

Rewind and reflect

Episode 5

THE
OTHER
SIDE



Summary

This episode explores the deep connection Muslims have with the Prophet ﷺ and how we can be closer to him—not just in dreams, but in our daily lives. While some are honored with seeing him in their sleep, the true measure of devotion isn't a vision—it's living like him ﷺ every day. By following his teachings, embodying his character, and sending *salawat*, we open the door to a deeper connection in this life and eternal companionship in the next. Allah may bless you to see the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ tonight—if you live like him today.

Discussion questions

- 1 How do you become someone who is honored enough to see the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in your dreams?
- 2 Why do you think Anas ibn Malik continued to yearn for him so deeply after spending so much time with the Prophet ﷺ? What does this tell us about the impact of the Prophet's ﷺ character and his teachings on those around him?

Application

Apply what you watched in a concrete way to help deepen your understanding.

This Ramadan, choose one Sunnah to bring into your daily life and embody the characteristics of the Prophet ﷺ. You can visit the sick to bring comfort, use a *miswak* to maintain cleanliness, or sleep on your right side as the Prophet ﷺ did. Break your fast with dates and water, just as he would, and increase in *qiyam al-layl* to strengthen your connection with Allah. Smile at others, recite morning and evening *adhkar* (remembrance of Allah), and give generously—following the Prophet's ﷺ unmatched kindness. Speak only good or remain silent, and bring *barakah* into your life by making *du'a* before and after every action. Which *sunnah* will you start this Ramadan?

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather family and friends.
2. Watch **The Other Side, Episode 5**.
3. Read through this guide and discuss the questions provided.
4. Reflect, and grow together in faith.
5. Repeat for **all 30 episodes**.

Shamaail

Characteristics and physical traits of the Prophet ﷺ.

Salawat

To invoke peace and blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ. Saying a simple phrase such as, *Allahumma salli 'ala Sayyidina Muhammad*. (O Allah, send blessings upon our leader, Muhammad).

HISTORICAL FIGURES/EVENTS

Anas ibn Malik

Anas ibn Malik wasn't just a servant—he was a witness to the Prophet's ﷺ mercy, a keeper of his words, and a heart that never stopped longing for him. He served the Prophet ﷺ for ten years, never once hearing a word of frustration. Even 90 years after the Prophet's ﷺ passing, his love remained so strong that he said, "I swear by Allah, a night does not pass except that I see my beloved in my dreams." [Musnad Ahmad #13267] He carried the legacy of the Prophet ﷺ, narrating over 2,000 *hadith*, ensuring that his teachings lived on. His life is proof that true love never fades—it only grows.

Activity

The Prophet ﷺ said: “There is no one who sends *salaam* upon me, except that Allah returns my soul to me so that I could return his *salaam* to him.” [Sunan Abi Dawud #2041]

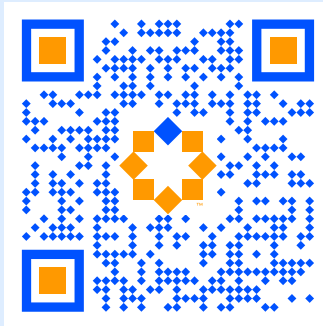
While keeping this *hadith* in mind, find time in the day to mindfully send *salawat* upon the Prophet ﷺ. This could be after one of the daily prayers, before *iftar*, or while sitting in the *masjid*.

Parent tip

When discussing this topic with children, focus on the idea that meeting Allah is a beautiful and joyous reunion, like finally seeing a loved one after a long time apart. Explain that this life is a journey where we try our best to be kind, do good deeds, and prepare for that special day. Reassure them that Allah is the Most Loving and the Most Merciful, and He wants us to live in a way that brings us happiness in this world and the next.

Learn more

Watch this video, discuss, and reflect. Click here or scan this QR code.



References

The Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever sees me in a dream has truly seen me, for Satan cannot assume my form.” [Bukhari]

Allah and His angels bless the Prophet—so, you who believe, bless him too and give him greetings of peace. [Qu’ran, 33:56]

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