

Status of Prohphet Hood and its Demands (In the Perspective of Quran)

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Status of Prophet hood is very clear in the teaching of Qura'n. In fact prophet hood is a light, sold and the reality of world. In modern era when Muslims are facing so many problems in every way of life in this situation Prophet hood is the only way of guidance. Prophet hood has some demands for wise persons in view of belief on Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) to obey the orders of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W), to preach and to establish the divine commandment in the society.

Meaning and Concept of Prophethood

Imam Raghilb Asfahani has defined the meaning and concept of prophethood.

النبيوة سفارة بين الله وبين ذوى العقول من عباده لازحه عليهم
فى امر معادهم ومعاشهم (١)

Prophethood is a ambassadorship between God and his matured people for their betterment in this world and the hereafter world.

The above mentioned text shows that Prophethood has four basic characteristics;

- i) Prophethood is not a philosophical knowledge but it is a ambassadorship between God and his people.
- ii) The teaching of Prophethood is only for wise and mature persons. ذوى العقول من الجن والانس
- iii) The teaching of prophethood is not related to monestic asceticism, the main theme of prophethood is that to create peace and prosperity for the people in this world and the second world.
- iv) Propethood is totally Godgifted thing, its not related to personal efforts of some one.

Importance of Prophethood

The importance of prophethood is very clear in the teaching of Quran; The importance of prophethood has been presented at so many places in Quran, like in Surah An Nisa Allah says verily, we have sent the revelation to you (O Muhammad ﷺ) as we sent the revelation to Noach and the prophets after him, we (also) sent the revelation to Abraham, Ishmael, Ishaq, Yaqub, and their offspring Ayub, Yunus, Haroon and Sulaiman and to Dawd we gave the Zabur. (2)

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advice. As it is reported in Hadith (ولا يخلق على كثرة الرد) and Quran is called Mathani because it verifies the authenticity of previous events.(52)

(ولا تنقضى عجائبه)

Mathani means seven ayat and seven ways of forgiveness.(53)

Mathani is the recitation of surah Fateha in every namaz (prayer).

The thing which argues on the Hamad (حمد) aur Sana (ثناء) of Allah, is called Mathani.(54)

According to the saying of Ibne Masuad(RA) Ibne Abbas (RA), Saeed bin Jabir, Mujahid and Zuhak (RA), Saba Mathani is the seven long surahs in which surah Al-Baqra, Ale-Imran, Al-Nisa, Al-Maida, Al-Inam, -Al-Aaraf are included but there is a little controversy about the seventh surah.

According to Saeed bin Jubair, it is surah Yunas.

It is surah Bar'at according to Imam Malik.

According to one tradition, surah Al-Anfal and surah Bar'at are included among them.

Mathani means such surahs which are shorter than Maeen (مئين) and longer than Mufasil (مفصل). It is called Mathani because seven long ayat are continuously repeated.(55)

Beside this, other more traditions or phrases are in other books of Tafseer.

Summary of Discussion about Al-Mathani Word

Most scholars believe that Saba' Mathani means sura Fateha and its seven ayat.(56)

6. Hikma Wisdom

Hikma means wisdom.(57) This word has been used for 20 times in the Holy Quran.(58) Since the present days of Madina, the word wisdom (Hikma) has been used the synonym of the Holy Quran during revelation. This word has been used in the Holy Quran because it consists of wise things.(59) According to ayat, wisdom (Hikma) means the knowledge of Nasikh aur Mansukh, Mukham aur Mutashabihat.(60) Wisdom (Hikma) also means the consequences of prophethood.(61) In Arami language, rationality is called Hikma (Wisdom). Besides this, Quran has many other adjective names, e.g., Al-Mubarik (المبارك), Al-Hakim (الحكيم), Al-Mubeen (المبين), Al-Arabi (العربي), Al-Majeed (المجيد), Al-Aziz (العزیز), Al-Azeem (العزيز), Al-Sirat-ul-Mustaqeem (الصراط المستقيم), Al-Noor (النور), Al-Muazat (الموعظة), Al-Burhan (البرهان), Al-Basair (البشير), Al-Biyan (البيان), Al-Ruh (الروح), Al-Wahi (الوحي), Al-Huda (الهدى), Al-Bainat (البينات), Al-Rahmat (الرحمة), Kalam-ul-Allah (كلام الله), Al-Mufasil (المفصل), Ahsan-ul-Hadis (الحديث الحسن), Zikr (ذكرى), Al-Haq (الحق), Tazkira (تذكرة), Al-Baqara (البقرة), Al-Tanzil (التنزيل), Al-Ala (العلی), Al-Shifa (الشفاء), Al-Muhimeen (المهيمن), and Al-Musadaq (المصدق) etc.(62)