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Lessons from the Prophet's migration

Dear Muslims.

Some days in the history are unforgettable. They are difficult to neglect or bypass because they had a considerable influence on the human history. One of these days, perhaps one of the most important days, is the day of the Prophet's (saws) migration. It is the day when Prophet Mohammed (saws) migrated from Mecca to Medina.

After 13 years in Mecca the Prophet (saws) was ordered by Allah to move to Medina. Prophet Mohamed (saws) spent the past 13 years delivering the Message and trying to convince people in Mecca to worship Allah and stop worshipping the statues they kept inside Kabah. He wanted good for them, but they faced him with stubbornness, disbelieving and aggression. They hurt him both physically and spiritually but he was very patient and forgiving. He used to pray to Allah to forgive them: "**O Allah, forgive my people because they don't know**". At the end they conspired to kill him. Allah revealed to him their conspiracy and ordered him to migrate to Medina. He obeyed the order and started his journey towards Medina under full protection from Allah. He turned back to take a final look and said: "**O Allah, You ordered me to move from the dearest land for me, therefore I ask you to make me settle in the dearest one for You**".

Remember how the Unbelievers plotted against thee, to keep thee in bonds, or slay thee, or get thee out (of thy home). They plot and plan, and Allah too plans; but the best of planners is Allah.
[Koran 8:30]

The Prophets (saws) migration was an important phase in the history of Islam. It was the first step towards establishing the Islamic rule. Moreover, the concept of making sacrifices for the religion was established. All Muslims who has migrated including Prophet Mohamed (saws), left their houses, money and families in Mecca for the sake of Allah. In addition, great manners, very pronounced behavior, strong believes and dedication to religion was shown by some of the prophet companions during their migration. Here are some examples:

Abu-Bakr Alsiddiq asked Prophet Mohammad (saws) to be his companion in his trip although he knew that it would be very risky as the people had decided to kill Prophet Mohamed. During the trip he was guarding the Prophet and trying to make him comfortable as much as he could.

If ye help not (your leader), (it is no matter): for God did indeed help him, when the Unbelievers drove him out: he had no more than one companion; they two were in the cave, and he said to his companion, "Have no fear, for God is with us": then God sent down His peace upon him, and strengthened him with forces which ye saw not, and humbled to the depths the word of the Unbelievers. But the word of God is exalted to the heights: for God is Exalted in might, Wise.
[Koran 9:40]

Ali Ibn Abi Talib slept on the Prophet's (saws) bed. The trick was that people would think that Prophet Mohamed (saws) still was at home, while the Prophet (saws) had already started his migration. He risked his life to secure the Prophet's life.

Omar Ibn Alkhattab refused to travel secretly. Most of the Muslims did that because they were afraid that the people in Mecca would arrest them and prevent them from migrating. But for Omar it was different, his faith and belief was stronger than to let him do that. He went to kabah and performed tawaf. He told them: "I am migrating now; if you want to die and leave your children as orphans and your wife as widow just try to prevent me from migrating". The people were afraid and no one followed him.

Abdullah Ibn Oraiket was covering the Prophet and Abu-Bakr. He was following them with a bulk of sheep so that their footsteps could not be seen.

Umm Salamah left her baby behind in Makah. The people there took him in order to prevent her from migrating, but that was not enough to prevent her from continuing the migration. Her faith and belief in Allah was stronger than that.

Asmaa Bint Abu-Bakr was the food supplier for the Prophet and her father.

Dear Muslims,

Due to the protection from Allah and efforts of many people the prophet arrived to Almadinah safely where he established the first Islamic community. At the end of the journey many things has changed and the situation was never as before. The trip ended there, but the story of the Prophet's migration remained and will remain, forever, as source of inspiration for all Muslims, generation after generation. Here is a summary of the lessons that can be learned from the migration:

We are responsible of delivering the Message regardless what we will face. We should neither succumb to the pressure nor give up our mission. We should continue doing our task because we have noble goals and we do that for the sake of Allah and humanity.

The importance of friends and companions. They will help you to surmount many difficulties and help you find the right track in life. However you need to choose and recruit them carefully.

Be sure that you will find the protection and support from Allah if you follow him and obey his orders. So, if you are sure that you are in the right track don't be afraid from anything or anyone.

It is important to involve the young generation in the serious matters. That will make them mature and will help to prepare them to take the responsibility when they have to.

So let us follow Allah's path and ask him to help and support us to deliver his message.