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The Attitude of the Prophet (PBUH) with His Companions (may Allah be pleased with them)

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book to His Prophet, **“By an act of mercy from Allah, you [Prophet] were gentle in your dealings with them- had you been harsh, or hard-hearted, they would have dispersed and left you- so pardon them and ask forgiveness for them. Consult with them about matters, then, when you have decided on a course of action, put your trust in Allah: Allah loves those who put their trust in Him.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment

The Almighty Allah has chosen for His Prophet (PBUH) noble companions with pure hearts. They were his disciples who learnt from his guidance. He (PBUH) was their source of faith, morality and ethics. Therefore, they got the pleasure of the Almighty Allah, Who praised them in the Glorious Qur’an saying, **“As for the foremost—the first of the Emigrants and the Helpers—and those who follow them in goodness, Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. And He has**

prepared for them Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. That is the ultimate triumph." Also, the Prophet (PBUH) said about his companions, "The people of my generation are the best, then those who follow them, and then those who follow the latter." Abd Allah Ibn Masoud said, "Verily, Allah looked at the hearts of the servants, and He found that the heart of Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, was the best among them, so He chose him and sent him with His message. Then, He looked at the hearts of His servants after Muhammad, and He found that the hearts of his companions were the best among them. Thus, He made them into the supporters of His Prophet."

Our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was the best one for his companions (may Allah be pleased with them). Anas Ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Whenever the Prophet(PBUH) met a man, he would speak to him, and would not turn away until he (the other man) was the one who turned away. And if he shook hands with him, he would not withdraw his hand until he (the other man) withdrew his hand."

The Prophet (PBUH) used to praise his companions to reveal their virtues and merits. Once, He (PBUH) said, "The most merciful of my nation to my nation is Abu Bakr, and the strictest of them concerning the order of Allah is 'Umar, and the most truly modest of them is 'Uthman Ibn 'Affan; the most knowledgeable of them concerning the lawful and unlawful is Mu'adh Ibn Jabal; the most knowledgeable of them concerning

(the laws of) inheritance is Zaid Ibn Thabit; the best reciter (of the Qur'an) among them is Ubayy bin Ka'b, and every nation has a trustworthy one, and the trustworthy one of this nation is Abu 'Ubaidah Ibn Al-Jarrah." Also, to demonstrate the great status of Abu Bakr, who accompanied him in his migration and his mission, the Prophet (PBUH) said, "There is no favor due upon us from anyone, except that we have repaid him, with the exception of Abu Bakr. Verily upon us, there is a favor due to him, which Allah will repay him on the Day of Judgement. No one's wealth has benefited me as Abu Bakr's wealth has benefited me. And if I were to take anyone as a close friend, I would have taken Abu Bakr as a close friend, but your companion is the close friend of Allah."

Also, our Prophet (PBUH) was the best teacher and educator for his companions. He used to instruct them kindly, avoiding any harsh treatment. He said to his companion Mu'adh Ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him): "O Mu'adh, By Allah, I love you and advise you not to miss supplicating after every Prayer, saying: '*Allahumma a'inni 'ala dhikrika wa shukrika, wa husni 'ibadatika,*' (O Allah, help me remember You, expressing gratitude to You and worship You in the best manner)." Also, Mu'awiyah Ibn Al-Hakam Al-Sulami (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: While I was in the Prayer with Messenger of Allah (PBUH), a man in the congregation sneezed and I responded with: 'Yarhamuk-Allah (Allah have mercy on you).' The people stared at me with disapproving looks. So I said: "May my mother lose me." Why are you staring at me?" Thereupon, they began to strike their thighs with their hands. When I saw

them urging to me to remain silent, I became angry but restrained myself. When Messenger of Allah (PBUH) concluded his Prayer, I have never before seen an instructor who gave better instruction than he, may my father and mother be sacrificed for him. He neither remonstrated me, nor beat me, nor abused me. He simply said, "It is not permissible to talk during Prayer because it consists of glorifying Allah, declaring His Greatness as well as recitation of the Qur'an."

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah 's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

Our Prophet (PBUH) used to check on his companions, share their happiness and sorrows. Buraydah Ibn al-Husayn said, "The Prophet (PBUH) used to check on the Ansar, visit them and ask about their conditions." Also, when the news of the death of Ja'far came, the Prophet said: 'Prepare some food for the family of Ja'far, for indeed something has happened to them that will keep them busy.

May Allah's peace and blessings be upon our master Muhammad and
upon his family and companions!

We ask Allah to protect Egypt and raise its flag high among all countries
of the world!