



The Emigration of the Prophet: An Edifice (to be emulated) and a Gift

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah Who has sent unto us the seal and last of the Prophets. Who has made him a mercy unto the entire created universe. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love, adoration and worship, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe.

To Continue: I advise you, dutiful servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to a heartfelt consciousness (Taqwa) of Allah. For He, the Most Gloriously Transcendent, states:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ يُؤْتِكُمْ كِفْلَيْنِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

O you who have believed, fear Allah and believe in His Messenger; He will [then] give you a double portion of His mercy and make for you a light by which you will walk and forgive you; and Allah is Forgiving and Merciful. [Qur'an: ٥٧: ٢٨]

O Muslims:

We are coming upon a tremendous event, remembering the Hijrah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to Madinah. Although this happened over ١٤٠٠ years ago, his Hijrah was the beginning of a tremendous movement of human civilization. One that placed its value on the morals of humanity, embedding therein the foundations of true moral living and mutual tolerance and forbearance. For the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) made Hijrah from Mecca to Madinah after the verse of Allah had been revealed unto him: **وَقُلْ رَبِّ ادْخِلْنِيْ مُدْخَلَ صِدْقٍ وَّاَخْرِجْنِيْ**

مُخْرَجَ صِدْقٍ وَّاَجْعَلْ لِّيْ مِنْ لَّدُنْكَ سُلْطٰنًا نَّصِيْرًا

And say, "My Lord, cause me to enter a sound entrance and to exit a sound exit and grant me from Yourself a supporting authority." [Qur'an: ١٧: ٨٠]

So the people rejoiced with his arrival (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) with an immense joy. Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates: The day in which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) entered into Madinah, everything became illuminated. And peace was the first thing the Prophet

(peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) made supplication for after his arrival, as narrated by Abdullah ibn Salam (may Allah be pleased with him) who states: ‘When the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) entered into Madinah, the first thing he said was: **يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ**

“O people, spread peace amongst you (i.e. both its greeting and its reality)” [Tirmidhi]

Hence he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) summoned them to peace, for Allah loves peace, for He Himself is Peace (i.e. His Name *al-Salam*) and desires for His servants to live in peace and harmony. For it is only through peace that civilizations can be built and societal prosperity can be established. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) thus spread peace amongst inhabitants of Madinah, instilling love between their hearts, as Allah says:

لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلْفَتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ
أَلَفَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

And brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allah brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise.

[Qur'an: ٨:٦٣]

The Prophet then joined the emigrants of Mecca and the inhabitant companions of Madinah in a pact of brotherhood. About this, Allah says:

يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِمَّا
أُوتُوا وَيُؤْتُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ

And [also for] those who were settled in al-Madinah and [adopted] the faith before them. They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. [Qur'an: ٥٩:٩]

In Madinah the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) also had drafted a historic covenant, calling unto mutual solidarity amongst Muslims and others, placing as its foundation the instituting of justice and prevention of oppression. For inscribed in it was written: “The Muslims shall be collectively against those who oppress and shall come to the aid of the oppressed”. This is a central principle upon which all legal traditions and religions are based, hence Allah orders us in the Qur'an, stating:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ

Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct

[Qur'an: ١٦:٩٠]

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) then decreed in the covenant of Madinah the right of its

inhabitants, safeguarding for them the right of freedom, despite the differences that were there of ethnicities, lineage, religion and languages. Amongst what was inscribed in this covenant were the words:

وَأَنَّهُ مَن خَرَجَ آمِنًا، وَمَن قَعَدَ بِالْمَدِينَةِ آمِنًا

Anyone who leaves is safe, and anyone who resides in Madinah is safe.

So the citizens of Madinah, both its Muslims and the non-Muslims, lived in safety and security. How much is the world today in need for the likes of this covenant? Is there not a need to apply its principles in safeguarding both rights and obligations for all?

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) completed his constructing in the illuminated city of Madinah the foundations of the highest statement of virtue and ethics. He instituted therein mutual assistance and assurance as an outstanding feature between all sectors of society. Thus he (peace and blessings be upon him) said: خَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ

The best of people are those most beneficial to the people. [Tabarani]

And in this manner Madinah went on to become united in its cooperation and cohesion, in its mutual love and compassion, just as buildings support each other and collectively constitute the foundations of a civilization.

O Believers:

Just as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) cultivated in Madinah the construction of human morality, he gave importance to the physicality of buildings that helped nurture such faith. Thus as soon as he arrived at the outskirts of Madinah he began to develop this, by laying the foundation of the Masjid of Quba, which Allah has praised by stating:

لَمَسْجِدٍ أُسِّسَ عَلَى التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْ أَوَّلِ يَوْمٍ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَقُومَ فِيهِ فِيهِ
رِجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَطَهَّرُوا وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ

A mosque founded on righteousness from the first day is more worthy for you to stand in. Within it are men who love to purify themselves; and Allah loves those who purify themselves. [Qur'an: ٩:١٠٨]

Thereafter the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) built the mosque of Madinah, the noble Masjid al-Nabawi. He then set into place the detailed construction and layout of the city, delimiting its boundaries, constructing its paths and streets. Prior to this, the city more resembled a scattered oasis in a spacious desert. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) wanted his city to be distinguished as a place and environment of purity (both inwardly and outwardly), hence he urged its community to remove that which was harmful from its roads and to take care in cleaning and purifying their homes.

