



THE FIRST SERMON DELIVERED AT MASJID IN MADINA

(The Holy Prophet stayed for some days in Quba where he established the first Masjid. After leading the Friday prayer (in the vale of Banu Salim) the Prophet resumed his journey towards Medina. The tribes and families of Medina accorded him a most enthusiastic welcome. Everyone wanted to be his host, but on his request the she-camel he was riding was left alone until she knelt down in the courtyard of the house of Abu Ayyub. There the Prophet stayed till he purchased a plot of land, where he built his Masjid in Medina with two rooms beside it for his residence.

In the first year of the *Hijra* the Holy Prophet delivered at his Masjid in Medina the following oration):

"O people! Make provision for yourself in advance. You should know, by Allah, everyone of you will indeed collapse, and will not care in the least to leave his herd of cattle without a guardian shepherd. Then his Lord will say to him – while there will neither be any guide at hand nor any shelter to protect him – 'Did not my Messenger approach you? I bestowed wealth and favour upon you. What provision did you make for yourself?'

"So he will certainly look to his right and his left, but he will find nothing to help him. Then he will look in front of him and see only Hellfire. So one who is able to save his face from the Fire by means of a piece of date fruit, he should certainly do that; and he who cannot afford it, he should do it by a kind word, for a good deed is never wasted, it will be rewarded and enhanced from ten to seven hundred times."

(From; Sermons of the Holy Prophet Muhammad – p.b.o.h)
