

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

“Verily you have in Allah’s Messenger a good example for whoso sets his hopes on Allah and the Last Day and invokes Allah much.” (33:21)

Seerah

With Bilal Merhi & Uthman Badar



This is a one year course on the Seerah of the noble Prophet ﷺ as per the following details.

OBJECTIVES

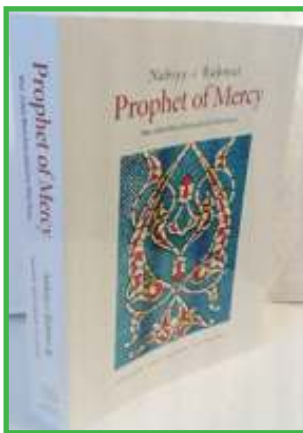
We aim through this course, with the tawfiq of Allah, to:

- Gain a strong familiarity with the Seerah in terms of its stages and many of its details;
- Extract relevant lessons from the actions and strategies of the Prophet ﷺ and Sahaba رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ in terms of living as Muslims and of carrying the dawah
- Increase love and appreciation of the noble Prophet ﷺ and the Sahaba رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ
- Seek motivation from their actions in order to follow in their noble footsteps
- Acquire a familiarity with the primary source material of the Seerah

METHOD

We will be focusing on the Makkan period in order to cover the content in more relative depth and given its added relevance to the contemporary state of the Muslim Ummah generally. We will do this by:

- Outlining the geopolitical context of 7th century Arabia and sketching the various major Arab tribes in order to be able to appreciate the context of events and locate major personalities
- Noting the major Seerah works both original and derivative, classical and contemporary
- Moving chronologically in taking 3-2 major events from each year to look at them in some detail
- Discussing events as well as their associated implications and lessons
- Reverting selectively to original source material in Arabic from which the Seerah is compiled
- Depending on how we go and if Allah wills we may continue with the Madinan period



TEXT

From the many good Seerah works available in English, we will use [Abu al-Hasan al-Nadwi's Prophet of Mercy](#), if only to have a base text in hand to follow and on which to build.

Students will be given copies of the relevant sections from this book. For those who want to purchase the book, the edition to purchase is the one [published in 2014 by Turath](#). Discussion and instruction will be based on other predominantly Arabic sources of seerah, including works in the fiqh al-seerah genre, such as [Muhammad al-Ghazali's Fiqh al-Seerah](#), which focus on lessons and meanings extracted from the seerah. A major source from the view of authenticity will be [Ibrahim al-Ali's Sahih al-Seerah al-Nabawiyya](#) which is a compilation of the seerah based only on hasan and sahih narrations. Other English sources will also be used and reference will be made to the original source material as needed—headed by [Ibn Ishaq's Seerat Rasulillah](#), [Ibn Hisham's abridgement thereof](#), [Ibn Sa'd Tabaqat](#) and of course relevant sections from the well-known compendiums of Hadith which relate numerous aspects of the Prophet's life—Allah's abundant peace and blessings be upon him.

WEEK	DATE	SECTION	TOPICS
1	10 Aug 2018	Introduction	Course Intro & Geopolitical sketch of Arabia
2	24 Aug 2018	Pre-Prophethood	The Arab Tribes; The Prophet's Birth
3	07 Sep 2018	Pre-Prophethood	Fijar War; Hilf al-Fudhul; The Noble Marriage
4	21 Sep 2018	Prophethood	Early Revelation; Shama'il al-Nabi ﷺ
5	05 Oct 2018	Years 1-2	The Secret Phase: the Dawah begins
6	19 Oct 2018	Years 1-2	Private Dawah: the first group; Dar al-Arqam
7	02 Nov 2018	Years 3-4	Going Public; Inviting Quraysh
8	16 Nov 2018	Years 3-4	Quraysh responds
9	30 Nov 2018	Years 3-4	Persecution begins
10	14 Dec 2018	Years 5-6	Migrations to Habasha
11	28 Dec 2018	Years 5-6	Hamza & Umar ؓ; going public as a bloc
12	11 Jan 2019	Years 5-6	Addressing society and its leaders
13	25 Jan 2019	Years 5-6	Qurayshi delegations
14	08 Feb 2019	Years 7-8	Persecution intensifies
15	22 Feb 2019	Years 7-8	The Boycott years
16	08 Mar 2019	Years 7-8	Quraysh's last appeal to Abu Talib
17	22 Mar 2019	Years 9-10	The Year of Grief
18	05 Apr 2019	Years 9-10	A Special Journey at a Special time
19	19 Apr 2019	Years 9-10	Expanding the Dawah beyond Makkah
20	03 May 2019	Years 9-10	Seeking Nusrah from the Arab Tribes
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22	21 Jun 2019	Year 11-12	A delegation from Yathrib; First Bay'ah
23	05 Jul 2019	Year 11-12	Mus'ab in Madina; Second Bay'ah
24	19 Jul 2019	Year 13-14	The Prophetic Hijrah
25	02 Aug 2019	Year 13-14	Arrival in Madina