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send peace and blessings upon Muhammad, his family, and his Companions.

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To See The Prophet ﷺ In One's Dreams

Q What is the correctness of the *Hadith* reported from the Prophet ﷺ

«مَنْ رَأَى فَقَدْ رَأَى»

“Whoever sees me (in his dream), then he has in fact seen me”

And another *Hadith* that says:

«مَنْ رَأَى فَقَدْ حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْهِ النَّارُ»

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What do they signify?

A The first *Hadith*, in which the Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ رَأَى فَقَدْ رَأَى الْحَقَّ»

“Whoever sees me (in his dream), then he has in fact seen me.”^[1]

— is authentic, and there are various wordings for it, in one narration:

«مَنْ رَأَى فِي الْمَنَامِ فَقَدْ رَأَى فَإِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَا يَتَمَثَّلُ فِي صُورَتِي»

“Whoever sees me in his sleep, then he has indeed seen me, for the *Shaytan* cannot impersonate me in my appearance.”^[2]

And in another:

[1] Al-Bukhari no. 6996 and Muslim no. 2267.

[2] Al-Bukhari no. 110.

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“Whoever sees me in his sleep, then he has in fact seen me, for the *Shaytan* cannot impersonate me in my appearance.”^[1]

There are many different wordings for this *Hadith*, and each one confirms that the *Shaytan*, the enemy of Allâh, cannot take on the Prophet's appearance, and so when a person has a dream about the Prophet ﷺ, he has truly seen him in the dream.

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“Ghurbatul-Islam”

Q What is the meaning of the *Hadith*:

«بَدَأَ الْإِسْلَامُ غَرِيبًا وَسَيَعُودُ غَرِيبًا كَمَا بَدَأَ فَطُوبَى لِلْغُرَبَاءِ»

“Islam began strange and it will return strange, so good news is for the strangers.”^[2]

A It means that Islam was strange and new for people in the early days of Islam, in Makkah and Al-Madinah — not many people knew of it, and fewer still believed in it and practiced it. After that it spread and people entered the fold of Islam in droves, and it was victorious over all other religions. But

[1] Ahmad 2/261.

[2] Muslim no. 145.