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<i>th</i> ث	<i>ḥ</i> ح	<i>dh</i> ذ
<i>ṣ</i> ص	<i>ḍ</i> ض	<i>ṭ</i> ط
<i>ẓ</i> ظ	<i>‘</i> ع	<i>’</i> ء

<i>ā</i> آ	<i>ī</i> ي	<i>ū</i> أُ
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صَلَّى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

وَعَلَى

Glorified and Majestic (is He).

رَضِيَ عَنْهُ

May Allah be pleased with him.

رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

May Allah be pleased with her.

رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا

May Allah be pleased with them both.

عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَام

May peace be upon him.

عَلَيْهَا السَّلَام

May peace be upon her.

عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَام

May peace be upon them both.



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وَسَلَّمَ

Introduction

Ḥassān ibn Thābit ؓ once paid homage to the Prophet ﷺ by reciting the following words:



*“My eyes have
never seen anything
better than you...”*



*No woman has ever
given birth to anyone
as beautiful as you...*



*You were
created free from
all flaws...*



*As if you
were created exactly
as you wished.”*

Despite having such beautiful appearance, the Prophet's character was in fact even more striking and beautiful. Had you been given the opportunity to observe his conduct in person, you would have most definitely stated the words of 'Ali ؓ:

لَمْ أَرَقَبْلَهُ وَلَا بَعْدَهُ مِثْلَهُ

*"I have never seen anyone like him,
whether before or after him."*

Had you lived in his time, you would have longed to see him each and every day. You would have immensely enjoyed his smiles, speeches, and recreational activities with children, regardless of whether these children were his or yours. Furthermore, you would have loved to pray behind him, observe days of fasting with him, and celebrate the days of Eid in his presence. Likewise, you would have considered him to be a wise teacher and noble friend at the same time. You would have taken the initiative to host him in your residence, so that you could serve him food and hold private conversations with him. As later members of this *ummah*, we can only rely on the narrations transmitted to us in order to appreciate and perceive what it meant to be one of his Companions in this world. By examining these narrations, not only does our love for him increase, but we also long to be from among his Companions in the next world.

In this book, we embark upon a noble journey in which we move on from simply knowing the Prophet ﷺ to actually loving him and developing a spiritual connection with him. May our hearts long for the love and company of the Beloved. *Āmīn.*



*May the peace
and blessings of Allah
be upon him.*



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His Appearance



It is reported that Qatādah رضي الله عنه said:

مَا بَعَثَ اللَّهُ نَبِيًّا إِلَّا حَسَنَ الْوَجْهِ حَسَنَ الصَّوْتِ

“Allah never sent a Prophet except that they were characterised with a beautiful face and voice.”

In the case of the Prophet ﷺ, the Companions never witnessed any person or thing which was as beautiful as him, whether before or after Islam. While it is true that many people can have a beautiful external appearance but be blemished with bad character traits, the case of the Prophet ﷺ was completely different. This was because while his physical composition was of utmost beauty, his internal character traits—which Allah praised him for—were in fact even more beautiful.

