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Assalamu alaikum

Venue: *Dar-us-Salaam*

Date: Sunday, 2nd July 2000

Time: 3 p.m.

Topic: Our Prophet—Our Role Model

Parting years of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)



When Allah's help and victory comes, And you see men entering the religion of Allah in companies, Celebrate the praise of your Lord and ask His forgiveness. Surely He is ever returning to mercy. (110: 1-3)

These verses were revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) following the conquest of Makkah. It is said that Hazrat Umar (rta) asked other companions the significance of these verses but none of their explanations satisfied him. Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas, being only a youngster, was reticent. However, Hazrat Umar encouraged him to speak. Hazrat ibn Abbas said that these verse contained the prophecy of the passing away of the Holy Prophet Muhammad.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad had not performed the Haj since his migration to Medina. He thus determined to perform the Haj and this was announced throughout Arabia. He also asked his wives to accompany him on this Haj. His first prayer as he proceeded to Haj was: **"O Lord we present ourselves to you. You have no associ-**

ate. We are present. All praise and blessing are due to You. Yours is the Kingdom and You have not associate." Muslims also recite this prayer in commemoration at the time of 'Id al Adha only.

After a journey lasting nine days, he arrived at Makkah. When the Kabbah came into view, he prayed: "My Lord, honour and exalt this house." At the place of Ibrahim, he said a salaam and then recited the verse: "And make the place of Ibrahim, a place of prayer." When he arrived at Safah and Marwah, he recited: "Safah and Marwah are the signs of God." When the Holy Prophet viewed the Kabah from this position he recited another prayer: "There is no God except Allah. He has no associates. His is the Kingdom and all praise is due to Him. He causes you to die and His is the power over every thing. There is no God but He. He fulfilled His promise and He helped His servant and defeated the tribes."

The following day the Holy Prophet arrived in the plain of Arafat. Here he addressed the gathering and laid down the ever lasting rules for the life of a Muslim.

He said: "This day all traditions and rituals of the days of ignorance are trodden under my feet. O people, without doubt your God is one God and without doubt you all belong to one family. Remember this well, the Arab has no superiority over the non-Arab, and the non-Arab has no superiority over the Arab, neither does the red have superiority over the black, or the black over the red, except in righteousness. **O Muslims, every other Muslim is your brother.** As for your slaves, give them to eat of what you eat and give them to

wear of what you wear. Today all revenge for murders committed in the days of ignorance is forsaken. And the first to be forsaken is the blood of the son of Rabiah bin al Harith of my own family. Today, all interest due on loans taken in the days of ignorance is forsaken. And first of all I forsake the interest due to my family.

"O people, in your treatment of women be afraid of Allah. You have rights over them, but they too have rights over you.

"O people, just as this day is a sacred day in this month and this is a sacred city, **in the same way the life of your brothers and their property is sacred to you from now to the last day.**

"O women, when your husbands entrust their property to you, do not let others use it without their permission.

"**O people, guard against excess in religion for this was what destroyed the earlier communities.** Ask me this day regarding the ritual of Haj for I know not if I shall be among you for the next Haj.

"When God created the heavens and the earth, this is how it was. Today, time has returned to the same point.

"Remember there are twelve months in the year. Of these four are Holy. Three consecutive Holy months are Zul-Qiddah, Zul-Haj and Muharram and the fourth the month of Rajb."

The Holy Prophet then asked people if they knew what day it was. The congregation replied: "Surely Allah and His Messenger know best." The Holy Prophet then

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remained silent for a while and then said: "Is this not the day of the sacrifice?" The gathering replied: "Without doubt." The Holy Prophet then asked: "What month is this?" The people again said: "Surely, Allah and His Messenger know best." The Holy Prophet kept silent for a while. Then he said: "Is this not the month of Haj?" The people said: "Without any doubt." He then asked: "What city is this?" Again, people said: "Surely, Allah and His Messenger know best." After a short silence, the Holy Prophet said: "Is this not the Holy city?" Then he was silent again, and a hundred thousand people looked and wondered why these questions had been asked. At last the Holy Prophet spoke and said: **"Your lives, your property and your honour are sacred for each other in the same way as this day and this month and this city is sacred to you."**

"O people, do not become transgressors after I have gone and start to kill each other. You will be presented to your Lord one day and He shall ask you about your deeds.

