

The last Sermon of the Holy Prophet (SAW) is the basic document for awakening of "conscious of mankind for human rights". Discuss

Introduction :-

Human Rights were firstly presented in a charter form by Prophet (SAW) about 1400 years ago. Though human Rights was a famous slogan during European revolutions. One of the biggest Platform of 21st century "United Nations" also gave United Nations Human Declaration Charter in 1949 which discuss basic human rights, in 1949. In contemporary world among many challenges one is human Rights which can be corrected by renaissance of Last Sermon of the Prophet (SAW).

Last Sermon of the Holy Prophet (SAW) and Basic Rights for mankind :-

Holy Prophet (SAW) delivered his farewell speech when he did last Hajj in 632 AD at Makkah. In this sermon he concluded his 23 years preachings. The sermon entirely covered all important aspects of man's life. Holy Prophet (SAW) briefly explained the rights and duties of Muslims. One can follow those teachings irrespective of religious believes in order to achieve peace and sustainability in society.

In the sermon, certain rights, with some restrictions in life and obligations are explained precisely. In the beginning of Hujjat Mayyat - Ta' - Wada, he (SAW) said;

O People, Listen to what I say, I do not know that whether I will ever meet you again in this month at this place.

Certain set pieces of Advice of Holy Prophet (SAW) are as follows:-

① Right of sanctity of life and Property:-

Holy Prophet (SAW) emphasized on the dignity of man's life and his property and it is obligatory for others to fully respect and protect one's life as well as property. As (SAW) said,

O People, your blood and property are as sacred as this place, this day and this month of Dhul - Hajj.

The right of property protection of life and property is a wake up call in this unstable and unrest society.

Now life is worthless and the annexation of property has become common which is leading society towards anarchy.

② Be Honest with your promise 6 -

He (SAW) said;
I have told you. One who has entrusted with belongings of other, he must return the trust to the deserving one / entrusted.

Major challenge which is facing today by all mankind is like of trustship. Rich people are exploiting poor. It is important to ratify the issues.

③ Abolition of Riba

He (SAW) was against Riba, as many Quranic verses have revealed on Riba. He emphasized on Islamic banking system which is interest free.

He said;

Riba is prohibited, beginning from me, firstly I remit the interest of Abbas bin Abdul-Mutlab, he had to receive. Now Riba is remitted entirely.

④ Protection of women rights

Womens have special rights in Islam as He SAW said;

Fear Allah, in case of women, they are given to you on the security of Allah and their person ^{lawful} onto you by the will of Allah. They should keep the sanctity of your honour and if they commit an act of impropriety, punish them but not severely and if refrain then feed and clo.

⑤ Do not kill each other
He (SAW) was feared that muslims might get astray and kill each other
So he SAW said;
You will be returned to resurrection in front of Allah. You will be asked about their you deeds. So do not turn into people who got astray and do not kill each other.

⑥ Equality of all races of mankind
The Arabs were arrogant about their race as it was present in the days of ignorance. He (SAW) advised his Ummah and Arabis are not superior to the Ajamis nor the Ajamis are superior to the Arabis, the standard of superiority is only Taqwa.

⑦ Equity and Brotherhood among Muslims
Holy Prophet (SAW) united Muslim Ummah at one platform and officious them to remain united as follows:-
O People! Listen what I say and keep it in your heart. Muslims are brethren to each other. They are like five fingers of a hand. Do not take something from your brother until one gives you what's with his own wish. and do not do injustice with others.

(8) Right of Inheritance

In Islam right of Inheritance is given to children and Prophet (SAW) said about it as follows: God has commanded all men his share in property, the testament is unlawful in case of prejudice in property sharing.

(9) Protection of life

He (SAW) said;

"Behold, All practices of paganism and ignorance are under my feet. The bloodshed of the days of ignorance has abolished. Firstly, I forgive the bloodshed of Rabi'ah ibn Harith who was nursed in the tribe of Sa'ad and killed by Mudhain tribe"

(10) Elimination of wickedness

Before Islam, Arabs were ignorant, they worship idols and Satan was happy with their activities. After Islam, he became disappointed. So tried to detract muslims. Holy Prophet (SAW) warned people as; Verily, now the Satan has disappointed but he will try to obedience^{you} in matter that are not much valuable to you, only these matter can make him contempt.

In recent era, these acts have become so common such as separation of husband and wife. This is most contempt act of Satan.

(11) Quran and Sunnah :-

Quran and Sunnah are the only source of guidance for Muslim Ummah. Holy Prophet (SAW) said; "I am leaving two things among you, if you grasp them you will never be betrayed and that is Quran and Sunnah".

(12) Observance of Worship of Allah

The advice to whole Muslims till the last day was to worship only one Allah. He said (SAW) said; "Worship Allah and offer prayer and pay Zakat to purify your wealth and if possible do pilgrimage of the Sacred House of Allah and oblige to who are in charge of you then there will be entrance in the Paradise of Allah".

(13) Rights of slaves in Islam

Slaves were given rights after Islam. Holy Prophet (SAW) himself freed many slaves and about their rights he said; "About your slaves, feed them what you feed, clothe them what you clothe and if they commit any mistake which you are not inclined to forgive, part them away, as they are servant of Allah and they must not be treated badly".

(14) Promulgation of end of Prophethood

He promulgated the end of his prophethood as follows:-

"I am not succeeded by any prophet and you are not succeeded by any nation"

(15) Status of Muslim Ummah

Holy Prophet (SAW) preached Islamic teaching for 23 years and ^{always} prayed for his nation. He (SAW) said;

"O' People, who are present teach those who are not present. It is possible that they might learn it in a better way than you"

(16) Testimony of Proclamation

He (SAW) said;

When you would be asked at the last Day about me then what would you say. People replied that you ~~have~~ ^{had} fulfilled your promise and completed your mercy. He (SAW) replied by looking towards sky and people remain within!

(17) Completion of Deen

At Midaan-e-Arafat following verse of Quran was revealed.

أَلَمْ يَكْمَلْ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ إِذْ أَخْرَجْتُم مِّنَ مِّدْيَانَ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ كَافِرِينَ
 أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ

"This day I have completed your Deen and completed my kindness over you and has liked Islam on your Deen". (Al Maidah: 3)

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Conclusion :-

The last sermon of Prophet (SAW) at Madyat is a saviour of mankind in the present era. By adopting the rules and principles which he (SAW) established, the human Rights can be fulfilled.