



SECOND SERMON DELIVERED UPON ENTRY IN MADINA

Ibn Ishaq relates that the Prophet delivered his Sermon for the second time and said:

All praise belong to Allah! I praise Him and seek help from Him. I seek refuge in Allah from the evil promptings of our Nafs (self) and our ill deeds. He who is guided aright by Allah, no one can misguide him and he who is led astray by Allah, no one can guide him (to the Right Path). I bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and there is no partner with Him. The best discourse is the Book of Allah, the Blessed and the Exalted. The one in whose mind the Book leaves its indelible imprints when it enters the heart by the grace of Allah, the one who enters the fold of Islam after disbelief and makes this Book of Allah as a guide, leaving aside the rubbish talk of the people, surely such persons achieve success and salvation.

The Book of Allah is the best and most eloquent. You should love those things which are liked by Allah. You should never be tired and bored with the recitation of the Qur'an or the remembrance of Allah. Your hearts should not be hardened (by forgetting the remembrance of Allah). Of all the things created by Allah and favoured by Him, of all the good deeds specified by Him and the chosen persons mentioned by Him, of all that constitutes sincere worship, of all that the people have been told in respect of the lawful and the unlawful, the best of them all is the remembrance of Allah.

Worship Allah; do not associate anything as partner with Him and fear Him as He should be feared. If a good word is uttered from the tongue, let it be realized before Allah. Be friendly with each other by the grace of Allah. Allah is displeased with him who does not fulfil his trust.

(From: Sermons of the Holy Prophet – peace be on him)
