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The Prophet's Cloak

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Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w*) was, during the most part of his life, not a rich man. He did not live in a mansion. He did not have a closet full of dazzling clothes.

In fact, some of his clothes even had patches on them to cover the holes that have appeared.

A good woman decided to sew the Prophet a beautiful new cloak.

He was indeed very happy and said "Alhamdulillah." He wore it almost immediately because he needed it so very much. All the other clothes that he had have been quite old or almost worn out.

One day, a sahabah saw the Prophet (s.a.w) wear that lovely new cloak.

He cheerfully commented, "SubhanAllah. Amazing. What a beautiful cloak you've got there, O Prophet. I wish that you could give it to me."

The Prophet (s.a.w) smiled, took off his cloak and gave it to the sahabah as a present. He (s.a.w.) then went on home.

Then, the other sahabahs who saw or heard about what happened started to taunt that particular sahabah.

"Don't you fear Allah?

Can't you see that the Prophet (s.a.w.) badly needed a new cloak?

Why did you ask the Prophet (s.a.w.) for his cloak?

You know he is very extremely generous.

He wouldn't reject anyone who asks him for anything that he has. He always likes to make us happy."

Such was the character of the Prophet (s.a.w). He was a selfless, benevolent, caring, kind, charitable, thoughtful man.

He always thought of others. If someone seemed to be needing something more than him, he would, in a heartbeat, donate the thing to that person. Even if he had just gotten the thing as a gift.

"By Allah, I did not ask for it so that I can wear it. I asked him for the cloak because I want to be buried in it," said the sahabah.

Sure enough, the sahabah did die shortly after the incident.

The sahabahs bathed him and buried him shrouding him with the cloak that once belonged to his beloved prophet.



Two photos of a cloak the Prophet Muhammad wore.

*** Brief meaning:**

(s. a. w.) = Sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam = may peace and blessings of God be upon him

Allah = God, The one Almighty God

Allah (s. w. t.) - When writing the name of God (Allah), Muslims often follow it with the abbreviation "SWT." These letters stand for the Arabic words "Sub-haanahu Wa Ta'ala," or "Glory to Him, the Exalted." Muslims use these or similar words to glorify God when mentioning His name

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ = Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) = Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.) = Prophet Muhammad SalAllaahu 'alayhi wa Sallaam = Prayer of God be upon him (Prophet Muhammad) and peace

SubhanAllah = How perfect God is! Glory be to God!

Alhamdulillah = All praises and thanks to Allah

Sahaba or **As-Sahaba** (Arabic: الصحابة), meaning the companions, refers to the companions, friends and family of the Islamic prophet, Muhammad.