



GHAMIDI CENTER OF ISLAMIC LEARNING

Sunday School SYLLABUS

Course Name: God with His Final Messenger – 1

Course Stage: Beginner

Stage Theme: Islamic Foundation and Concepts

Level: 2

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Overview:

Quran has made the obedience of Prophet Muhammad a condition for loving God and receiving love and forgiveness from Him (3:31). A hadith narrated by Anas ibn Malik implies that loving Prophet Muhammad reflects one's perfection of faith (Sahih Al-Bukhari 15, Muslim 44). Loving God and His messenger and obeying them is part of our religion. However, can we claim a deep and sincere love for someone without knowing the person? This two-part course endeavors to introduce God and His final messenger through studying the messenger's life on earth, also known as *Seerah*. Through this course we will learn how his life was a true depiction of the Quranic teachings, how did he live, and how God manifested His being, and His commands and practices through His final messenger. Studying *Seerah* of Prophet Muhammad and how God accompanied him throughout his life will help us build the true love for him and his Lord, who is our Lord also.

The content of this course is drawn from Quran and other authentic sources. The course is divided into two parts: The first part of the course will focus on the life of Prophet Muhammad in Makkah until his migration from Makkah to Medinah, also known as Makkan period. The second part of this course will focus on the life of Prophet Muhammad in Medinah till his departure from this earth, also known as Medinan period.

Objectives:

The main objective of this course to get to know our God and His final messenger through studying his life. At the end of this course the students will:

- Articulate the importance of messengers and why God send them
- Understand the history of the children of Ismail who were settled in Makkah by Prophet Ibrahim upon the command of God
- Learn about the collective and moral condition of Arabs and nations around them
- Describe the key events in the life of Prophet Muhammad before he was made a messenger
- Describe the key events in the life of Prophet Muhammad after he was made a messenger while he lived in Makkah
- Describe the key events in the life of Prophet Muhammad after he was made a messenger while he lived in Medinah
- How a messenger and his companions go through different stages and the challenges of the mission until he completes it
- Learn about the people who were around Prophet Muhammad and how they helped him in his prophetic mission and how he helped them become true icons of human virtues
- The significance of Hijrah (the migration) and events related to it

Delivery Method:

This course will be taught through various methods including lectures, small projects, homework and class discussions on topics and main events of *Seerah*.

Course Outline:

The following list is comprised of suggested topics for the course. The topics may be slightly adjusted based on the need of the class. Additional reading material (if needed) for each session will be available for download from the web portal a week before the session.

***Note:** A weekly lesson plan or outline will be created based on these topics in which practical aspects of the course and exercises will be incorporated in the weekly lessons.*

1. Introduction

- › Our course
- › Objective of this course
- › What is Seerah?
- › The importance of studying Seerah
- › Our relationship with Prophet Muhammad – love and obey
- › Studying Prophet Muhammad in 21st century – the final authority of Deen
- › God with His final Messenger – His attributes & practices
- › How can we benefit from this course?
- › Q&A

2. Prophets and Messengers

- › Why did God send Prophets and Messengers?
- › Adam and his test – first Prophet on earth
- › Selection of Prophets, Messengers and Nations
- › Revelation to Prophets: a great blessing of God
- › How Prophets help us in our faith in the unseen?
- › Prophets and divine books
- › Our nature and teachings of Prophets – relationship
- › Al-Rahman – The Merciful God
- › The difference between Nabi (Prophet) and Rasool (Messenger)
- › Some famous Prophets and Messengers mentioned in Quran (Two Phases of Prophethood: Pre-Ibrahim, Post-Ibrahim)
- › Prophet Muhammad is the last prophet – its significance
- › Quick Recap
- › Q&A

3. A Prophet Predicted (Foretold)

- › Prophet Ibrahim – the father of all Prophets after him
- › Prophet Ibrahim settled his sons in Makkah and Palestine
- › Sacrifice of Ismail
- › Construction of Ka'aba – a center for oneness of God
- › Prayer of Prophet Ibrahim
- › Al-Mujeeb –God who responds to our duas

- › Prophet Muhammad predicted by many Prophets before
- › Prophet Muhammad predicted in the Bible
- › Shift of religious leadership from Bani Israel to Bani Ismail
- › Quick Recap
- › Q&A

