

ADVICE FROM THE FAREWELL HAJJ

The Farewell Hajj (Hajjatul Wadā') was a momentous occasion in the blessed life of Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam.

When Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam expressed his intention to set out for Hajj, more than a hundred thousand of his Sahābah (Radhiyallāhu 'Anhum) began preparing and flocked from far and wide to accompany him.

This Hajj was a unique one, a moving Madrasah and Khanqah, with Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam taking every opportunity to teach and mould his Ummah.

The noble Sahābah meticulously recorded every aspect of this blessed journey. As a result, the Ummah is fortunate to have in-depth details of this journey, the rites of Hajj, and what proved to be the parting advice of their beloved Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam.

On "Yaumun-Nahr" (the 10th of Zhul-Hijjah), Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam delivered a sermon; pearls of advice for you and I. Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam, amongst others, emphasized the sanctity of a Muslim.

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Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: "O people! What day is this?" They replied: "A sanctified day." He then asked: "What place is this?" They replied: "A sanctified place." He further asked: "What month is this?" They replied: "A sanctified month." Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam explained: "Verily, your blood, wealth, and honour are Harām (sanctified) upon one another as is the sanctity of this day, place, and month."

Everyone understands the sanctity of Makkah Mukarramah (or Mina) , Zhul Hijjah and the day of Eid. With this comparison, Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam sought to emphasise the honour granted to a believer.

While we may not unnecessarily kill or maim our fellow Muslims, do we consider their wealth and honour as being sacred? We will cheat, dupe, and even steal to make some quick money. We are careless regarding the money entrusted to us. We think nothing of backbiting a fellow Muslim and tarnishing their honour or forwarding some rumour which could cause them harm. We do not defend or support them against the disbelievers whenever we can.

Allāh Ta'ālā says: Whoever respects the things that Allaah has made sacred, then this (respect) will be best for him with his Rabb (because Allaah will reward him for it)" (Qur'ān Karīm, 22/30).

Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam mentioned: "A Muslim is the brother of (another) Muslim. He does not deceive him, nor does he lie to him, nor desert him..." (Tirmidhi, 1927)

At this time, around the world, the lives and honour of our fellow Muslims are being violated. This should never be far from our minds or become standard to us. Be it in Gaza, Sudan, or elsewhere, this should be intolerable to us. We should offer assistance and always remember them in our Duaas.

May Allāh Ta'ālā protect our lives, wealth, and honour, and that of the entire Muslim Ummah. May He guide us towards respecting and protecting one another as taught to us by Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam. Āmīn.



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