

THE LAST SERMON OF THE HOLY PROPHET (P.B.U.H)

1) BACKGROUND

- 10th Hijrah, The Prophet felt that his mission was completed and the sublime task accomplished
- Divine indications that he would soon join his Lord. (Surah Nasr)
- He decided to make farewell address on the occasion of Hajj
- All the tribes were informed

2) EVENTS

- Departure from Madina and arrival at Makkah
- Performance of Hajj rituals
- Arrival at Arafat (9 Zil-Hajj)
- The sermon

3) SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SERMON

i. Equality

"All of you are as equal as the fingers of a hand The Arabs are not superior to the Ajamis, nor the Ajamis superior to Arabs."

ii. Rights of wives

"O people! You have rights over your wives and your wives over you. Treat your wives with kindness. You have taken them on the security of Allah and made them lawful unto you by the words of Allah".

iii. Muslim Brotherhood

"O people! Listen to my words and remember that all Muslims are brothers unto one another".

iv. Preaching of Justice

"Guard yourself from committing injustice".

v. No exploitation of the weak

"You will not take your brother's belongings which he will not give you out of good will".

vi. Rights of slaves

"Feed your slaves as you feed yourselves and cloth your slaves as you cloth yourselves".

vii. Bloodshed prohibited

"All bloodshed in the days of ignorance is to be left unavenged".

viii. Islam perfected

"This day have I perfected for you your faith and completed my blessing upon you, and have accepted for you Islam as religion". (AL-QURAN)

4) IMPORTANCE OF THE SERMON

"Never before had a spectacle been witnessed in the annals of world nor had humanity heard such moving words, advocating respect for the humans".

(Bashir-ud-Din Muhammad)

"This sermon on the mount appeals by its practicality and strong common sense to higher minds".

(Syed Ameer Ali)