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The Conditions of the Prophet (PBUH) with His Lord

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book to His Prophet, "Worship your Lord until what is certain (death) comes to you" 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

When contemplating the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the last of all Prophets and Messengers of Allah, one realizes that he (PBUH) was the most loving person to his Lord, the most mindful of him, and the most one to have hope in his Lord. He (PBUH) said about himself, "By Allah, I fear Allah more than you do, and I am most obedient and dutiful among you to Him." The Prophet (PBUH) also said, "I'm the most knowledgeable about Allah amongst you, and I'm the most mindful of Him."

He (PBUH) used to feel comfort in his supplication to Allah. Therefore, even before the beginning of his mission, the Prophet (PBUH) used to worship Allah alone in the cave of *Hiraa* for several nights. When his Lord, the Almighty, chose him as a Prophet and a mercy for the worlds, he used to find his comfort in worshiping Allah (Glory be to Him). He (PBUH) said, "my comfort has been provided in prayer." The Prophet (PBUH) also used to ask Bilal to call for the Prayer saying, "O Bilal, call *iqamah* for prayer: give us comfort by it."

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Also, the Prophet (PBUH) used to keep on performing night Prayers, for the love of his Lord, to get the pleasure of worshipping Allah, to thank Him for His blessings, and out of compliance with the command of the Almighty Allah for him in the Qur'an, as Allah said, "Stay up throughout the night, all but a small part of it; half, or a little less; or a little more; recite the Qur'an slowly and distinctly." It is reported that the Prophet (PBUH) used to offer night prayers till his feet became swollen. Somebody said to him, "Allah has forgiven you, your faults of the past and those to follow." On that, he said, "Shouldn't I be a thankful slave of Allah)?"

The Prophet (PBUH) used to observe much additional fasting and call people to do so. He (PBUH) said, "He who observes fast for a day in the cause of Allah, He would remove his face from the Hell to the extent of seventy years' distance." He (PBUH) used to fast on Mondays and Thursdays, and three days of each month. He (PBUH) said, "Deeds of people are presented (to Allah) on Mondays and Thursdays. So I like that my actions be presented while I am fasting." Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "My dear friend (the Prophet) advised me to do three things and I shall not leave them till I die, these are: To fast three days every month, to offer the *Duha* prayer, and to offer *Witr* before sleeping."

Our Prophet (PBUH) used to always make *Dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) and ask Allah for His forgiveness, in compliance with the command of the Almighty Allah, as He (The Almighty) said, "So celebrate the name of your Lord and devote yourself wholeheartedly to Him." Allah also said, "[Prophet], remember your Lord inwardly, in all humility and awe, without raising your voice, in the mornings and in the evenings- do not be one of the heedless." Allah (Glory be to Him) also said, "Ask Allah for forgiveness: He is most forgiving and merciful." Therefore, the Prophet (PBUH) used to make *Dhikr* in all his conditions. Abd Allah Ibn Umar once said, "We would count that the Messenger of Allah would say a hundred times during one a meeting, 'My Lord, forgive me and pardon me; You are

the Pardoning and Forgiving One." The Prophet (PBUH) said, "By Allah, I seek the forgiveness of Allah, and repent to Him more than seventy times in a day."

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:

Among the manifestations of the Prophet's relation with his Lord is his satisfaction with all of Allah's decrees. Therefore, when the Prophet (PBUH) saw his son Ibrahim breathing his last, the eyes of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) began shedding tears. Abd al-Rahman Ibn Auf (May Allah be pleased with him) said, "O Messenger of Allah, you too weep?" He (PBUH) said, "O Ibn 'Auf! It is mercy." Then he began to weep and said, "The eyes are shedding tears and the heart is grieved, and we will not say except what pleases our Lord. O Ibrahim! Indeed we are grieved by your departure."

Our Prophet (PBUH) used to reflect on the Qur'an, and he would like to listen to the Qur'an recited by others. Hudhayfah Ibn al-Yaman (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "I prayed with the Prophet (PBUH) and (noticed that) whenever he came to a verse which spoke of mercy, he stopped and made supplication, and whenever he came to a verse which spoke of punishment, he stopped and sought refuge in Allah against it." Ibn Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: the Prophet (PBUH) said to me: "Recite the Qur'an to me." I said, "O Messenger of Allah! Shall I recite the Qur'an to you, when it has been revealed to you?" He (PBUH) replied, "I love to hear it recited by others." So I recited to him a portion from Surat An-Nisa'. When I reached the verse: "How (will it be) then, when We bring from each nation a witness and We bring you (O Muhammad) as a

witness against these people?" He (PBUH) said, "Enough for now." When I looked at him I saw his eyes were shedding tears.

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!