

What is Khatam-e-Nabuwwa and
What are Characteristics of the
Finality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)?

Introduction:

Finality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the integral part of faith. Without its conviction through words and through actions, faith of an individual is incomplete. The one who believes in the oneness of God and finality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is a true believer. The book revealed on Prophet (PBUH) is also the last message of Allah and prophet (PBUH) himself is the last messenger of Allah. He is source of guidance for all people until the end of the universe. There would be no prophet after him.

ختم نبوت داہستاج سجایا

The crown of finality of prophethood
میرے نبی محمدؐ نے دیں تھیلا یا was adorned

My prophet (PBUH) spread the deen

(Mian Muhammad Baksh : Saiful Maluk)

Khatam-e-Nabuwat

Lexical meaning of khatam:

Khatam means, "to stamp a seal."

Meaning of Khatam-e-Nabuwat:

Khatam-e-Nabuwat means the prophethood which began with apostal **Adam (A.S)** has come to an end with prophet **Muhammad (PBUH)**.

Al-Aqib (is the one of the names of Prophet (PBUH) which means the last of prophets.

Evidence of Khatam-e-Nabuwat from Hadith

Prophet (PBUH) said:

"The difference between me and the chain of prophets preceeding me is that of a man who builds a house and builds it beautifully and leaves the place of size of a brick in the corner of wall and

When a spectator moves
about the house and sees
the gap then, know that
I am that brick and
I am khatam-un-nabiyyeen."

Characteristics of finality of prophet (PBUH)

Every prophet was given certain miracles and certain unique characteristics according to the nation and requirement of time. Hence, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the last prophet so he was given characteristics showcasing his finality.

a) Finality

Prophet (PBUH) is the last prophet of Allah. No prophet would come after him. One who claims of prophethood after him is a liar and pagan. He himself said

انا خاتم النبيين لا نبي بعدي

I am the last of prophets, there is no prophet after me.

b) Universality

Allah has sent Prophet (PBUH) towards all nations, all people and all followers of previous prophets.

قل يا ايها الناس اني رسول الله

Say, O mankind, I am prophet of Allah

عليكم قيصا

sent towards you all.

(Al-Quran: Saba)

c) Mercy towards all

Prophet (PBUH) has been sent by as a mercy towards all in all worlds. It is evident from ahadith that on the day of judgement all prophets would ask their followers to look forward towards prophet (PBUH) for forgiveness. Hence, he is rahma towards all.

وما ارسلنا الا رحمة للعالمين

And we have not sent you except a mercy towards all.

(Al-Quran)

d) Annulation of previous Shariah:

With the advent of islam, all existing sharia's were annulated. The only religion remained is islam preached by Prophet (PBUH)

ومن يتبع غير الاسلام ديناً

And whoever selects deen except islam

فلن يقبل منه ٥

it would not be accepted from him.

(Al-Quran: Al-e-Imran)

e). Completion of Message

Allah has conveyed his message in complete form through prophet (PBUH). It would be source of guidance till the day of judgement.

اليوم اكملت لكم دينكم

Today, we have completed your deen for you

واقمت عليكم نعمتي

and have bestowed upon you blessing

ورفقتكم الاسلام ديناً ٥

and have choosen for you islam as deen.

(Al-Quran: Al-Maidah)

f) Protection of Book

Allah has taken the responsibility for the protection of book revealed upon prophet (PBUH). While, all previous books are not in their right form.

انّا نحن فنزلنا الذكر

Indeed, we have revealed upon you book

وانّا له حافظون

and we will protect it.

(Al-Quran : Al-Hujr)

g) Protection of Hadith

One of the distinguishing characteristics of finality of prophet (PBUH) is that his actions and his words are protected via strategic approach.

Books of Hadiths are

- Sahih Bukhari
- Sunan Abu Dawud
- Sahih Muslim

etc.

h) Muqam-e-Mehmud

Muqam-e-Mehmud is the special place that would only be given to prophet (PBUH) on the day of resurrection.

“O Muhammad (PBUH) say the prayer of night, for you it is a reward. Hopefully, your Lord will bestow you with muqam-e-mehmud.”

(Al-Quran: Al-Isra)

Conclusion:

Khatam-e-nabuwat is the attribute, only associated with Prophet (PBUH). He is the seal of prophets. There would be no prophet after him. Belief in the finality of prophet (PBUH) completes iman and pleases Allah Almighty.