

How were the Prophet's manners towards plants?

The Prophet, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), also recommended Muslims to take care of plants by planting them well and caring about them. He banned burning plants and trees even if in time of wars and prevented people from making water or excreting on plants or grass or in their shadows. In this respect he, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), said: "Avoid the three cursed dangers: Excreting: in running water, in the middle of the road and in shade" .(1)

Prophet Muhammad, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), recommended planting more trees, he said: "Even if it's time for resurrection day while you are carrying a palm seedling, plant it."(2)

As for solid bodies, the Prophet, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), treated them as if they were human beings. He said about the mountain of Uhud in Mecca: "Uhud loves us and we love it too" .(3)

He also asked people to divide their inheritance of lands among them fairly, in this respect, the Prophet, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), said: "He who takes a span of land unfairly in his life, he will be neck banned by seven lands in return in the Hereafter" (4). He also ordered people to walk on land peacefully, modestly and be so down to earth thinking deeply of God's graces, not to walk on land proudly and boastfully like tyrants, as God says:

31:18. "Nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, God likes not any arrogant boaster".

God also says:

25:63. "And the (faithful) slaves of the Most Gracious (God) are those who walk on the earth in humility and sedateness".

This is because people know very well that they will be surely buried in this land. They should know that the former good and bad people who lived before them, existed on this land which hid their bad deeds and was very proud of their good deeds. In this respect a former Muslim believer called Al-Baji, mentioned in his authentic that he said: "A mountain asks another "Did anyone who remembers God pass you today? If the answer is yes, the mountain becomes very pleased".(5)

(1)It was narrated by Abu-Da'wood after Ibn Wahb.

(2)This hadith was narrated by Imam Ahmad after Anas Ibn-Malik.

(3)It was narrated by At'tabrany after Anas Ibn Malik.

(4)This hadith was narrated by Al-Bukhary and Muslim after Sa'id Ibn-Zayd.

(5)This hadith was narrated by Ibn-Mas'oud