

BEGINNING OF MUHARRAM: THE *HIJRAH* (MIGRATION) OF THE PROPHET

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ اللَّهُ 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 وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Today, we enter the month of *Muharram*, the first month in the *Hijri* calendar. It has become customary in our country to remember the great event of the migration of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him [PBUH]) from Mecca to Medina in this month. It became the starting point for the rise of Muslims as a sovereign society.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The migration of the Prophet (PBUH) and his companions was the beginning of the establishment of the Islamic state. It was not just a physical migration, but also a change in the way of life that formed a great civilization. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) migrated not out of fear of the Quraysh polytheists, but out of obedience to the Divine command to establish the religion

of Allah the Almighty more widely, as He says in the Quran in Chapter 4 (*Surah An-Nisa* ') Verse (*ayat*) 100:

وَمَنْ يُهَاجِرْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يَجِدْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُرَاجِمًا كَثِيرًا وَسَعَةً

Which means: “*Anyone who migrates for Allah’s cause will find many a refuge and great plenty in the earth...*”

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companions left their homeland, property, and family in order to save the Islamic faith and build a stronger Islamic society in Medina based on justice, brotherhood, and unity.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The migration of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from Mecca to Medina was not a hasty act, but rather it was carried out in a very planned and strategic manner to avoid obstacles from the Quraysh and for the safety of the Islamic *da'wah* (propagation of Islam). The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) only migrated after revelation of the command to migrate and after receiving support from the *Ansar* in Medina through the *Bai'ah* (Pledge) of *Aqabah*.

The Prophet (PBUH) also chose *Saidina* Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) as his loyal, honest and very trusted assistant and traveling companion. This is very important because many leaders fall due to internal betrayal by people they trust or are close to.

The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) also acted wisely by choosing a route that was rarely traveled by people during the migration so that he would not be detected by the enemy. In addition, he also received logistical support from trusted assistants such as the children of *Saidina* Abu Bakr, namely Abdullah and

Asma, to provide information and food. Amir bin Quhafah, the servant of Abu Bakr and Abdullah bin Uraiqit, also helped to ensure that the journey of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) went smoothly and safely.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The main priority of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) when he arrived in Medina was to build a mosque and establish brotherhood among Muslims. The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) united the *Muhajirin* and *Ansar*. First, he established brotherhood among the *Muhajirin* who had migrated from Mecca to Medina. He then established brotherhood and reconciled the long-standing dispute between the *Aus* and *Khazraj* tribes of Medina as the *Ansar* (helpers of Allah's religion). After that, brotherhood was established between the *Muhajirin* and *Ansar*. Thus, the strength and unity of the Muslims of Medina increased under the Islamic leadership of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH).

The strong spirit of brotherhood of the *Muhajirin* and *Ansar* was proven when they shared their wealth, homes, and love among themselves. This is a model of unity that has never happened in human history. Allah the Almighty praises those who show great brotherhood and sacrifice as recorded in the Quran in Chapter 59 (*Surah Al-Hashr*) Verse (*ayat*) 9:

وَيُؤْتِرُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ

Which means: "...They give them preference over themselves, even if they too are poor:..."

This is the spirit of love and sacrifice between brothers of the same faith that became the basis of the strength of the Muslims in Medina. For example, when the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) paired Sa'ad bin Ar-Rabi' from the *Ansar*

with Abdul Rahman bin ‘Awf from the *Muhajirin*. Sa’ad bin Ar-Rabi’ offered half of his wealth to Abdul Rahman bin ‘Awf. However, Abdul Rahman politely declined the offer and only accepted a small amount of business capital. This illustrates the extraordinary sacrifice of Sa’ad bin Ar-Rabi’, who prioritized his brother over himself.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) strengthened the spirit of brotherhood and sacrifice among the companions through the development of strong faith and belief. This kind of guidance made them the best generation. The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim:

لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يُحِبَّ لِأَخِيهِ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ

Which means: “None of you believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.”

This *hadith* shows that the core of building true brotherhood which demands love, sincerity, and concern for fellow Muslims comes from perfect faith producing an exceptional *Rabbani* (spiritual) generation.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From the lessons of the migration of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in today’s *khutbah* (sermon), we can conclude that:

1. The migration of the Prophet (PBUH) and his companions was the beginning of the establishment of a sovereign Islamic state.

2. The Prophet (PBUH) made careful preparations and plans so that the mission would be successful and not hindered by the enemy. This shows that making the best plans is required by Islamic law.

3. Building the strength of the *ummah* (community) through the spirit of Islamic brotherhood and sacrifice was among the main actions of the Prophet (PBUH) upon his migration to Medina.

The event of the *hijrah* (migration) teaches us that the strengths of the Islamic faith, the unity of brotherhood and sacrifice carried out with determination and careful planning, are the pillars of strength and excellence of the *ummah* (community). Allah the Almighty also granted high status for those who migrated for the sake of Allah as mentioned in the Quran in Chapter 9 (*Surah At-Tawbah*) Verse (*ayat*) 20:

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ أَكْظَمُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ۚ

Which means: *Those who believe, who migrated and strove hard in Allah's way with their possessions and their persons, are in Allah's eyes much higher in rank; it is they who will triumph;*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.