4. Conditions of Arabia at the time of birth of Prophet Muhammad

- › Religious conditions and different religious groups – Idolaters, Christians, Jews and Followers of Ibrahim
- › How did idol worship start?
- › Famous tribes/clans and their system of government
- › Powerful empires around Arabia (Byzantine and Persia)
- › Other Neighbors – Yemen and Ethiopia
- › Al-Malik – The King and His laws about nations and their status in the world
- › Tribal culture, social and moral conditions
- › Economic activities and their main sources of earning
- › Quick Recap
- › Q&A

5. Prophet's tribe and family

- › The tribe of Quraish
- › The clan of Prophet Muhammad and its status – Banu Hashim
- › Famous religious leaders
- › Responsibilities of Banu Hashim & his ancestors
- › Abdul-Muttalib and his immediate family
- › Al-Khaliq – The Creator of tribes, clans and nations to know one another
- › Quick Recap
- › Q&A

6. Birth of the Last Messenger

- › The people of the elephants and their devastation
- › Prophet's birthdate
- › Born as an orphan
- › Test and Activities
- › Q&A

7. Prophet's childhood and upbringing

- › Early childhood
- › He spent his early childhood in remote tribe of Banu Sa'ad
- › Death of his mother
- › Guardianship after mother's death
- › Al-Wadud – A loving God who test people with hardships for a reason

- › Interests and activities during his youth – shepherd-hood, wrestling, sword fighting, archery
- › Quick Recap & Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

8. **As-Sadiq (Truthful) and Al-Amin (Trustworthy)**

- › His titles as a young adult: Al-Sadiq, Al-Amin
- › His participation in Sacrilegious war
- › His participation in Al-Fadoul Treaty
- › His first job as an adult
- › How did he earn a respect in the society?
- › God gave us knowledge of good and evil in our nature
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

9. **His marriage**

- › His marriage to Khadijah
- › Khadijah – her personality and role in Prophet Muhammad's life
- › His love for Khadijah as his wife
- › His children with Khadijah
- › Al-Wahhab – The Bestower God
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

10. **Rebuilding Ka'aba**

- › Damage to Ka'aba and its rebuilding
- › Settling a big dispute through trust and wisdom
- › **Test and Activities**
- › Q&A

11. **Responsibility of Prophethood**

- › Prophethood – a grave responsibility
- › How his life situations and activities prepared him for this responsibility
- › An unlettered prophet: Advantages of being unlettered
- › Angels and their roles
- › Archangel Jibrael and his attributes
- › Al-Kareem: The Generous God who bestowed humanity with His revelation
- › The first revelation
- › Incident of the first revelation in Quran
- › Experience of the revelation
- › Ramadan and Quran
- › Quran is the guidance for mankind until the Day of Judgment
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned

- › Q&A

12. The Message

- › Revival of the true teachings of Islam, given to all prophets
- › One True God who has no partners
- › Al-Ahad and Al-Wahid – God is Unique and One
- › God created everyone and He runs the affairs
- › Other deities are self-made
- › Death is a fact that everyone has to face
- › We will be resurrected to life again
- › There will be a Day of Judgment
- › We will be held accountable for our beliefs and actions
- › The Message is not new and given to all prophets and their nations
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

13. Delivering the Message

- › Prophet was asked to deliver the message without any hesitance
- › Prophet initially delivered it to his close relatives (Inzar)
- › Dar-ul-Arqam and its significance
- › Second phase of delivering the message – open to all (Inzar-e-Am)
- › Al-Hakeem – The All-Wise God who shows us how to deliver the message with wisdom according to the situation
- › Initial reaction from his relatives and leaders of the tribes
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

14. Test and Activities Week

- › Test and Activities

15. Early Muslims

- › People who accepted Islam in the beginning – Khadijah, Abu Bakr, Ali, Uthman, Saad Abi Waqas, Abdul Rahman bin Awf, Umar, Hamza
- › Slaves and less fortunate also accepted Islam – Bilal, Khabbab, Abdullah bin Masood, Ammar, Yasir, Sumayyah
- › Value of early Muslims in the sight of God
- › Why poor and less fortunate accepted Islam?
- › Al-Haqq – The True God
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

16. Persecution in the path of the Truth

- › The grave test for believers
- › Techniques used by disbelievers to stop the message

- › Strong and weak believers
- › Al-Aziz – The powerful God who allows sufferings in the path of Islam on purpose for greater good
- › First migration to Abyssinia
- › The King of Abyssinia's support for Muslims
- › Amr bin Al-Aas' acceptance of Islam
- › Return of migrants from Abyssinia
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

