



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

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# BRAVERY



Several instances of his courage and bravery have been set out in the biographical portion.

It suffices to relate one here. At one time Medina was full of rumours that the Romans were preparing a large army for its invasion.

During that time Muslims were always on the *qui vive* at night.

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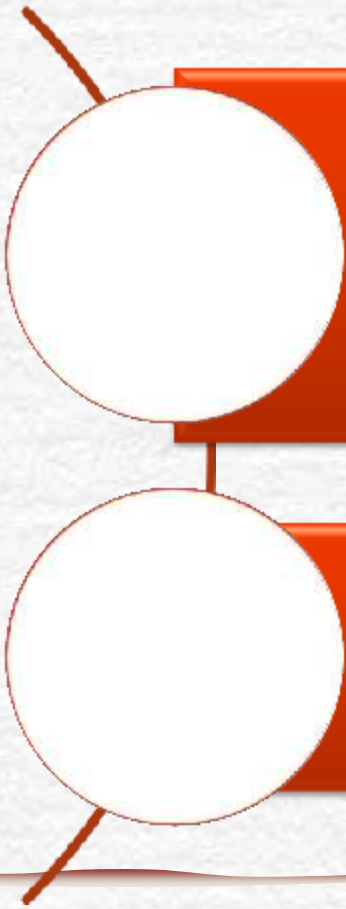


One night sounds of an uproar came from the desert.

Muslims hurried out of their homes and some of them collected in the mosque and waited for the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> to appear and to give them directions to meet the contingency.

Presently they saw the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> on a horse coming back from the direction of the sounds.

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They then discovered that at the very first sound of alarm the Prophet<sup>sa</sup> had mounted a horse and gone in the direction from which the sounds had come to find out whether there was any reason for alarm and had not waited for people to collect together so that he could proceed in company.

When he came back he assured his Companions that there was no cause for alarm and that they could return to their homes and go to sleep.

# CONSIDERATION TOWARDS THE UNCULTURED

He was particularly considerate towards those who from lack of cultural training did not know how to behave.

On one occasion a dweller of the desert who had only recently accepted Islam and who was sitting in the company of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in the mosque got up and walking away a few paces sat down in a corner of the mosque to pass water.

Some of the Companions of the Prophet<sup>sa</sup> got up to stop him from doing so.

The Prophet<sup>sa</sup> restrained them, and told his Companions to let the man alone and to clean the spot later.

# THE FULFILLING OF COVENANTS

**The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was very particular with regard to the fulfilling of covenants.**

On one occasion an envoy came to him on a special mission and, after he had remained in his company for some days, he was convinced of the truth of Islam and suggested that he might declare his adherence to it.

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The Prophet<sup>sa</sup> told him that this would not be proper as he was there in a representative capacity and it was incumbent upon him to return to the headquarters of his Government without acquiring a fresh allegiance.

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If, after he had returned home, he still felt convinced of the truth of Islam he could return as a free individual and declare his acceptance of it

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# DEFERENCE TOWARDS SERVANTS OF HUMANITY

He paid special deference to those who devoted their time and substance to the service of mankind.

The Arab tribe, the Banu Ta'i started hostilities against the Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and in the ensuing battle their forces were defeated and some were taken prisoner.

One of these was the daughter of Hatim Ta'i, whose generosity had become a proverb amongst the Arabs.

When Hatim's daughter informed the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> of her parentage he treated her with great consideration and as the result of her intercession he remitted all the penalties imposed upon her people on account of their aggression