



On the merits of Asmaa Bint Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with her

First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Most High, the Most Great. He sent His Messenger Muhammad pbuh with a religion of appropriate justice and he was a mercy to the worlds. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. He chose for His Prophet noble companions who answered his call to the righteous path. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. He was the Imam of Prophets and the seal of Messengers. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his family and all of his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows,

I urge you and myself, **O Servants of Allah**, to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most High, in line with His orders, **“and whoever fears Allah - He will make for him of his matter ease.”** (At-Talaq: ٤).

Dear Muslims,

On the advent of a new Hijri year, we implore to Allah the Almighty to render it a year of happiness, blessings and abundant provisions. On this occasion, we turn our thoughts to the memory of the migration of the Prophet pbuh from Mecca to Medina. The memory of Hijra (migration) also brings to mind men and women who left remarkable footprints in such a great milestone in the human history. One such honourable companion is Asmaa Bint Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with here, who played a great role in the Hijra. Asmaa was a woman of righteous deeds, correct actions and presence of minds. To this, when the Prophet pbuh was granted the permission for migration to Medina, he went to Abu Bakr and said, “I feel (am informed) that I have been granted the permission for migration.” Abu Bakr said, “I will accompany you, O Allah’s Messenger.” The Prophet pbuh said, “You will accompany me.” Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, said, “So we prepared their baggage and put their



journey food In a leather bag. And Asmaa bint Abu Bakr cut a piece of her girdle and tied the mouth of the leather bag with it. That is why she was called Dhatan-Nitaqain (the woman who has two waist-girdle).”

When the Prophet pbuh proceeded to the cave of Mount Thawr in the vicinity of Mecca to take shelter and Abu Bakr joined him, Asmaa bint Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with her, used to provide them with the supply they needed. She climbed the mountain although she was pregnant, setting thereby an example for woman’s limitless giving, sacrifice and patience. Doing so, she also showed appreciation and gratitude to the favours and efforts of the Messenger of Allah pbuh and her father.

After that, Asmaa, may Allah be pleased with her, migrated to medina while she was in the last days of her pregnancy. She did not let her pregnancy or the prospect of a long and arduous journey deter her from leaving. As soon as she reached the outskirts of Medina, she gave birth to her son, Abdullah Ibn Al Zubair, may Allah be pleased with him. Abdullah was the first child to be born after Islam, so they were extremely blissful for his birth. Indeed, the noble qualities and virtues of Asmaa were numerous and thus she was ever-remembered in history and in the books about the biography of the Prophet pbuh.

So, let us, **O Servants of Allah**, examine some of her noble merits. She was an honourable companion and possessed a vast knowledge on Fiqh (jurisprudence of Islam). Asmaa was the daughter of Abu Bakr As-Siddiq, may Allah be pleased with both of them, and the sister of Aisha, the mother of the believers, may Allah be pleased with. Her father nurtured in her mind and soul noble values, great principles and good manners. She accompanied the Prophet pbuh and performed Hajj with him. Being his companion, she narrated great number of Ahadith related to the Prophet pbuh. On, his part, the Messenger of Allah pbuh took good care of her and used to invoke Allah for her. He also advocated her with all that which is beneficial for her and treated her the way a father would treat his daughter.



O Worshipers,

Please know that in each part of the story of the life of Asmaa, may Allah be pleased with her, there is a lesson to be drawn and benefits to be earned. No wonder for she was dutiful to her parents and keenly interested in honouring her ties of kinship. In this context, she, may Allah be pleased with her, once said, “During the period of the peace treaty of Quraish with Allah’s Messenger pbuh, my mother came to visit me, and she was a pagan. I consulted Allah’s Messenger pbuh, ‘O Allah’s Messenger pbuh! My mother has come to me and she desires to receive a reward from me, shall I keep good relation with her?’ He pbuh said, ‘Yes, keep good relation with her’.” One other attribute of Asmaa, may Allah be pleased with her, is that she set a model for a righteous wife who respected the busy life of her husband and supported him during times of hardships. All that she did voluntarily, striving to ensure the happiness of her family. On this account, Asmaa, may Allah be pleased with her, said, “When Az-Zubair married me, he had no real property or anything else except a camel which drew water from the well, and his horse. I used to feed his horse with fodder and drew water and sew the bucket for drawing it, and prepare the dough.” Truly, this sets a role model for the harmonious and coherent family.

In addition to that, Asmaa Bin Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with, was a great mother and virtuous mentor for her children. She took good care of them, always chose what was likely to be best for them and urged the Prophet pbuh to invoke Allah for them. A good example on this is that when she gave birth to her son, she took him to the Messenger of Allah pbuh so that he should rub his palate with chewed dates. Allah’s Messenger pbuh took hold of him (the child) and he placed him in his lap and then rubbed him, blessed him and gave him the name of Abdullah.

