

# Trustworthiness

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*As-salámu ‘alaikum wa rahmatul láhi wa barakátuh!”*

*“A-úthu billáhi minash shaytánir rajeem. Bismilláhir rahmánir raheem.*

*Al hamdu lillahi nahmaduhu wanasta’eenahu, wanastagh-firuhu, wanatoobu ilayhi, wana’oothu Billaahi min shuroori an-fusinaa, wamin sayyi aati a’maalinaa.*

*May- Yahdillahu fa huwal muhtad, wa may- yudlill falan tajidaa lahu waliyan murshida. Wa ash-hadu an Laa ilaaha ill-Alláh, wahdahoo laa shareeka lah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan ‘abduhoo warasooluh”*

**In the Name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Compassionate.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In previous sermons we talked about lying. Let us today look at the attribute of trustworthiness and what it means in a life of a believing person.

Trustworthiness is an attribute of Allah Himself, as the Qur’an says:

***“He is Allah—there is no deity but Him. He is the King, the Most Pure, the Perfect Peace, the Trustworthy, the Safe guarder, the Almighty, the Compeller, the Supremely Great. Glory be to Allah above all that they associate with Him.” (Al-Hashr, 59:23)***

It is also a well know fact that the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) had a nickname El-emin, the trustworthy one, even before becoming the Prophet of Allah (SWT).

It was the fair and loyal conduct of the prophet (SAW) that earned him this attribute and we should take him as an example and earn the nickname of trustworthy in our own communities.

Believers themselves should be the epitome of a trustworthy person. If we look at the lives of all the Prophets, we will see that they were all the best believers and therefore perfect exemplars of trustworthiness. If we look at the Qur’an, we can see that Allah (SWT) refers to the other Prophets using the same words:

The people of Noah denied the Messenger. Prophet Noah asked them: **“Will you not fear God and avoid evil? I am a trustworthy Messenger to you”** (26:105–7).

Trustworthiness is also an essential quality of all angels with an emphasis on Gabriel. The Qur’an describes Gabriel as **“one obeyed and trustworthy”** (81:21).

We have received our revelation the Qur’an through the trustworthy angel Gabriel and trustworthy Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Angel Gabriel related the Qur’an from Allah (SWT) and the prophet recited and instructed us in it.

***“God commands you to give the trust to (the charge of) those qualified for them, and when you judge between men, to judge with justice. How excellent is the teaching which He gives you! Truly God is All-Hearing, All-Seeing” (4:58).***

According to Allah’s (SWT) Messenger, breaching a trust is a sign of the end of time: **“When a trust is breached, expect the end of time.”** When his

Companions asked how a trust would be breached, he answered: **“If a job or post is assigned to the unqualified, expect the end of time.”** (Bukhari)

Through his truthfulness, trustworthiness, and other laudable virtues, Allah’s Messenger left an indelible mark on people of all ages. His every word and deed proclaimed his role as Allah’s Messenger that he was sent to guide people to truth, to bring them out of the darkness of ignorance and savagery, slavery and immorality, into the light of knowledge, high morality, love, compassion and true freedom.