

Love for the Prophet (peace be upon him)

Faith is incomplete until he (peace be upon him) is more beloved than family. Why, and how that love translates into action.

CENTREPIECE Sahih al-Bukhari 15, Sahih Muslim 44

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Love that meets a standard

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said none of you believes until I am more beloved to him than his father, his children, and all of mankind (Bukhari 15). Love here is not a feeling we drum up; it is the kind of love that prefers his guidance over our own preference.

2. Salawat

Sending blessings on the Prophet (peace be upon him) is the most concrete daily act of love. Allah sends ten blessings back for each one (Muslim 408). On Fridays, there is a recommended increase, say it abundantly today.

3. Following his Sunnah

Love is shown by imitation. Pray as he prayed. Eat as he ate. Treat your spouse as he treated his. The smallest Sunnah, kept consistently, weighs more than great occasional gestures.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to love for the prophet (peace be upon him).

Suggested closing: Allahumma salli wa sallim wa baarik 'ala nabiyyina Muhammad.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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