

### Shamaa-Il-Tirmidhi

#### Characteristics & Personality of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

This book is a compilation of Hadith regarding Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) personality and characteristics. What he wore, how he behaved, personal hygiene etc. This book is widely used by Muslims to get a better understanding and picture of the last Prophet of God.

#### **Clothing:**

He wore clothing that was common in Arabia at the time but would also wear clothing made in other regions such as Yemen and Egypt. The Prophet (PBUH) did not like to show off and dressed very modestly.

According to a narration by Ummi Salamah (RA), the Prophet (PBUH) preferred to wear the thawb.

Whenever he would put on a new garment he would say the following dua:

"Oh Allah, all praise and thanks to You for clothing me with this (garment). I ask You for the good of it and the good of what it was made for, and I ask Your protection from the evil of it and the evil of what it was made for."

The Prophet (PBUH) preferred white clothing for practical reason. It would allow to better spot stains so the clothing can easily be cleaned. He sometimes wore a turban and would also have a ring made of silver that had "The Messenger of Allah" engraved on a stone. This was used as a seal stamp for documents. This ring was handed down to the Caliphs until it was lost. The ring was worn on his right hand.

#### **Physical Appearance:**

According to Anas ibn Malik (RA), the Prophet (PBUH) was neither very tall or short but of medium stature and build. He had a wheat colored complexion. When walking he would lean slightly forward.

The Prophet (PBUH) would have hair that went down to his ears. If they grew down to his shoulders he would trim them. He also maintained a beard. He would only shave his hair during Umrah or Hajj. The practice of the Arabs was to let their hair grow as well, but they would part

it in the middle. The Prophet (PBUH) at the beginning did not part his hair and followed the Jews and Christians. This was because no guidance from God was given regarding hair and since Jews and Christians are referred to as people of the book, he followed them. It wasn't until after most of Arabia converted to Islam that he began to also part his hair.