



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

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THE PROPHET^{sa} FORGIVES HIS ENEMIES

All rites and duties over, the Prophet^{sa} addressed the Meccans and said:

"You have seen how true the promises of God have proved. **Now tell me what punishment you should have for the cruelties and enormities you committed** against those whose only fault was that they invited you to the worship of the One and Only God."

To this the Meccans replied, "We expect you to treat us as Joseph^{as} treated his erring brothers."

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By asking for the treatment which Joseph^{as} had meted out to his brothers, the Meccans admitted that the Prophet^{sa} of Islam was the like of Joseph^{as} and ...

...as Joseph^{as} was granted victory over his brothers the Prophet^{sa} had been granted victory over the Meccans.

Hearing the Meccans' plea, the Prophet^{sa} declared at once:
"By God, you will have no punishment today and no reproof"

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Some of them [Ansar, the Medinite Muslims] were upset over the scenes of home-coming and of reconciliation.

[Ansar thought] Was the Prophet^{sa} parting company with them, ..?

Was the Prophet^{sa} going to settle down at Mecca, the town from which he had to flee for his life?

Such fears did not seem too remote now that Mecca had been conquered and his own tribe had joined Islam.

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God informed the Prophet^{sa} of these misgivings of the Ansar.


He ... looked at the Ansar and said "You seem to think Muhammad^{sa} is perturbed by the love of his town, and by the ties which bind him to his tribe."


"It is true," said the Ansar., "we did think of this."

"Do you know," said the Prophet^{sa}, "Who I am? I am a Servant of God and His Messenger. How can I give you up? You stood by me, and sacrificed your lives when the Faith of God had no earthly help. How can I give you up and settle elsewhere? No, Ansar., this is impossible. I left Mecca for the sake of God and I cannot return to it. I will live and die with you."

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- The Ansar were moved by this singular expression of love and loyalty. They regretted their distrust of God and His Prophet^{sa}, wept and asked to be forgiven.


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- They explained that they would not have any peace if the Prophet^{sa} left their town and went elsewhere.

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- The Prophet^{sa} replied that their fear was understandable and that, after their explanation, God and His Prophet^{sa} were satisfied about their innocence and acknowledge their sincerity and loyalty.

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