

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Friday Sermon

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(Summary of Friday Sermon)

After having greeted all his followers (and all Muslims) round the world – mentioning Reunion Island and the other nearby islands, as well as India, Trinidad and Tobago etc. – with the Salutations of Peace, Hazrat Muhyi-ud-Din (atba) read the Tashahhud, Taouz and Surah Al Fatiha and then said:



The Holy prophet (pbuh) was born on 12th Rabi'ul Awwal. His father was Abdullah son of Abdul-Muttalib and his mother was Amina daughter of Wahab. It was in the year of Elephant, the year when Abraha an Abyssinian at the head of an army marched towards Mecca mounted on elephants in order to attack Mecca and demolish the Ka'aba. The march of elephants frightened the Arabs but Allah sent down a swarm of flying creatures which threw stones on the Abyssinian army. This event marked history for Allah after nominating the Muhammad (pbuh) as prophet, later revealed to him about what occurred to Abraha and his army in the year of his birth. This Surah is none other than Surah Al-Fil (The Elephant: Chapter 105). Allah relates therein how He crushed them and their evil plans.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) came to change the course of human history. His birth was like a spring of light which illuminated the Arabian Peninsula and the whole world.

According to various Quranic verses and prophetic traditions, we see the magnificence of the Prophet, whether in his physical features, and in his character. His physical beauty is comparable to the beauty of the fourteenth moon; and much more! Several of his companions have given details of his physical traits

and his character. The Prophet (pbuh) had a beautiful constitution. He had a white complexion; a splendid white. His forehead was wide, and the place between his eyebrows was bright like pure silver and his eyes were beautiful, and the pupils of his eyes were black. His cilia were abundant. As for his nose, it was thin, and he had a sweet face. His beard was thick, and his neck was beautiful, being neither long nor short, to the point that if the sun hit him, it seemed like a cup of silver mixed with gold. In addition, the space between the shoulders of the Prophet (pbuh) was wide and his hair, which was neither thin nor curly, almost touched his shoulders. Aisha, his beloved wife reported that *“the blessed hair of the Messenger of God (pbuh) were longer than those reaching the earlobes and shorter than those that reach the shoulders.”* He was neither tall nor short.

The Messenger of God Blessed reflected exemplary simplicity. He was honest, kind, gentle and helpful. Even in the face of adversity, he maintained an exemplary calm. Although he was illiterate and an uneducated man, but it is God Himself who became his Greatest Teacher. He even showed himself courteous to his enemies. At the time of the conquest of Mecca, the Meccans, once bitter enemies of Islam became the majority of them Muslims. Among these enemies who accepted Islam, there was the man who had killed his daughter Zainab and the other was Ikrimah, son of his nemesis, Abu Jahl. In the victory of Mecca, the murderer of his daughter recognized his abominable crime, and asked for sincere forgiveness from the Prophet Mohammad (pbuh). He recognized the truth of Islam and became a Muslim. The Prophet (pbuh) was overwhelmed by his regret and commitment to Islam. He generously forgave him.

At the end of his mission, the Prophet (pbuh) received the verse confirming the transcendent unity of the revelations, ***“This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion.”*** (5: 4)

The Holy Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) had therefore, the task of confirming previous revelations, update them, and supplement them. Islam is the recapitulation of all the revelations. That is why the Prophet (pbuh) due to his universality, stands today as the Prophet for all; he is not the property of any race, of any people, any ethnicity. He completed the revelations of the ancient prophets (pbuh), by opening to man of yesterday, today and tomorrow the ease of living beyond the many trials that this world imposes. Look at how the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught the Muslim Community that the best way to meet its cult is to respect the cult of the other. By pronouncing the *Kalima* (or *Shahada*) – The first pillar of Islam – one certifies and affirms to the prophecy of all the prophets without distinction.

Whether in Mauritius or here in the United Kingdom, the difference of our cultures is fertile ground for humans to be together, to compete with each other, to give out the best of themselves so as to build a better world. We have the capacity. God said in the Quran: ***“Had Allah willed, He would have made you one nation (united in religion), but (He intended) to test you in what He has given you; so race to (all that is) good...”*** (5: 49)

All Praise belongs to God, Master of the Universe. May the Peace and Blessings of God be upon Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and peace be upon all the prophets of God. *Ameen.*