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# THE PROPHETIC PARADIGM FOR HUMAN SERVICES

AN EMPHASIS ON EMPATHY

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# PEOPLE OF SERVICE

- “The best of people are those that bring the most benefit to the rest of mankind.”(Daraqutni)
- Whosoever removes a difficulty from a believer, Allah will remove from him a difficulty on the Day of Judgement. Whosoever comforts a destitute person, Allah will comfort him in this world and the next. Whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and the next. Allah will aid a servant (of His) so long as the servant aids his brother. (Muslim)
- “The best of men is the most beneficent of them to others.” (Tabarani)

# MORE ON THE PROPHET'S TEACHINGS ON SERVICE

- “Allah ﷻ is not merciful to the one who does not show mercy to mankind.” (Tabarani)
- “Do not underestimate any kindness (which you extend to others), even if that should be meeting your brother with a smiling face.” (Bukhari)

# DEEP ROOTS

- Allah ﷻ reminds the believers that it is their obligation to do good
- “Whoever does an atom’s weight of good will see it (will be rewarded for it accordingly)” (Quran 99:7)
- “Whoever saves one (soul), it is as if he has saved all of humanity” (Quran 5:32)

# OUR FOOTPRINT

- The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe. (Bukhari)

# AND YET...

- A recent Gallup poll indicates that 43% of Americans harbor some degree of prejudice towards Muslims
- Fortunately, most Americans make a distinction between the “Muslim people” and the “Muslim religion” in that they view Islam more favorably than they do the Muslims (Brookings)
- We should be troubled by the fact that many Americans do not see us as people of service

# A DISMAL VOID

- Our contribution to our greater society is more imperative than ever as the United States sinks into a financial and moral abyss
- As poverty increases, people will be in greater need of financial and spiritual support
- We should be seen as a light by those in need

# OUR ROLE

- It is more imperative than ever that Muslims realize their tradition and step up to serve others
- The days of insular community life are over
- Our motivation for doing this should not be our own survival; it should be rooted in a profound awareness that this is what our Creator ﷻ commands us to do
- We should not neglect the poor in our effort to court those in leadership positions
- We face a daunting task in countering a media machine intent on negative portrayals of Islam; but we should feel strength knowing that an all-powerful Lord will bless our work and give us victory over those who wish to tarnish the image of our faith