal, and then "Laa Ilaaha illAllah" was written onto my chest, and then my restlessness and fear increased but when your name "Muhammadur Rasoolullah" was written my anxiety came to an end."

"Your name is the means for the tranquility and peace of my heart if this is the blessings of your name then what will be the state if you bless me with your merciful attention."

"Allah Almighty has sent you as a blessing for the entire universe, and I have also received a share from your mercy, which is that the people held an ill-belief that I am encompassing the personality of Allah Almighty and through your arrival, their disbelief was rectified, for you have taught them that nothing can encircle Allah Almighty."

(Madaarij Al-Nubuwwah Vol. 1, p. 17)

Infidels' Share from His Mercy:

Anyone who is aware of the history of the nations of previous Prophets that when they gave up preaching a nation and they would still not believe in them then they prayed to Allah Almighty and thereafter, such torments befall them that actually uprooted them but it is the blessing of his merciful existence that such torment has not descent even upon his enemies. It is mentioned in Surah Al-Anfaal that when the infidels had posed a challenge:

وَإِذْ قَالُوا اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَ هَذَا هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ فَامْطِرْ عَلَيْنَا حِجَارَةً مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ أَوْ أَئْتِنَا بَعْدَابِ الْيَمِينِ

And when they said, 'O Allah, if this Quran indeed be the truth from You then rain down upon us stones from heaven or bring down upon us! Any painful chastisement.

(Al-Anfaal 8, Verse 32)

And Allah Almighty stated upon that, when I look at you, you really deserve the punishment but I do not punish you because of My beloved:

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنْتَ فِيهِمْ ۖ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَهُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ



And Allah is not one to chastise them, till ('O beloved Prophet) you are in their midst. And Allah is not to chastise them, whilst they are begging forgiveness.
(Al-Anfaal 8, Verse 33)

Hence, the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – is present in his nation till the Day of Judgment, therefore through the blessings of his blessed existence such punishment will not descent upon this nation which had descended upon the previous nations.

Alahazrat drew our attention towards the fact that if his enemies are getting away through his mercy then what would be the status of his lovers:

أَنْتَ فِيهِمْ نَّعْدُو كَوْ بَجِي لِيَادِ اَمِنِ مِينِ

عِيشْ جَاوِيدْ مَبَارِكْ تَجْهِي شِيدَائِي دُوْسْتِ

If “you are in their midst” has even taken the enemies under its shelter

Mubaarak, the blessed life to all you who love him

If his blessed personality is a mercy for everything in the universe then it must be believed that the existence of everything is dependent and owes to his existence, which details shall be discussed further.

Sham'e Bazme Hidaayat:

Allah Almighty has made him the leader of all the Prophets of the world, and every Prophet – peace be upon them – has taken a share from his Prophethood and Messengership. Allah Almighty had taken oath from all the Prophets and Messengers to believe in him and to provide aid to his mission. The Quran has named this oath as “Meethaaq al-Ambya” (The oath of the Prophets). Allah Almighty had gathered all the Prophets for this purpose in which Allah Almighty Himself had mentioned the qualities and perfections of his and then commanded them, “All of you must believe in my beloved and become his helpers.” The Holy Quran describes this oath in the following manner:

وَإِذَا أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيقَاتَ النَّبِيِّنَ لَمَّا آتَيْتُكُمْ مِّنْ كِتَابٍ وَّحِكْمَةٍ ثُمَّ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ
مُّصَدِّقٌ لِمَا مَعَكُمْ لَتُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهِ وَلَتَنْصُرُنَّهُ قَالَ أَقْرَرْتُمْ وَأَخَذْتُمْ عَلَى ذَلِكُمْ
إِصْرِيٌّ قَالُوا أَقْرَرْنَا قَالَ فَاشْهُدُوا وَأَنَا مَعَكُمْ مِّنَ الشَّهِيدِينَ

And remember when Allah took, from the prophets their covenant whatever I should give you of the Book and wisdom, then comes to you the Messenger confirming your Books, then assuredly you must believe in him and assuredly you must help him. He said, 'do you agree, and do you accept My heavy responsibility on it. All submitted 'We did affirm; He said, 'then be witness against one another and I am myself among witnesses with you.

(Aale 'Imraan 3, Verse 81)

Prophets Attained Prophethood by Having Imaan in Him:

Imam Qastalaani – may Allah be pleased with him – recorded the Tafseer of this verse from Hafiz Ibn Katheer, that when Allah Almighty created the light of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – and after honoring it with Prophethood and perfections when he created the lights of other Prophets – peace be upon them – then He commanded the light of Hazrat Mustafa – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – to appear before them and pay attention towards them. When his light appeared before them it outshined their lights due its intense brightness and they spoke up, "O our Lord! Who is this outshining our lights and has surpassed us?" Allah Almighty replied:

هَذَا نُورُ مُحَمَّدٍ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ إِنْ أَمْتَثِلْتُمْ بِهِ جَعَلْتُكُمْ أَنْبِيَاءَ قَالُوا أَمَّا نَا بِهِ وَبِنُبُوْتِهِ فَقَالَ اللَّهُ أَشْهِدُ عَلَيْكُمْ قَالُوا نَعَمْ فَذَلِكَ قَوْلُهُ تَعَالَى

"It is the light of Muhammad Ibn 'Abdullah (may Allah send peace and blessings upon him). If you believe in him I will make you all Prophets."

They said, "We believe in him and in his Prophethood."

Allah Almighty then said, "I will be your witness."

They said, "Yes, please."

So here are the words of Allah Almighty:

وَإِذَا أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيقَاتَ النَّبِيِّنَ

And remember when Allah took, from the prophets their covenant

(Aale 'Imraan 3, Verse 81)

(Mawaahib with Zarqaani Vol. 1, p. 40)

Imam Taqiy Al-Deen Subki – may Allah be pleased with him – wrote a complete book in the Tafseer of this verse. Allamah Muhammad Ashraf Siyaalwi has included its passages in his book “Tanweer Al-Absaar Fi Noor Al-Nabi Al-Mukhtaar” that are worth studying.

Quotations from Sham'e Bazme Hidaayat:

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has mentioned his greatness at various occasions. Two of them will be mentioned hereunder:

1. It has been narrated from Hazrat Jaabir ibn 'Abdullah – may Allah be pleased with him – in Sunnan Al-Daarimi that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – stated:

إِنَّمَا أَنَا أَنْبَيْدُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَلَا فَخْرٌ وَأَنَا خَاتَمُ النَّبِيِّينَ وَلَا فَخْرٌ

“I am the leader of all the Messengers and not proud of it

And

I am the seal of Prophethood yet I am not proud of it.”

2. It is narrated from Hazrat Ubaiyy ibn Ka'b – may Allah be pleased with him – that the Holy Prophet – may Allah be pleased with him – stated:

إِذْ كَانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَامَةِ كُنْتُ أَمَامُ النَّبِيِّينَ وَخَطِيبُهُمْ وَصَاحِبُ شَفَاعَتِهِمْ غَيْرُ فَخِي

I will be the leader of Prophets, their spokesperson and their intercessor on the Day of Resurrection without pride.

(Hijjatullah p. 33)

The Imam of love “Alahazrat” has referred to this great station of his with “Sham'e Bazme Hidaayat”. More details on this will also be mentioned under the verse No. 96.

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