More to the point, Asmaa, may Allah be pleased with her, was a sincere believer and showed devoted herself to performing acts of worship. So, she was very regular in establishing prayer so that one



of the Prophet's followers described her saying, "I went to Asmaa bint Abu Bakr and found her offering prayer in spite of her old age."

O Worshipers,

Amongst the other praiseworthy qualities of Asmaa, may Allah be pleased with her, is kindness and generosity. Describing her, her son Abdullah Ibn Al Zubair, may Allah be pleased with him, said, "I have never seen a women more generous than Aisha nor than Asmaa." Truly, she cherished a blessed life that was full of such great humane values as honesty, patience, sacrifice, hard work, reliance on Allah the Almighty, generosity and altruism.

It is such a beautiful thing, therefore, for our daughters to take example of this noble companion, may Allah be pleased with her and please her too.

With this in mind, we seek Allah's favour to help us hold fast to the guidance of the Prophet pbuh and take example of his righteous companions. O Allah, we implore to You to render our new Hijri year a happy and prosperous one. Indeed, You are the Lord of the Worlds.

May Allah guide us all to obey Him and obey His Messenger Muhammad pbuh and obey those He have commanded us to obey in line with His orders: "**O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.**" (An-Nisaa: ٥٩).

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. We praise Him a praise of those who are grateful (to His favours). I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our



Master Muhammad, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, **O Servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most Exalted and Sublime.

O Worshipers,

Indeed, the Prophet's (pbuh) migration was a great milestone in history that has left us numerous lessons and benefits as well as role models and noble figures. Thus, Muslims are recommended to ponder upon such important milestones in the life of our Master Muhammad pbuh and draw lesson that may benefit them in this life and the next. They should also teach these lessons to their children. In fact, the Prophet pbuh and his companions, may Allah be pleased with all of them, have exerted themselves and devoted their life in the way of achieving their noble goals. As such, they have set a pattern to be followed in their values, ethics, wisdom, good judgement, bravery and resolve in facing hardships. They set examples and produced heroes who are really worthy of being followed by our young generations. So, let us all cement in our youngsters' minds and souls respect to such great lessons and examples.

There is no doubt that migration came to an end after the conquest of Mecca, for the Prophet pbuh said, "There is no emigration after the Conquest (of Mecca)." Yet, the migration is still alive in the numerous number of values, benefits and righteous deeds that it has left for us, ones that are valuable for the individual and the society too. In this context, hard work and devotion to all that which may benefit people is amongst the true lessons that one can draw from Hijra.

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the Most Sublime, says, "**indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.**" (Al-Ahzab: ٥٦).



On the same matter, the Prophet pbuh said, “For everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah.”

O Allah, please confer Your blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all of the noble Companions.

O Allah, may we ask you to render this new Hijri year one that is full of blessings and happiness. O Allah, please make it a year in which You continue endowing upon us Your great favours abundantly.

O Lord, please make us amongst those who are rightful to their fathers and mothers and kind to their kith and kin.

May Allah grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good. O Allah, we also seek Your favour to grant him continued health and care. May Allah also ensure success to his Vice-President, trustworthy Crown Prince and his brothers, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, please forgive all of the Muslims, men and women, living and dead. We pray to Allah to show mercy on late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, grant them abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction.

O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

O Allah, may we ask You to guide us to all that may help us attain Your mercy and forgiveness and grant us rewards for our good deeds.

O Allah, we implore to You to protect us from every major sin and grant us the reward of every good deed. O Allah, we seek Your grace to make us amongst those who will win Your Paradise and save us from the Hellfire.

O Allah, we implore You at this instance not to let a sin unforgiven, a distress unrelieved, a debt unpaid, an illness unhealed, a dead without mercy or a need unsatisfied, for You are the Most Generous and over all things Competent. Indeed, You are ever responding.



We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and increase it in bounties, knowledge, civilisation, tolerance, happiness, beauty and cleanliness. O Allah, please bless for the UAE its provisions and continue blessing it with safety and security.

May Allah have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our nation and gather them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets. May Allah make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives with the righteous.

O Allah, please grant the best reward for the families of the martyrs and offer them patience and solace. May Allah grant victory to the soldiers of the Arab Coalition who gathered to restore the rights to their owners. O Lord, please be by their side and guide the Yemeni people to everything that is good. O Allah, make them rally for the word of truth and legitimacy, and bless them with welfare and stability, O the Most Generous.

O Lord, we beseech You to bless all of the Muslim countries and the whole world with stability and peace.

Our Lord, give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire.

Remember Allah and He will remember you. Be grateful of His benevolence and He will increase His blessings to you.

Please stand for prayer.