

To see the Prophet in a dream

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Our Shaykh! I saw the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) in a vision three different times, what is therefore the interpretation of my dream?

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee (*May Allaah the Most High preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

Know that if the features of the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) seen in a dream are in conformity with those during his existence in this world, then he saw the truth. Because the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) said:

“Whoever sees me in a dream then he indeed has seen the truth, as Satan cannot appear in my shape”¹

In another version

“Whoever sees me (in a dream) then he indeed has seen the truth”²

because to see him (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) while sleeping is not true only if the known features are in conformity with the characteristics of the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), and if they are not conform; they are only just mixed up false dreams and a manipulation of Satan. Satan takes another shape and makes the person who is unaware of the features of the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) in this world think that it is his shape, whereas it is not. For this reason, when a man tells Ibn Seereen (*May Allaah have mercy on him*) that he saw the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), he tells him: “Describe to me what you have

¹ Reported by Al-Bukhaaree, chapter of “Knowledge” (hadeeth 110) and “Good manners” (hadeeth 6179), by Muslim, chapter of “Vision” (hadeeth 6056), by Ibn Maajah, chapter of “Dream interpretation” (hadeeth 4034), by Ahmad (hadeeth 7367) on the authority of Aboo Hurairah (*May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him*).

² Reported by Al-Bukhaaree, chapter of “Interpretation” (hadeeth 6996), by Muslim, chapter of “Vision” (hadeeth 6058), Ahmad (hadeeth 22096) and by Ad-Darimi (hadeeth 2195) on the authority of Aboo Qataadah (*May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him*).

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seen” and if he mentions to him a feature that he did not know (of the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*)), he tells him: “You did not see him”³. By this way, we can know who has really seen the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) and the one to whom Satan makes think that he has seen him.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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³ Al-Bukhaaree narrated it in *As-Saheeh* with a chain of narration which lacks a narrator or more, chapter of “Chapter of interpretation” (3/449). Al-Haafidh Ibn Hajar (*May Allaah have mercy on him*) said in *Fath al-Baaree* (12/465): “We have been reported this hadeeth with a *Mausuul* (linked) chain of narration on the authority of Ismaaeel Ibn Ishaq Al-Qaadhi, its chain of narration is authentic”. See: *As-Silsilah as-Saheehah* (1-6/517) by Al-Albaanee.