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THE FAREWELL SERMON OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD

Under the scorching Sun, on the plains of Arafat, Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ) delivered his final sermon (Khutbah). There were almost fourteen thousand Muslims present with the Prophet (ﷺ) during his last pilgrimage when he delivered his last Sermon.

During the Hajj of the year 632 C.E., the ninth day of Dhul Hijjah, the 12th month of the lunar year (Islamic year), at Arafat, the most blessed day of the year. This is ten years after Hijrah (migration from Makkah to Madinah) in the Uranah Valley of Mount Arafat.

His words were quite clear and concise and were directed to the entire humanity. Even today the Last Sermon of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) is passed to every Muslim in every corner of the world through all possible means of communication. Muslims are reminded about it in mosques and in lectures. Indeed the meanings found in this sermon are indeed astounding, touching upon some of the most important rights God has over humanity, and humanity has over each other. Though the Prophet's (ﷺ) soul has left this world, his words are still living in our hearts.

After praising, and thanking Allah he said:

"O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore, listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today.

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

“Ballighuu ‘anny walau ayah”

“Convey from me, even if it is one Ayah”

(Shahih Al Bukhari)

O' People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord, and that He will indeed reckon (count) your deeds.

Allah has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. Allah has judged that there shall be no interest and that all the interest due to Abbas ibn 'Abd'al Muttalib (Prophet's uncle) shall henceforth be waived.

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

O' People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

O' People, listen to me in earnest, worship Allah, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in Zakat. Perform Hajj if you can afford to.

All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor does a black has any superiority over white except by piety(Taqwa) and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one

brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before Allah and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O' People, No prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the QURAN and my example (the SUNNAH) and if you follow these you will never go astray.

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O' Allah, that I have conveyed your message to your people”.

Following version was revealed on this day:

”الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا“

”...alyawma akmaltu lakum deenakum wa atmamtu AAalaykum niAAamatee wa radeetulakumu al-islama deenan...”

”...this day have I perfected your religion for you, and have completed My favour upon you, and have chosen Islam for you as your religion...”

Surah Al-Maeda [5:3]

(Reference: See Al-Bukhari, Hadith 1623, 1626, 6361) Sahih of Imam Muslim also refers to this sermon in Hadith number 98. Imam al-Tirmidhi has mentioned this sermon in Hadith nos. 1628, 2046, 2085. Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal has given us the longest and perhaps the most complete version of this sermon in his Masnud, Hadith no. 19774.)

The Final Sermon of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)

Narrated by Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens).

"O' People, Listen to my words carefully,
For I know not whether after this year,
I shall ever meet you again at this place,
O' People , Your lives and your property are
sacrosanct(untouchable)
Until you meet your lord.
As are this holy place, this holy day, and this holy
month,
Remembers, that you will indeed meet your lord
And answer for your deeds. So beware.
Whoever of you is holding a trust,
Let him return it to its rightful owners.
All usury(Interest) is abolished,
Your capital however is yours to keep.
Wrong not, And you shall not be wronged.
All Bloodshed from the Pagan Age of ignorance,
Is to be left un-avenged.
O' People, the devil has lost all hope of ever being
Worshipped in the land of yours,
Nevertheless he will try to mislead
You in smaller matters,
Beware of Him, therefore for the safety of your
religion.
Time has turned and it is as it was,
The day that God created the Heavens and the Earth.
The number of months is twelve, four of them are
holy,
In which War and Fighting are forbidden.
O' Man, You have your rights over your wives,
And they have rights over you,
It is your right that they do not fraternize(associate)
with,
Anyone whom you do not approve.
But if they do, Allah has permitted you to isolate
them
Within their homes, and chastise (discipline) them
without cruelty.
And if they abide by your rights then they have the
Right to be fed and clothed in kindness.

Do treat your women well, and be kind to them,
For they are your partners and committed helpers,
You have taken them as a trust only from Allah,
And you have their enjoyment only by his permission.
So Listen to me and earnest O' People
And Reason well,
I leave behind me two things,
The Quran And my Examples(Sunnah)
If you follow them you will not go astray.
O' People, Listen to my words,
Know that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim,
And that all Muslims constitute one brotherhood.
It is only lawful to take from a brother what
He gives you willingly, so wrong not yourselves"
Then Prophet (saw) then face the heavens and said,
"Be my witness O' Allah,
That I have conveyed your message to your people"

It was then that some of the final words of
The Quran were revealed.

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