



# **Life of Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>**

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# LAST DAYS OF THE PROPHET (SA)

At last the day drew near which every human being must face. The Prophet's (sa) work was done. All that God had to reveal to him for the benefit of man had been revealed.

The spirit of Muhammad (sa) had infused new life into his people. A new nation had arisen, a new outlook on life and new institutions; in short, a new heaven and a new earth.

The foundations of a new order had been laid...

...He found his reward not in the things of this world but in the pleasure and the approval of his God, his Maker and Master.

When the time came for reaping the harvest, he preferred to go to Him, leaving others to reap.

# LAST DAYS OF THE PROPHET (SA)

The Holy Prophet (sa) fell ill. For some days he continued to visit the mosque and lead the prayers.

Then he became too weak to do this.

The Companions (ra) were so used to his daily company that they could hardly believe he would die...

# LAST DAYS OF THE PROPHET (SA)

...One day, touching upon this very theme, he said, "If a man make a mistake, it is better he should make amends for it in this very world so that he should have no regrets in the next.

Therefore I say, if I have done any wrong to any of you.....let him come forward and ask me to make amends.

If even unknowingly I have injured any one of you, let him come forward and take his revenge.

I do not wish to be put to shame when I face my God in the next world.


# LAST DAYS OF THE PROPHET (SA)

The Companions (ra) were moved.  
Tears sprang to their eyes.

What pains had he not taken and  
what sufferings had he not endured  
for their sake

?... And yet here  
he was, eager to  
right even fancied  
wrongs he might  
have done to  
others; so much  
did he respect the  
rights of others.

# LAST DAYS OF THE PROPHET (SA)



All the Companions received the Prophet's (sa) offer in solemn silence. But one came forward and said

"O Prophet (sa) of God, I once received an injury from you. We were lining up for battle when you passed by our line and while passing you dug your elbow in my side...

...It was all done unwittingly, but you said we could avenge even unintentional wrongs. I want to avenge this wrong."

The Companions... became enraged at the insolence and stupidity of this man... But the Companion seemed adamant—determined to take the Prophet (sa) at his word.

# LAST DAYS OF THE PROPHET (SA)

The Prophet (sa) said, "You are welcome to take your revenge." ... "But," explained this Companion, "when you hit me my side was bare, because I was wearing no shirt at the time." "Raise my shirt," said the Prophet (sa), "and let him hit my side with his elbow."

They did so but, instead of hitting the bare side of the Prophet (sa), this Companion bent forward with bedewed eyes and kissed the Prophet's (sa) bare body.

"What is this?" asked the Prophet (sa).

"Didn't you say that your days with us were numbered? How many more occasions can we then have of touching you... True, you did hit me with your elbow, but who could think of avenging it... You offered to let us take revenge. I said to myself—let me kiss you under cover of revenge."