



THE HOLY PROPHET'S ADVICE TO HIS COMPANIONS

(The Holy Prophet (p.b.o.h.) was a paragon of virtues. Like his other qualities, his manner of speech was both endearing and impressive. When it came to eloquence, he had rarely an equal. The sayings and sermons of the Holy Prophet are the treasure house of wisdom as well as of eloquence. They are perfect in style and studded with literary gems of transcendent beauty. See how the Prophet once spoke to his companions☺

“O my people! May be (you think) that death was destined for others and that rights and obligations also devolved on others.

“As if those who die and are put away were only casual absentees and would return to us soon.

“May be we were to stay alive for ever to help ourselves with the legacy of those whom we lower in their graves.

“May be we are totally debarred from learning any lessons and protected against all grievous predicaments.”

The Prophet, continuing his sermon, said:

“Blessed is one whose faults deter him from exposing the faults of others.

“Blessed is one who expends his hard earned wealth in the way of Allaah, seeks the company of the wise and the learned, and mixes without reservation with the poor and the humble.

“Blessed is one who has ennobled his character, purified his heart, and spared his fellow beings from any possible harm coming to them from him.

“Blessed is he who spends his wealth and abstains from loose talk and is facile in following the sunnah and is averse to practices outside the sunnah.

“O my people! Provide for yourselves in advance. By God, the hour of death will come to each one of you and every one of you will leave behind his flock unattended.

“Then God, the Sustainer, will put you questions – direct and straight –

‘Didn’t my Messenger come to you?’

‘ Didn’t he convey My Message to you?’

‘Didn’t I provide you with wealth and fame? What provision did you make for yourself?’

“The man will look to his right and his left and will find nothing. Looking ahead he will see nothing but hell.

“One who can afford to protect himself should do so now even by means of a piece of date fruit. And one who cannot afford even that much should seek protection by speaking a few good words. For one good deed will fetch reward equal to 70 or 700 times.

“May peace be with you and Allaah’s Blessings.”

(The End)

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