
From the humility of the Prophet- (صلى الله عليه وسلم)

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On the authority of Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه)¹ who said: Jibrael (عليه السلام)² sat with the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)³ and he looked up to the sky, and there was an angel descending. Jibrael said to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم): This angel has never descended until this time since he was created.

So when the angel descended he said: 'O Muhammad, your Lord has sent me to you: Shall I make you a king or slave & Messenger?'

Jibrael (عليه السلام) said to him: 'Be humble for your Lord O Muhammad!'

So the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: 'No, but rather a slave & Messenger.'⁴

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² (عليه السلام) (alaihis-salaam) Peace be upon him

³ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁴ Siisilah al-Ahadeeth as-Saheehah no. 1002