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فَصِيحٌ خَطِيبٌ

Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (PBUH) is such a Messenger of God who is distinguished by **شان اميت** (Glory of being untutored). He is directly benefited by the teachings of the Almighty God. So, he is honored with **علم لدنى** (the knowledge bestowed by Allah). The Noble Prophet was born in a nation that had a great claim to their articulacy and eloquence. They called themselves as **عرب** that is to say eloquent, and others as **عجم** mean dumb. Therefore, the Quran was made a miracle for them. Arabs were compelled to say that the articulacy and eloquence as well as the smoothness and fluency of this Book cannot be possible for any human being. Certainly this is a Heavenly Book. The greatest miracle of the Quran is that for those who understand it and read it, for them every word of it carries a sea of research and interpretation. While for those who read these Words of God without understanding, they are equally charming and satisfying for them. The persona, on which the Book has been revealed, is holding such **Knowledge of Prophecy** that, can there be any doubts in his **"Eloquence"**? The Noble Prophet says for himself:

وما يمنعنى - وانما انزل القرآن بلسانى - لسان عربى مبين

انا افصح العرب - بيدانى من قريش - و نشأت فى بنى سعد

{ What is the obstacle for me? Indeed, the Quran has been revealed in my Arabic language. **I am more eloquent than all the Arabs.**

Besides, I am from the Quraish tribe. And my brought up was in Banu Saad.
(Ref: al-Jami-ul-Kabir)}

Every hadith of the huge collection of hadiths of the Noble Prophet (PBUH) is a clear evidence of the best expression, articulacy and eloquence. Every statement of the Prophet was such that it was given the honor of being loved and accepted by Allah. Undoubtedly, his following statement is very true:

أَنَا أَفْصَحُ الْعَرَبِ وَالْعَجَمِ

{I am **the most eloquent** in Arab and Ajam}

أُوتِيتَ جَوَامِعَ الْكَلِمِ

{I have been given the ability to express myself better}

Hazrat Aisha says: "The Noble Prophet was the shortest narrator. His speech used to be brief, comprehensive and essential. He used to speak in the style of جوامع الكلم (**Comprehensive Speaker**), in which there would be no nonsense and no mistakes. It seems as if the words are coming one after the other. There would be a pause in his speech so that the listener would memorize his words. He would not speak without necessity. He would never speak anything which is disliked. He would always speak the truth no matter he is happy or not. He would keep away from the person who do not speak good. If he had to name anything which he did not like, he would use its metaphors.

Every word of the Noble Prophet (PBUH) would have such an effect that no one would hesitate to accept his every word and every command without any hesitation or argument and act upon it immediately. In proof of this we have a famous incident in which Hazrat Anas bin Malik says that I used to work for Abu Talha and give alcohol to

the people sitting with him. In those days wine was made from dates. As soon as Abu Talha heard that alcohol has been forbidden by the order of the Noble Prophet, he said to me, "Go out! Take this wine and pour it out." So that's what I did. In the same way, alcohol began to flow in the streets of Madinah that day.

There was the same charm in the **sermons** of the Noble Prophet (PBUH) as there was an articulacy and eloquence in his sayings. Every address of the Noble Prophet would have a great impact. Obviously, such a charming style of expression is possible only because of the grace of God.

It is narrated by Anas bin Malik that one day the Noble Prophet gave a speech. This speech was so much effective that I never heard such a statement before. During the speech, he said, "O people! Whatever I know, if you knew everything of that, you would laugh less and cry more." When he uttered this sentence, the audience burst into tears and put clothes on their faces. In view of this, Prophet's one good name is **ناطق** as well, which means the one who has command on how to talk.

Similarly, Hazrat Asma says that once the Noble Prophet (PBUH) gave a speech in which he described the conditions and events of the grave and the Transitional World. His statement was so effective that the audience was moved to its tenderness and started crying.

His words and sermons would have been so clear and simple that it would have easily acceptable to everyone's mind. It was the result of his expressiveness and eloquence that the religion of Islam rose rapidly and people began to embrace Islam in multiples and after seeing his noble character as well. If even one of the greatest infidels and

polytheists came before him, his words would have overwhelmed him.

While proclaiming his Prophethood, the Noble Prophet (PBUH) in his first sermon, addressed to the Quraish of Makkah and the Arabs and non-Arabs, and he said, "No one who brings news, never lies to his own people. And even if he deceives all the people of the world, but he would never deceive to you people. I swear to Allah! that there is no god other than Allah and I am His Messenger, who has been sent to you exclusively, and to all the other human beings as well. By God! you will die as you sleep and wake up as you wake up. You have to give an account of your deeds. Then the reward of good will be good and the reward of evil will be evil. Then either you will be given Paradise or Hell forever." (Ref: Ibnul Atheer: al-Kamil, page 27).

The **Last Hajj Sermon** of Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (PBUH) is undoubtedly the "**Ideal and Great Manifesto**" of human rights. In Zul-Qa'dah 10AH/632AD, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) intended to perform Hajj. This was the first and the Last Hajj of the Noble Prophet Muhammad. With this reference, it is called "**حجة الوداع**".

Firstly, this was the Last Hajj of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Secondly, the Noble Prophet himself said in this sermon:

وَاللَّهِ لَا أَدْرِي لَعَلِّي لَا أَلْقَاكُمْ بَعْدَ يَوْمِي هَذَا

{This is my last collective meeting with you, you may probably not meet me at this place after that}

In this gathering, around the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) there was a sea of one hundred and twenty-four thousand (124,000) to one hundred and forty-four thousand (144,000) human beings. On the 9th of Zul-Hajja, the Noble Prophet **addressed** all the Muslims in the field of Arafat. This sermon is **the essence of all Islamic teachings**. It is a comprehensive

manifesto of social, political and cultural principles of Islam. The main points of this sermon are as follows:

❖ خطبه حجة الوداع ❖

{ Sermon of the Last Hajj }

- All praise is due to Allah. We praise Him. We seek help from Him. We regret to Him. We repent to Him. And we seek refuge with Allah alone from the evils of our souls and the evils of our deeds. Whoever gets Allah's guidance, then no one can misguide him. And whomsoever Allah sends astray, then no one can show the right way to him. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah. He is the One. He has no partners. And I testify that Muhammad is His Bondman and the Messenger.
- Bondmen of Allah! I urge you to fear Allah and obey Him, and so I begin with this.
- O People! Listen to me. I don't know if I can meet you again in this place after this year. Yes! All the Rules of Ignorance are under my feet today. There is no superiority of Arab over non-Arab and non-Arab over Arab, white over black and black over white, but because of piety.
- The God-fearing man is a believer and the disobedient one is miserable. You are all descendants of Adam, and Adam was made of clay.
- This city is Makkah. This is the month of Zul-Hajja. And today is the day of sacrifice. Just as this day is forbidden in this city of yours, and in this month of yours, in the same way your blood and your wealth and your honor are forbidden to each other.
- Look! Soon you will have to appear before God and He will ask you about your deeds. Be careful! Do not go astray after me and keep cutting each other's necks.

I forget all the quarrels of the murders of Ignorance period. The first blood that is invalidated belongs to the son of Rabia bin Harith Abdul Muttalib.

- If a person has someone's deposit, he should return it to its owner. And if there is any interest, that has been suspended. Yes! You will get your capital. You do not go wrong, and no one will be wronged with you. Allah has decreed that the usury has been abolished. And first of all I invalidate the usury of Abbas bin Abdul Muttalib.
- In this land of yours, Shaytan has become discontented that he is no longer worshiped. Yet, he is very happy to be obeyed in other minor sins. So People! Protect your religion from him.
- The number of months in the Book of Allah are twelve from the day when Allah created the heavens and the earth. Four of them are sacred. Three are Zul-Qa'dah, Zul-Hajja and Muharram, which are in succession, and Rajab is alone.
- O people! Fear Allah regarding your wives. By using the name of God you have made them wives and by the word of God you have made their bodies lawful for you. Your right over women is such that they do not allow others to come to your bed, but if they do, then strike them in such a way that those do not appear, and the right of women over you is that you feed them well. Wear them well.
- Your slaves are yours. Feed them what you eat and clothe them what you wear.
- God has given the right of inheritance to everyone. A will is no longer valid for a heir. The boy is the heir of the one who is born on his bed. Stoning is for the adulterers and their reckoning is with the God.

- It is not permissible for a woman to take from her husband's property without his permission. Debt has to be repaid. Donation to be returned. The guarantor is responsible for the ransom.
- The culprit is responsible for his crime. The son is not responsible for the father's crime and the father is not responsible for the son's crime.
- If an Abyssinian with a severed nose is your Master and he leads you according to the Book of God, then obey him.
- O People! There is no Prophet after me and no new Ummah is going to be born. Listen carefully! That worship your Lord, and perform the five-times daily prayers. In a year, Fast one month of Ramazan. Once perform Hajj to the House of God.
- I leave one thing in you. If you hold strongly to it, you will not go astray. What is that? That is the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah.

After this comprehensive sermon, the Noble Prophet (PBUH) addressing the gathering said:

"O People! on the Day of Resurrection, when God will ask about me, what will be your answer? The Companions said that we would say that he conveyed the message of God and fulfilled his duty. He raised his finger to the sky and said: "O God! You bear witness, O God! You bear witness, O God! You bear witness." And then he instructed that those who are present they should convey these things to those who are not present.

The **Last Sermon** of the Noble Prophet (PBUH) is of great importance in Islam. In this manifesto, the support of any group, any ethnic, national interest, and any personal interest etc. is not even suspected .