

Regarding the Prophet's ﷺ Speech & laughter

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Rasulullah ﷺ was the epitome of eloquence among the Arabs, known for being the greatest orator by his own affirmation and sweetest in speech. The language of the inhabitants of Jannah will be the very language spoken by the Prophet ﷺ. His words were never unnecessarily lengthy; instead, he conveyed profound meaning with concise expression. The volume and tone of his voice were always perfectly balanced, exemplifying the highest standard of communication.

The Mother of Believers, Aisha رضي الله عنها says:

“The Messenger ﷺ would not speak too much like you people do (his speech was minimal, while you tend to overdo it). He would pause periodically, so that his listeners would remember what he said.” (Ash-Shama'il al-Muhammadiyah 222)

The most concise of speech belonged to the Prophet ﷺ, and for that reason, Jibreel عليه السلام visited him. He was always comprehensive and balanced in whatever he wanted to say. There was nothing extra nor deficient in his words. Just like pearls, one would fall after another beautifully and smoothly.

Alongside sweet speech, the Prophet ﷺ would exercise silence often. His blessed lips would not move without any necessary reason. Improper and forbidden words would not be brought on his tongue. In times of happiness and anger, he would not say anything except the truth. He would turn his face away from those who spoke inappropriately. Whatever he considered bad and was forced to mention out of necessity, he would hint at it implicitly. When he stayed silent, he did so with grace. The Prophet ﷺ would not interrupt others when they spoke, and with well-wishing benevolence, he ﷺ would counsel the downhearted.

The Prophet ﷺ smiled the most and always held good cheer; sometimes, he smiled so wide his blessed molars would be visible. Among his companions, his laughter was but a joyful smile. Once, a bedouin came to him with an inquiry, saying, “I swear by the One who sent you as the Prophet, I won’t leave you until you smile. I heard that Dajjal will bring *thareed* (a dish) to the people as a test. May my parents be sacrificed for you! If I know about it, but don’t ask for it and remain hungry, would you give permission that I take a portion of that *thareed* and eat it if my life depends on it, fill my stomach, and then I still believe in Allah and reject Dajjal?” Hearing this, the Prophet ﷺ laughed until his teeth were visible, and reassured him, “Allah will make sure you don’t worry about this disbeliever (Dajjal) in the same way that Allah will make His believers independent of him.”

Exceptions to his cheerful nature would occur during the revelation of the Qur'an, when he spoke of Qiyamah, gave admonishments, and delivered sermons. In moments of joy, his happiness was profound; when issuing warnings, he did so with the utmost seriousness, devoid of any humour. Above all, he would never get angry except for the sake of Allah.

The Prophet ﷺ would spread amazement through his words and blend his blessed character into them. No situation had the power to block his smiling spirit for long, because whenever a matter would arise, he would rely on Allah, surrendering all power and strength to Him.

We also request guidance from Allah, and say, "O Lord, show us the truth as true, and inspire us to follow it. Show us falsehood as falsehood, and inspire us to abstain from it."