

## Lessons from the Khutba (Sermon) of Prophet Muhammad in the farewell pilgrimage

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**1-“Listen to what I say.** I do not know if I will see you again after this year in this place.” Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) knew that his time on earth is limited, and wanted to complete his mission and teach the Muslims the principles of their faith and the rites of worship. He said: (Take your rites after me). **“O Prophet We sent you as a witness, a bearer of glad tidings and as a warner”** Al-Ahzab 33: 45. **“We have sent down to you the message that you may explain clearly to the people what is sent for them, and that they may reflect.”** An-Nahl 16: 44. **“O messenger proclaim the message which has been sent to you from your Lord.”** An-Nesa’a 4: 67. The prophet is dead, but his message is alive. It is our duty to deliver the message of the Qur’an and explain to those willing to listen: **“Say: “This is my way, I invite to Allah with clear insight and conviction, I and those who follow me.”** Yousseff (Joseph) 12: 108

**2-Your souls & possessions are sacred:** It is not allowed for one to shed the blood of another, or to take another person’s possessions. They are sacred as this day is sacred, in this sacred month, in this sacred place. The Qur’an states: **“Do not kill the soul that Allah has made sacred, except through due process of law”** Al-Isra’a 17: 33.; **“If one kills one person, unless it be for murder or spreading mischief on earth, it would be as if he killed all mankind, and if he saved one life it is considered as if he saved all of humanity”** Al-Ma’ida 5: 32.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Everything that a Muslim holds dear to him: his life, possessions and family, is sacred and to be safeguarded; it is enough evil and sin that a Muslim humiliates his brother Muslim) Abou Dawood

We should not treat non-Muslims in a wrong way and should respect their rights as well.

**3-You are going to meet your Lord and He will ask you about your deeds.** There is a day of Judgment, and our fate will depend on our faith and deeds: **“And be aware of the Day when you will be brought back to Allah; then shall every soul be paid what it earned, and none shall be dealt with unjustly”** Al-Baqara 2: 281.

**“Let me not be in disgrace on the Day when they will be raised up. The Day when neither wealth nor sons will avail, but only he will prosper that comes to Allah with a sound heart.”** Ash-Shura’a 26: 87-89. A sound heart is a heart that has no evil, hatred, envy or ill-feelings towards others.

**“Indeed the righteous deeds cancel out the wrong deeds; in this is a reminder for the mindful.”** Hud 11: 114

Allah’s justice is perfect and no one is wronged: **“We shall put up scales of justice for the Day of Judgment, so that no soul is dealt with unjustly in the least. Even if there be no more than the weight of a mustard seed We will bring it to account; and enough are We to take account.”** Al-Anbia’a 21: 47. There is no currency on the Day of Judgment except our deeds. We either give some of our good deeds to those we wronged, or we carry some of their bad deeds.

**4-Return what was entrusted to you.** **“Allah does command you to render back your trusts to those to whom they are due; and when you judge between people you judge with justice.”** An-Nesa’a 4: 58.

**“Those who faithfully observe their trusts and their covenants.”** Al-Mumenoun 23: 8

**5-Be good to your wives.** **“O people you have rights over your wives, and they have rights over you.. Fear Allah concerning women, for they are helpless and under your protection”;** **“Live with them on a footing of kindness and equity.”** An-Nesa’a 4: 19; **“And among His signs is that He created for you, from among yourselves spouses that you may find peace and tranquility with them, and established your relationship on the basis of kindness, love and mercy.”** Ar-Rum 30: 21. (The best among you is the best to his wife and family) Termedhi & Ibn Majja

**6-Be aware of the influence of Shaytan (Satan).** Allah will protect His righteous servants