

CHAPTER ONE

His Noble Names and His Lineage ﷺ

﴿وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُصَدِّقًا
لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ﴾

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[And remember, when `Isa, the son of Maryam said: Oh children of Israa-eel, verily, I am the Messenger of Allah to you, confirming what is in front of me of the Torah, and a bearer of glad-tidings that a Messenger will come after me, whose name will be Ahmad.]¹

Sayyidunaa Jubayr Ibn Mut`im رضي الله عنه narrates, "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "I have many names; I am Muhammad, I am Ahmad, I am Al-Maahee through whom Allah will eradicate disbelief, I am Al-Haashir after whose coming mankind will be resurrected, and I am Al-`Aaqib after whom there is no prophet."²

Rasoolullah ﷺ has many names. Imaam An-Nawawi رحمته الله says, Imaam Abu Bakr Ibn Al-`Arabi Al-Maliki رحمته الله says in his commentary on Tirmithi, `Aaridatul Ahwathee Fee Sharhit Tirmithi, "Some of the Sufi scholars say, "Allah ﷻ has one-thousand names, and Rasoolullah ﷺ has one-thousand names. Regarding the names of Allah, I have mentioned a small number of them, and with regards to the names of Rasoolullah ﷺ, I am aware of forty-six names." Then he mentions these

Surah Saff (61), v 6¹

Imaams Al-Bukhari and Muslim narrate this hadeeth²

names and explains them in detail. Sheikh Sharfud Deen At-Teebee ﷺ mentions these names in his book Al-Kaashif, which are:

Muhammad, Ahmad, Mahmood, Al-Maahee, Al-Haashir, Al-`Aaqib, Al-Muqaffee, Nabiiyyur Rahmah, Nabiiyyul Malaahim, Ash-Shaahid, Al-Mubashshir, An-Natheer, Ad-Dahook, Al-Mutawakkil, Al-Faatih, Al-Ameen, Al-Mustafaa, Al-Khaatam, Ar-Rasool, An-Nabi, Al-Ummi, Al-Qayyim, Nabiiyyut Tawbah, Al-Qaasim, Al-`Abd, `Abdullah, Al-Muzzammil, Al-Muddaththir, Ash-Shafee`, Ash-Shaafi`, Al-Mushaffa`, Al-Habeeb, Al-Khateeb, Al-Hayyee, Al-Khaleel, Ad-Daa`ee, As-Siraajul Muneer, Hareesun `Alaykum, Ra`oofun Raheemun, At-Tayyib, Thul `Azm, As-Saahib, As-Saalih, As-Sayyid, Al-Qaa`id, Al-Imaam, Al-Hirz, An-Noor, Al-Azwar, Al-Ajwad, Ash-Shakoor, Al-Haqqul Mubeen, Al-Kareem, Al`Adheem, Al-Jabbaar, Al-Khabeer, Al-Wali, Al-Muqaddas, Taahaa and Yaaseen.

The explanations of these names

Muhammad ﷺ: He is constantly praised.

Ahmad ﷺ: The Arabs heard that Allah is sending a Prophet whose name will be Muhammad ﷺ, so they named their boys Muhammad before the birth of the Noble Prophet ﷺ. Similarly, they also gave the name Ahmad to male children.

Al-Maahee ﷺ: Allah will eradicate disbelief through him, by clarifying the proof of its falsehood, and each time the proof appears about disbelief being falsehood; there remains nothing of its manifestation.

Al-Haashir ﷺ: Mankind will be resurrected after his coming and the time of his Prophethood, in other words, he is a reason for their resurrection, and they will not be resurrected until he has been sent.

Al-`Aaqib ﷺ: He succeeds in goodness those before him.

Al-Muqaffee ﷺ: The same meaning as Al-`Aaqib, but Al-Muqaffee

means "noble", and the Noble Prophet ﷺ has been named this due to his high nobility.

Nabiiyyur Rahmah ﷺ: From Allah's ﷻ saying, [And We have not sent you, but as a Mercy to the worlds.]

Nabiyyul Malaahim ﷺ: Rasoolullah ﷺ fights the disbelievers; (*Malhamah* means war and *Malaahim* is its plural). This is out of his Mercy for them, because he brings them into Islam, thereby leading them to Jannah.

Ash-Shaahid: From the verse: [And We have come with you as a Witness over these people].

Al-Mubashir ﷺ and **An-Natheer** ﷺ: From the verse: [A Bringer of glad-tidings and a Warner. He gives glad-tidings for good, and warns about the punishment.

Ad-Dahook ﷺ: Due to his smiling; he was someone that constantly smiled and did not frown, and this is one of his names in the Torah.

Al-Mutawakkil ﷺ: He always put his trust in Allah and depended on Him, and he left all his matters to Allah.

Al-Faatih ﷺ: He opened the doors of knowledge for his followers.

Al-Ameen ﷺ: The Noble Prophet's ﷺ people gave him this title during the period of ignorance, when they witnessed his truthfulness and trustworthiness.

Sayyidah `Aa-ishah RA replied, when asked about the character of Rasoolullah ﷺ:

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"His character is the Qur'aan!"