

*Oh Prophet, We have sent you as a witness, news bearer and a warner and as someone who invites people to God by His permission and a shining Lamp" (33:45-46). Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who was sent to mankind as a news bearer and a warner for he spoke the truth and did not invent something of his own. The purpose of this article is to confirm the statements made by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during his farewell address during the last pilgrimage (10 AH). After praising and thanking God, the Messenger said, "Oh people, listen to my words carefully for I know not whether I will meet you on such an occasion again."*

## TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Sermon: "Oh people, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Remember that you will indeed appear before God and answer for your actions."

Quran: *"If anyone killed a person unless it is for a murder or spreading mischief on earth it would be as if he killed the whole mankind, and if anyone who saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of whole mankind" (5:32). "Then on that day not a soul will be wronged in the least and you shall but be repaid in the needs of your past deeds" (36:54).*

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Sermon: "Return the things kept with you as trust (*amanah*) to their rightful owners."

Quran: *"If one of you entrusts (something) the one who has been entrusted with it should hand over his security and he should heed God and not hide any testimony. Anyone who hides it has a sinful heart" (2:283).*

## INTEREST (RIBAH)

Sermon: "All dues of interest shall stand cancelled and you will have only your capital back. Allah has forbidden interest, and I cancel the dues of interest payable to my uncle Abbas ibn Abdul Muttalib."

Quran: *"You who believe fear God and write off anything that remains outstanding from lending at interest if you are (true) God and His Messenger If you repent you may retail your principal do not wrong and you will not be wronged"* (2:278).

## TREATMENT OF WIFE (SPOUSE)

Sermon: "Oh people, your wives have a certain right over you and you have a certain right over them. Treat them well and be kind to them for they are your committed partners and committed helpers.

Quran: *"Provide for them the rich according to his income and the poor according to his means, a provision according to the custom. This is an obligation for those who act kindly"* (2:236).

*"Treat them politely even if you dislike them,. Perhaps you dislike something in which God has placed much good"* (4:19).

## WARNING ABOUT SATAN

Sermon: "Beware of Satan, he is desperate to divert you from the worship of God so beware of him in matters of your way of life."

Quran: *"Verily Satan is an enemy to you so treat him as an enemy. He only invites his followers that they may become companions of the blazing fire"* (35:6).

## BROTHERHOOD

Sermon: "Oh you people listen carefully. All the believers are brothers. You are not allowed to

the things belonging to another Muslim unless he give it to you willingly."

Quran: *"Believers are but brothers so set things right between your brothers and fear God so that you may find mercy"* (49: 10).

## SUPERIORITY IS ONLY IN PIETY AND SUBMISSION

Sermon: "Oh people, no one is higher than the other unless he is higher in obedience to God. No Arab is superior to a non-Arab except in piety."

Quran: *"The most honored among you in the sight of God is (he who is) the most righteous of you and God has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things)"* (49:134). *"Who can be better in religion than he who submits his whole self to God, does good and follows the ways of Abraham for God did take Abraham for a friend"* (4:125).

## IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL WE MUST OBEY BOTH GOD AND HIS MESSENGER

Sermon: "Oh people, reflect on my words. I leave behind me two things, the Quran and my example and if you follow these, you will not fail."

Quran: *"And obey God and the Messenger so that you may receive mercy"* (3:132).

## OBSERVE THE PILLARS OF ISLAM

Sermon: "Listen to me carefully. Worship God and offer prescribed prayer, observe fasting in the month of Ramadan and pay the poor-due."

Quran: *"And establish the prescribed prayer, practice regular charity and bow down with those who bow down" (2:43). "Oh you who believe, fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you that you may learn self-restraint" (2:183).*

## DUTIES REGARDING THOSE WORKING UNDER US

Sermon: "Oh people, be mindful of those who work under you. Feed and clothe them as you feed and clothe yourselves."

Quran: *"Act kindly just as God treated you kindly" (28:77). "God has favored some of you over their provisions to those whom their right hand controls so that they become equal (partners) in it. Would they thus disclaim God's favor" (16:71).*

## MUHAMMAD WAS THE LAST PROPHET

Sermon: "Oh people, no prophet or messenger will come after me and no new faith will emerge."

Quran: *"Muhammad is not the father of any of you men but he is God's Messenger and the Seal of Prophets. God is aware of everything" (33:40).*

## OUR DUTY IS TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHET (QURAN)

Sermon: "All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again (and people did).

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Quran: *"Oh Messenger, communicate whatever has been sent down to you by your Lord. If you do not do so, you will not have conveyed his message"* (5:67).

Sermon: Have I conveyed the Message of God to you? asked the Prophet facing towards the heavens. The audience answered in one voice, "You have, God is the witness."

Quran: As the Messenger finished the following revelation came to him, *"Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favors upon you and have chosen for you Islam as the way of life for you"* (5:3).