O Muslims:

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) strove after his arrival in Madinah to increase its production of goods, its trade, and the prosperity of its economy. He took all the means that would lead to an increase in all of these things. Hence he summoned the society to effort and work, such as farming the land, benefitting from its produce. Thus when he saw a woman working in her orchard (of date palms), he (peace and blessings be upon him) said: لَا يَغْرِسُ مُسْلِمٌ غَرْسًا، وَلَا يَزْرَعُ زَرْعًا،

فَيَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ إِنْسَانٌ وَلَا دَابَّةٌ وَلَا شَيْءٌ؛ إِلَّا كَانَتْ لَهُ صَدَقَةٌ

Never does a Muslim plant, or cultivate a land, and out of it people eat, or animals eat, or anything else eats, except that this becomes charity on his behalf.

[Sahih Muslim]

Similarly the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) made supplication that Allah bless the providence of Madinah and the work of its people, so he said:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَهُمْ فِي مِكْيَالِهِمْ، وَبَارِكْ لَهُمْ فِي صَاعِهِمْ وَمُدِّهِمْ

O Allah! Bestow Your Blessings on their measures, and bestow Your Blessings on their Sa' and Mudd [standards of measure]. [Sahih al-Bukhari]

Thus Madinah became an exemplar as a market of ethical trade. This remit of honourable trade as embodied by its inhabitants the further spread to the adjoining lands to its east and west. In all of this are

lessons and an example for whoever wishes to emulate the ways of the best of mankind.

So we ask Allah that he bring us to remember the prophetic Hijrah in its spirit of goodness and facilitation, in the establishing of true happiness and felicity. And may He assist us all in the way of piety and obedience. Piety towards His trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), and may He bless us with the ability to be dutiful towards those He has commanded us to be dutiful towards, in accordance with His words: **O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.** [Qur'an: ٤:٥٩]

May Allah bless me and bless you with the Noble Qur'an and with the Way (Sunnah) of His Noble Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). I say this, and I seek forgiveness for me and for you, so seek His forgiveness, for He is the All-Forgiving and the All-Merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love, adoration and worship, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect

example of dutiful servanthood towards Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon him; his family; all of his companions; and whomsoever follows and seeks to emulate him in the best of ways till the Last Day. I advise you, O servants of Allah, and myself, with Taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

O Muslims:

Indeed the reality of Hijrah is the leaving aside of that which Allah has commanded us to forsake, as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

المُهَاجِرُ مَنْ هَجَرَ مَا نَهَى اللَّهُ عَنْهُ

The Muhajir is the one who forsakes (Hajara) that which Allah has forbidden to him. [Sahih al-Bukhari] So the reality of Hijrah is the Hijrah from evil and to distance oneself from it, desiring in its place the good, and loving to acquire it. This is from the best of character, the character that Allah has sent our Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) to perfect and complete, as he (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ

Indeed I have been sent to perfect the nobility of character. [Muwatta of Imam Malik]

From this character is also mutual tolerance and love, mutual support in living and affection, as well as the expending of oneself in seeking peace for all of

mankind. This is of the most noble of human traits, and it was made manifest in such a clear manner in the Hijrah of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the one we have been commanded to send our peace and blessings upon, as Allah says: **Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.** [Qur'an: ٣٣:٥٦]. So, O Allah, bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon our Master, our Prophet and upon his family and all of his companions. And may Allah be pleased with the Righteous Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali; and the noble companions of the Prophet, the Sahaba, may Allah be pleased with all of them. O Allah, we ask You for soundness in our faith, and trust in good character, and a true success that will be followed by eternal bliss. O Allah, we ask You for Your mercy, for true prosperity, for Your redemptive forgiveness and Your pleasure. O Allah, make us from those who are obedient, respectful, those who venerate their parents, honoring their mothers and their fathers, embodying excellent character towards their families and wider societies.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good. O Allah, we seek Your favour in

granting him continued good health and care. O Allah, we also ask You to grant success to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, we ask You to forgive all of the Muslims, both the men and women, the living and dead. O Allah, bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to the mercy of their Lord. O Lord, grant them from your abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Allah, we ask you to admit them into Paradise, being given bounties therein without being taken to account. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whosoever may have a right upon us.

O Allah, we ask You, from your loving kindness, for the immensity of your forgiveness, for the reward of all righteousness, for the safety and protection from all sin. O Allah, we ask you for the ultimate success in attaining Paradise, and the ultimate respite in being saved from the Fire. O Allah, do not allow us to sin except that You forgive us, nor to have any worry except that you relieve us therein, nor for any debt to come upon us except that You see it compensated, nor for there to be any sick amongst us except that You see them healed. Let there be no dead, except that You have covered them in Your mercy, and let there be no pressing need, amongst any of us, except that You see it met and fulfilled. O most Noble of the Noble, You

are capable over all things, and You are the most generous in responding to those who call upon You.

We ask You, O Allah, the Lord of all domains, to continue blessing the UAE with stability, welfare, increase in its bounties, knowledge, civilization, happiness, beauty and tolerance. O Allah, please continue blessing it with safety and security. O Allah, have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our nation and gather them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the Prophets. O Allah, make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives with the righteous. Indeed, You are ever-responsive to those who call upon You. O Allah, grant to the people of Yemen that which is good, and unite them upon that which is True and Sacred, and provide for them all manners of prosperity, O most Noble of the Noble.

O Allah, spread peace and security amongst all the Muslim nations, and the entirety of the world. O our Lord, we ask You for the best of this World, the best of the Hereafter, that You will protect us from the punishment of the Fire, and that You enter us into Your paradise with the righteous. Indeed You are the Most Generous and Most Forgiving.

O Servants of Allah: Remember Allah, the Majestic, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessings and He will increase you therein. And establish the prayer. **So stand up for prayer.**