

Chapter Thirty-Nine

Section in relation to the sign the blessed height of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

1. Imam Ibn Abi Khaythamah (d. 279AH) in his Tareekh (history), Imam Baihaqi (d. 458 AH) and Imam Ibn Asakir (d. 571 AH) الرِّضْوَانُ عَلَيْهِمُ extracted a narration from Sayyidah A'ishah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا who stated that, "The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was not extremely tall and nor extremely short. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would be described as being medium heighted when he (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) would walk alone. Whenever an individual who would be described as tall would walk with the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would be taller than him. Many times, there would be two tall men on both sides of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would be seen to be taller than them. When the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would be away from them then he (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) would be described as being medium heighted.

Imam Ibn Sab'a (d. 558 AH) رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ mentions this in his Khasaais and he added that when the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would be seated, his (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) blessed shoulders would be higher than all those seated in the gathering.