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Homework

the Prophet's traits and accomplishments

Read the following excerpt:

“After watching the lips of his companions turn green from eating leaves and gnawing at animal hides out of desperation for any nourishment, and soon after losing his beloved wife Khadīja (rA) and his uncle Abu Ṭālib, the Prophet ﷺ decided to proceed to Ta'if in hopes to find help and further spread his message.

Some reports say he spent ten days there, and after speaking to its leaders, calling its people to Islam, mobs gathered to drive him out. They made two rows and forced him through them while they hurled obscenities and pelted stones until blood ran down his blessed legs, and Zayd b. Ḥarīthah's head was gashed.

He ﷺ departed full of grief and did not relax until he found a tree on which he rested. He lifted his head up and noticed a cloud above his head shading him, in which he found the Angel Jibreel. He called out to him ﷺ, saying, ‘Allah has heard your people’s speech to you and how they have replied, and Allah has sent the Angel of the Mountains to you that you may order him to do whatever you wish to these people.’ The Angel of the Mountains greeted him ﷺ and said, ‘O Muhammad, order what you wish, and if you like, I will let the two mountains fall upon them.’ I said, ‘No, rather I hope that Allah will bring from their descendants people who will worship Allah alone without associating partners with Him.’” Even in that darkest hour, all this compounded anguish still did not break the Prophet ﷺ’s perseverance.”

- 1 What does this excerpt tell you about the traits of the Prophet and how they may have helped him achieve the accomplishments reviewed in class? Why would it be difficult to combine such traits and feats in a single individual?
- 2 Based on the Prophet’s ﷺ response, do you feel you have a responsibility to carry on his message? In what ways can you do so?