17. The opposition and objections

- › The traditions of Idolatry go back generations
- › Islam vs Idolatry – revival of the faith of Ibrahim and his progeny
- › Tribal rivalry
- › Ka'aba was the hub of economic activities
- › Allegations by the idolaters:
 - Prophet is helped by Jinns and 'other' religious people
 - Prophet is "possessed" and think he listens from heavens
 - Prophet is a sorcerer: The spellbound eloquence and logic of Quran
- › Reasons of opposition:
 - The concept of accountability (Day of Judgment) does not suit their lifestyle
 - Love for tradition and culture
- › Objections on Quran: It is a human endeavor
- › Objection on Prophet: He is an ordinary human being who does not display open miracles
- › No worldly benefits in accepting this message
- › God guides 'whoever' He 'wills' – the law of guidance
- › Underprivileged slaves are getting respected and getting their voice heard
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

18. Seeking help from the People of the Book

- › Quraish sought assistance from Jews to counter Islam
- › Objection 1: Quran being a revelation (Wahi)
- › Objection 2: Why Quran is in Arabic language?
- › Objection 3: Prophet is being helped by some Jews and Christians
- › Objection 4: Differences between the Quran and other Ancient Books
- › Objection 5: Why this prophet does not show physical miracles?
- › Objection 6: Questions from the history to test Prophet's claim
- › Al-Khabeer Al-Haleem – The All-Knowing and Forbearing God
- › Objection 7: Which prophet is superior?
- › Objection 8: Some Quranic text does not make sense?
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned

- › Q&A

19. Economic and Social Boycott

- › Gathering of Banu Hashem in the valley of Sheb Abu Talib
- › Quraish did a social and economic boycott to subdue the message
- › Al-Razzaq – The Sustainer and Provider God
- › Attempts of compromise
- › Abu Bakr wanted to migrate
- › Test and Activities
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

20. Conclusion of the Argument

- › Trials for the people of Makkah
- › God's law of divine punishment
- › Quraish was given warnings about final divine punishment
- › Quraish demanded a sign for God's punishment
- › The sign of Splitting of the Moon
- › Prophet Muhammad increased his efforts in saving his people from divine punishment
- › The event of Ibn Um Maktoum
- › Prophet Muhammad was asked to concentrate on prayers and be patient
- › Paying attention to the people who accepted Islam
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

21. The Year of Sorrow and Ascension

- › The death of Abu Talib
- › The death of Khadijah
- › How Prophet Muhammad handled these great losses
- › God gives life and take life
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

22. Seeking help and protection from Taif

- › The journey to Ta'if
- › The response of the people of Ta'if
- › Prophet Muhammad's response
- › God gave comfort to Prophet Muhammad through Jinns listening to the Quran
- › Q&A

23. Night Journey and Ascension

- › Night Journey (Isra) and Ascension (Mairaj): Significance

- › Al-Samee' Al-Baseer – The All-Hearing and All-Seeing God
- › Concentration on Tahajjud (the night prayers)
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

24. God's help is on the way

- › A new home for the Message
- › The people of Yathrib welcome the news of Islam
- › The tribes of Al-Aws and Al-Khazraj
- › The tribe of Al-Khazraj is interested in Islam
- › First pledge from the people of Yathrib
- › Prophet was given glad tiding of the liberation of Ka'aba
- › Prophet was given the news of the destruction of the enemies of Islam
- › God's practice of providing Divine help
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

25. Final Warning to and Disassociation from the Disbelievers

- › The last general warning
- › The announcement of disassociation from the disbelievers
- › God is the Judge and He serves Justice in all matters
- › Second pledge from the people of Yathrib
- › Plot to kill the Prophet
- › Permission to the believers to start migrating to Yathrib
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

26. The Migration (Hijrah)

- › The Prophet was given the permission to migrate to Yathrib
- › His companion in the migration and the planning
- › The details of the migration journey
- › Al-Lateef Al-Khabeer – The Subtle and All-Knowing God
- › Temporary stay in Quba
- › Arriving at Yathrib
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

27. The importance of the event of Hijrah

- › Why did God ask Prophet Muhammad to migrate?
- › Why divine punishment did not come to Quraish after the migration?
- › Implications of Hijrah in the divine plan
- › When does migration become mandatory?
- › God fulfills His promises either in this world or in the Hereafter when we are conscious of Him and put our trust in Him

- › Difference between migration and relocation
- › Code of Conduct for Week and oppressed Muslims
- › Through Hijri calendar we celebrate this incident
- › Test and Activities
- › Quick recap and Lessons Learned
- › Q&A

28. Test and Activities Week

29. Farewell & Revision