"Do not forget, that each person is responsible for his own actions. The children are not responsible for the excesses of their parents and the parents are not responsible for the misdemeanours of the children."

"Even if a slave is appointed your leader and he acts in accordance with the Book of Allah then it is your duty to obey him.

"O people, today the devil has despaired, for here, in this city of yours, he shall not ever be worshipped. However, if you follow him in even small matters, this will please him.

"Worship your Lord only and say your salaah five times a day. Fast for one month. And if you carry out my commandments then you shall enter heaven."

He then asked the gathering: "Have I delivered the Lord's message?" To which the people replied in unison: "That you have." The Holy Prophet then looked up to the heavens and raised his finger and

said: "My Lord, bear witness." **He then asked those present to repeat his message to those who were absent.**

Shortly after that, he said: "O people, I too am a mortal. It is possible that the angel of death shall soon come and I will have to accept death. **I leave two important things with you. The first is the Book from Allah which has guidance and light. Hold fast to the Book of Allah. The second, is my family. I remind you regarding them.**"

While the Haj was being performed, the following verse was revealed: "Today, your religion has been perfected for you and Allah has completed His favour on you." Together with the verses quoted at the beginning, this showed that the Holy Prophet had completed his earthly mission. It had been eight years since the battle of Uhud, the only battle in which Muslims had to fend off attack by swords and spears their bare hands. In fact because Allah had declared them to be ever living their funeral prayers had not been said. The Holy Prophet visited the last resting place of the martyrs of Uhud and prayed for them. He then addressed the crowd and said: **"I do not fear that you will again associate others with Allah. I do fear that you shall become tainted by the world and that you will fight each other for material benefit. Then, like the earlier people, you too will be destroyed."**

A few days later the Holy Prophet fell ill and when it became impossible for him to lead prayers, He appointed Hazrat Abu Bakr as the imam in his place. After a few days, the Holy Prophet felt better and went in to the mosque. After the prayers he spoke to the people: "There was a man Allah gave a choice. He could choose this world or what God has in His hand. That man chose what God had." Upon this Hazrat Abu Bakr started crying and people wondered about the reason for his tears. The Holy Prophet continued: "The one who favoured me with his wealth and his companionship is Abu Bakr. If I had to choose a friend from amongst my

ummah, it would have been him. However, **he is a Muslim and that is a greater bond between us.** Let no door open into my mosque, except that of Abu Bakr. And remember this well; people before you made the graves of their prophet and elders places of worship. Never do so, for I forbid it."

Later on the Holy Prophet said: "O people, remember my words regarding the Ansar (Helpers). Muslims shall increase in numbers until a time when the likeness of the number of Ansar shall be that of salt in your food. They have done their duty to me. Now, it remains for you to do your duty to them. They are a part of my body. Your rulers should accept those from among the Ansar who are righteous and try to forgive those who err."

At a later time, he called his daughter and aunt and addressed them thus: "O daughter of the Messenger of Allah and O aunt of the Messenger of Allah! Do some thing in the way of Allah for your own selves for I shall not be able to save you."

The day before he passed away, the Holy Prophet refused his medication because of its taste. However, when he was unconscious, some people gave it to him. On regaining consciousness, he realised that he had been given the medication. He raised his head and said: "I think that its only fair that all of you should be made to drink it." He had not lost his sense of humour even though death was so close.

On his last day, the Holy Prophet started to feel restless. Hazrat Fatimah, his daughter, found this distressing. However, the Holy Prophet comforted her saying: "After this day, your father shall not be restless." He then continued to recite: "And with those upon whom you granted favours. The Lord is my best companion." As death approached he said: **"Remember prayer and kind treatment of slaves.** And now there is no one but the Ever Lasting Friend." Then our beloved prophet spoke no more.