



The Hijrah of the Prophet and Values

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of the Heavens and the Earth, who made the Hijrah of the Prophet a historical event and a lesson to be learned from I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him, and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true. [Qur'an: ٩:١١٩]

O Believers: We give you the glad tidings of the new Hijrah year. On this occasion we recall a great event which is the Hijrah of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) from Mecca to Medina.

This event represented a key point in the trajectory of civilization for humanity. This was an event in which key values of faith, morality and humanity were disclosed to mankind for all to see. From amongst these values of faith is the embedding of certainty in the hearts of believers, their having a good opinion of Allah and supporting His religion. So, when Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) said to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): "If

someone just looks under his feet they will see us", the Prophet responded by saying: **"What do you think of two, the third of whom is Allah?"** [Bukhari and Muslim]

From the values of good character that were manifest in the Hadith on Hijrah, is the value of honoring trusts and returning property and its rights back to their people. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was known for honoring his trusts even before revelation, hence when the command came to make the Hijrah, he handed back any trusts and items he had back to the people of Mecca. This he did by commanding Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) to return all properties and trusts he had in his absence. This value has been confirmed by the Qur'an, which emphasized the obligation of safeguarding trusts, as Allah says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا

Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due. [Qur'an: ٤:٥٨]

Rendering trusts is important, regardless of whose trusts they are, or what religion they follow. One of the scholars is reported to have said: There are three things that we are obligated to adhere to from righteousness: trusts, oaths and our family relations.

The Hijrah also established human principles and promoted tolerance amongst humanity. So, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) took the aid and support of a non-Muslim guide in the form of Abdallah ibn Urayqit, to help assist them in their journey. They trusted in his skills and in his trustworthiness and did not discriminate against him. The Hijrah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon

him) set into place the foundation for a new society in Medina, a society that would be built on the foundations of faith and goodly character, and the cooperation of all human beings. So, O Allah aid us in this new year, and give us all an increase in goodness, happiness, prosperity, health, wellbeing and safety.

I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows him in the best of ways.

O Believers: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) instilled the lofty values of pardon, tolerance, mutual love and coexistence in the society of Medina. So, peace was the first thing that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) called people to, saying:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ

"O people, spread peace amongst each other" [Tirmidhi]

So, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) urged people to peace and harmony. In fact, Allah Himself tells us how He joined between the hearts of people of Medina who were previously in opposition towards one another. So, he says:

وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ

And brought together their hearts. [Qur'an: ٨:٦٣]

So, the values of forgiveness, love, mercy and affection prevailed, and Madinan society became united through this, as though they were a [single] structure joined firmly. This

was a fulfilment of the saying of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

"The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe, and the Muhajir (Emigrant) is the one who forsakes that which Allah has forbidden to him."

[Bukhari and Muslim]

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. and guide them to all that is good and what pleases You. O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace. O Allah have mercy on the martyrs, and grant their families with patience and a great reward. And have mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. And continue perpetuating blessings and bounties upon the UAE. O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah, bless us, bless us, bless us. O Allah: Give us in this life that which is beautiful and in the next life that which is beautiful, and save us from the fire. Remember Allah and He will remember you, Stand up for prayer.