MUHAMMAD ﷺ
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The Seal of Approval



"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but *he is* the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets; and Allah has full knowledge of all things." (33:41)

There are many manifestations of the Holy Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) attribute of the "Seal of the Prophets". The most striking one is the "seal of approval" that the Holy Prophet was granted for the continuation of prophethood from within his followers.

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

"And whoso obeys Allah and this Messenger *of His* shall be among those on whom Allah has bestowed His blessings, namely, the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs, and the Righteous. And excellent companions are these." (4:70)

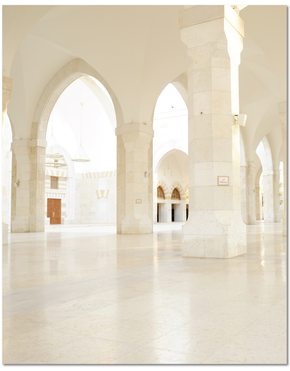
The followers of the Holy Prophet Muhammad have been given the glad tiding that they can even attain the status of Prophethood by obeying Allah and the Prophet Muhammad. This is a distinguishing characteristic of Prophet Muhammad as no other prophet before him has been given this seal of approval. Before Prophet Muhammad it was not necessary to follow the preceding prophet to attain the status of Prophetohood.

In relation to following the other prophets Allah says:

"And those who believe in Allah and His Messengers *and* they are the Truthful and the Witnesses in the sight of their Lord, they will have their reward and their light…" (57:20)

Of course the followers of other prophets will be rewarded by Allah in this world and the hereafter but there rewards fall short of attaining the status of Prophethood – a blessing that only the followers of Muhammad, the seal of Prophets, are bestowed with.

Other Manifestations of the Seal



Apart from the most distinguishing status of the seal of approval there are many other manifestations of the attribute of seal of the prophets, including but not limited to:

Prophet Muhammad's message was for all people and all times in contrast to the message of other prophets that was for a specific audience and for a limited time.

Prophet Muhammad was granted the Qur'an – God's final book which is protected by God Himself till the end of the time.

Prophet Muhammad, through the Holy Qur'an, made it obligatory to all Muslims to believe in all Prophets and not to distinguish between prophet in their belief.

Prophet Muhammad declared all Prophets to be innocent servants of God thus absolving them of any and all false allegations

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