

SERMON DELIVERED BEFORE THE BATTLE OF BADR

After invoking peace and blessings on Allah, i invite you to those very things which are ordained by Allah and prohibit those which are prohibited by Allah. Allah is great. He commands truthfulness and loves the truth. He bestows His highest position upon the various people on account of their good deeds. They are remembered only due to this position and in this they compete with each other. Beware, you are standing on a rock of truth. No action is acceptable in the sight of Allah unless it is done sincerely for winning His pleasure. To be steadfast in the moments when courageous action is needed is an attribute which earns salvation in the Hereafter.

The Messenger of Allah is among you and warns you. He says:

"Greater was the aversion of Allah to you than (is) your aversion to yourself."

Be mindful of that (Majestic Power) Who gave you commands in His Book with clear proofs. From a state of degradation you were made dear (to Him). Hold fast to the Book of Allah so that your Lord may be pleased with you. Bring forth at such moments, like this one, such deeds and actions through which He may fulfil His promises of mercy and forgiveness. His promises and commandments are full of truth (at the same time) His punishment is very severe. Myself and you are all for Allah. We repose our trust in Him. We receive help from Him and depend upon Him and (in the end) return unto Him. May Allah forgive me and all Muslims.

(From: Sermons of the Prophet Munammad - peace be upon him)	