

Q-"The Last sermon of the Holy prophet (PBUH) is the basic document for awakening of conscious of Mankind for human rights". Discuss.

The Holy prophet (PBUH) delivered his last sermon / farewell sermon on 9 zil Hija in 632 / 10 AH in the Umanah valley of Mount Arafat (Makkah). It is considered as the foremost charter of Human rights in the history of Mankind. Capturing the ethos of the religion, the farewell sermon provides the Muslims with a great lens for viewing the religion of peace. Focusing on the touchstone of faith, the Holy prophet (PBUH) give a universal message of equality, brotherhood, sanctity of life & property, life to safeguarded, abolishment of usury, rights of slaves.

By praising and exalting Allah Almighty, the Holy prophet started the sermon in the following words;

"O' people! Listen to what I say. I do not know whether I will meet you at this place after this year."

1. Right to sanctity of life and property:

"your blood and your property are as sacred as are this day and month (9 zil Hijja) you will surely meet your load. He will ask you of your work. I have told you. He who is entrusted with property belonging to another he should deliver his trust to whom it belongs."

2. Right to inheritance:

"your Lord has ordained to every man the share of his inheritance. So, no a testament is not lawful to prejudice of heirs. The child belongs to his parents. And the violator of this wedlock shall be stoned."

3- Riba / usury abolished:

" usury is forbidden, and I make beginning by remitting the amounts of the share which Abbas bin Abdulah Muttalib had to receive. It is remitted entirely "

4- Right to life safeguarded:

" Behold! all the practices of paganism and ignorance are now under my feet. The blood revenge of the days of ignorance are remitted. The fists claim on blood that I remit is that of Ra'bia bin Harith who was being nursed in the tribe of Sa'd and whom Hudhail killed. "

5- Right of wives protected:

" O' people! Fear Allah concerning women. You have taken them in the security of Allah and

have made their persons lawful unto you by the words of Allah. It is incumbent upon them to honour their conjugal rights, and not perform the acts of impropriety which, if they do, you have authority to chastise them, yet not severely. If your wives refrain from impropriety, then feed them and clothe them properly. "

6- FOUR MONTHS DECLARED SACRED:

"Time has grown as it was when Allah created the heavens and the earth. A year is of twelve months, four of which are sacred months. Three of which are successive, they are Dhul Qa'dah, Dhul Hijjah and Al-Muharram. The fourth month is Rajab which comes between Jumada and Shaaban. "

7. Right to Equality and Brotherhood in Muslims:

"O' people!, listen to what I say and take it to heart. you must know that every Muslim is the brother of another Muslim and that all Muslims are brethren. It is not fair to any man to take anything of his brother except what is given with one's own free will. So, do not do injustice to one another."

8. Do not kill each other:

"you will go back to be resurrected to your Lord. There, you will be accountable for your deeds. So, do not turn into people who go astray & kill one another."

9 - All Mankind is Equal:

"All of you are from Adam and Eve. An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab or a ^{not} non-Arab has any superiority over Arabs. Also a white has no superiority over a black nor a black has any superiority over white except for piety and good conduct."

10 - Right to slaves to kind treatment:

"Your slaves! See what you feed your slaves with such food as you eat, and clothe with such stuff you wore; and if your slave commit a fault and ~~is~~ for which you are not inclined to forgive, then part them from you, for they are the servants of your word, and are not to be ~~the~~ harshly treated."

11- Responsibility of Criminal to his own shoulder not on his relative:

"A wrongdoer does not wrong another for him except for himself. So let no one will be blamed for acts of his father or his son. Verily, Satan has despised utterly been despised of being worshiped in the city of youis. But he will be obeyed by you in acts you will be considered as of no value. Satan is contented even by these acts."

12- Obedience to Religion:

"O' people! I am not succeeded by a prophet and you are not succeeded by any nation, so I recommend you to worship your head, to pray the five prayers, to fast Ramadan, to offer zakat of your provisions willingly. I recommend you to perform pilgrimage to the sacred House of your Lord head, and to obey who is in charge of you, and you

will be awarded to enter
into the paradise of your
road. "
