

THE WISDOM OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S MIGRATION

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا.
مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ؛ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our obedience towards Allah the Almighty by doing everything that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. Hopefully, our lives will be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and in the hereafter.

Allah the Almighty mentioned in the Quran in Chapter 2 (Surah Al-Baqarah), verse (ayat) 218:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَرْجُونَ

رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٢١٨﴾

Which means: *Those who believed and those who suffered exile and fought (and strove and struggled) in the path of Allah, they have the hope of the Mercy of Allah: And Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are at the beginning of *Muharram*, the first month of 1439 *Hijriah*. Its arrival reminds us of the migration (*Hijrah*) of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) from Makkah to Medina. The Prophet's migration was the turning point for the propagation of Islam (*da'wah*) and the struggles to uphold the Islamic state.

Hijrah brought a lot of goodness to all mankind. Islam would not have spread to the whole world, if there was no migration of the companions and preachers.

Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) migration succeeded in producing an excellent community of believers for the success of Islamic civilization as permanently documented in the Quran in Chapter 8 (Surah Al-Anfal), verse (*ayat*) 74:

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ ءَاوُوا وَنَصَرُوا أُولَٰئِكَ
هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ

Which means: *But those who have believed and emigrated and fought in the cause of Allah and those who gave shelter and aided - it is they who are the believers, truly. For them is forgiveness and noble provision.*

Hijrah is a process of changing from bad to good. Therefore, we should take lessons from it in order to produce believers who are pious, knowledgeable, and civilized, as outlined by the Qur'an and the *Hadith* of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Hijrah has also changed the way of life among the ignorant (*jahiliyyah*) from being astray to being people who believe in Allah. We must strive to show the best example to non-Muslims because the present behavior of Muslims does not reflect Islamic behavior. Today, Muslims are leading in drug abuse, corruption, and incest and we are behind in education and economy.

Let us reflect on the description of Muslims at the time of the Prophet (pbuh) which was explained by Jaafar bin Abi Talib to the King of Ethiopia when he migrated there. Jaafar said: "O King! We were once a nation of ignorance. In those days we worshipped idols, ate carcasses, did

evil things, severed family ties, disregarded neighborly laws, and oppressed the weak. We remained so until Allah the Almighty sent to us the Messenger. We knew his lineage, honesty, and trustworthiness. He guarded his honor and invited us to worship Allah the Almighty alone.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Indeed, *Hijrah* has produced a community that helps and respects each other, loves to do good, hates evil, is willing to sacrifice, and has great character. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 8 (Surah Al-Anfal), verse (*ayat*) 63:

وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلَّفْتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ
وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٣﴾

Which means: *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*

Therefore, let us make this *Hijrah* (migration event) as a motivating factor to live the life that is pleasing to Allah the Almighty in this world and in the hereafter.

Allah the Almighty mentioned in the Quran in Chapter 9 (Surah Al-Taubah), verse (*ayat*) 20:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ أَكْبَرُ دَرَجَةً
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

Which means: *Those who believe, and suffer exile and strive with might and main, in Allah's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of Allah: they are the people who will achieve (salvation).*

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ
اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ،
فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ.