

Short Note.

Human rights in the light of  
the sermon of Farewell Pil-  
grimage. (10)

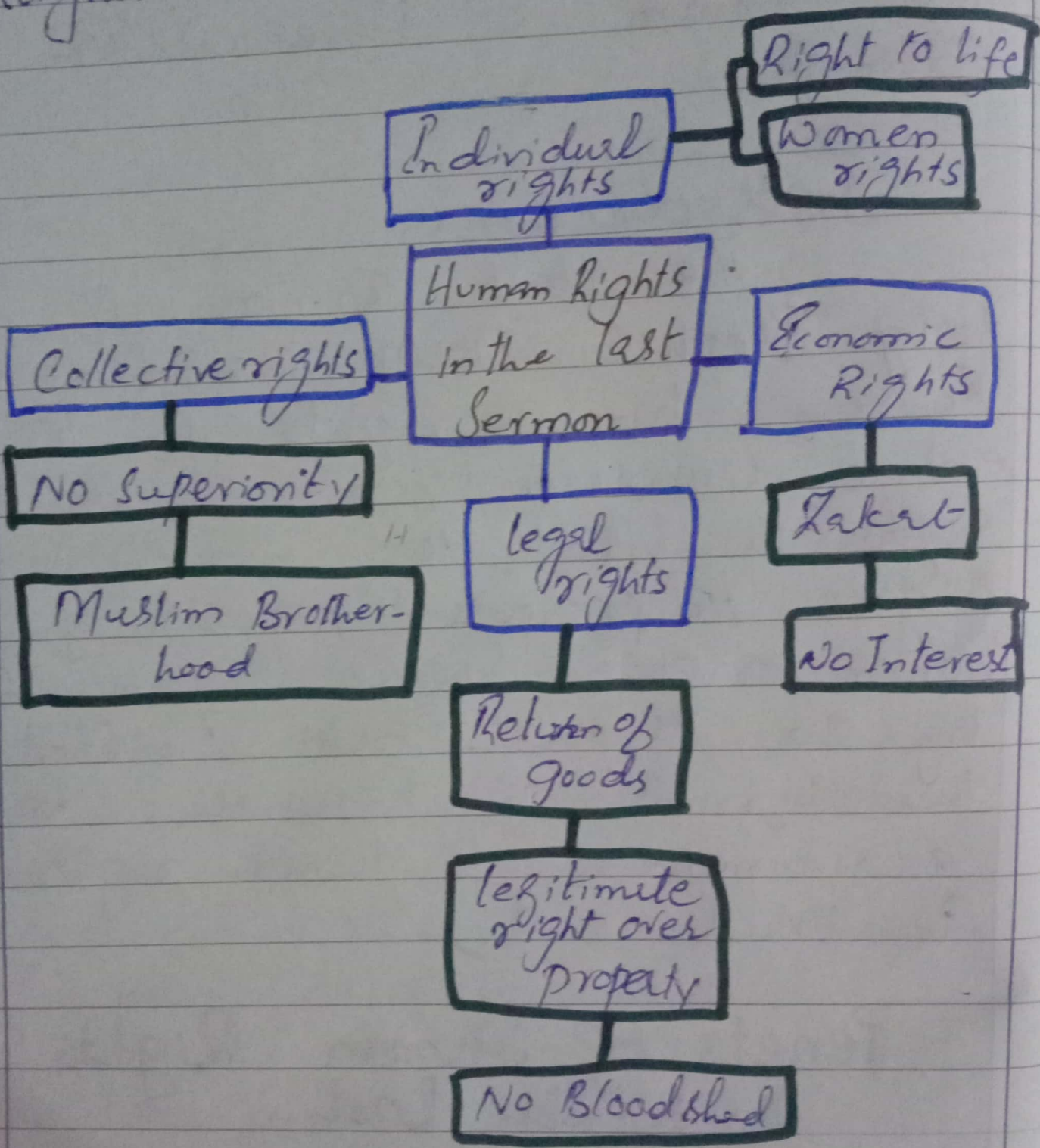
## Introduction.

The last sermon of  
Holy Prophet PBUH under-  
scored human rights for the  
entire universe. From basic  
right to life to women  
rights; different aspects of  
human rights were commended  
by the Prophet PBUH. In short,  
the sermon of Farewell is  
a compendium of human rights  
for Muslims.

## Tenets of Human Rights in the Last Sermon

The tenets of human

Rights in the last sermon were:





## 1- Individual Rights:

### a) Right to Life:

Every one pertains rights to life in Islam. Holy Prophet said in his last sermon,

“Regard the life of every Muslim as a sacred trust”

### b) Women Rights:

In the last sermon, Holy Prophet PBUH under-scored women rights by saying:

“Do treat your women well and be kind to them”

## 2. Collective Rights:

### a) No Superiority:

In Islam, no one is superior over the others except pious and righteous.

In this regard, Holy Prophet PBUH said in the last sermon,

"An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab is superior than an Arab; also a white has no superiority over a Black nor a Black has superiority over a white except by piety and good action"



## b) Concept of Muslim Brotherhood

The Sermon of Farewell Pilgrimage revealed the concept of Muslim Brotherhood.

"The Muslims constitute one brotherhood" — The Holy Prophet PBUH.

## 3. Economic Rights.

### a) Paying Zakat.

As Allah has already stressed upon paying Zakat to alleviate conditions of the poor. Holy Prophet PBUH also said during the last sermon,

"Give your wealth in Zakat"

## b) Prohibition of Interest.

As 'Interest' is an economic tool which can deteriorate financial conditions of man. Thus, the last sermon prohibited Muslims for interest,

"All interest obligation shall be waived"

## 4. Legal Rights:

### a) Return of Goods:

Holy Prophet PBUH said,

"Return the goods entrusted to you to do their rightful owners"



## b) Legitimate Rights over Property.

Every muslim pertains a legitimate right to his property and goods.

“Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly” - Holy Prophet PBUH

## c) No Bloodshed.

The last sermon prohibits bloodshed in Islam. Holy Prophet PBUH said,

“Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you.”

## Conclusion.

The last sermon of the Holy Prophet is a light of human rights for Muslims. Hence, it is considered as 'The Charter of Human Rights.'