

Miraculous and Unique Journey

Moulana Sayyid Abul Hasan 'Ali Nadwi (rahimahullah) writes:

The hajj of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) was miraculous and unique in every respect. It stood out in multiple respects, among which are the manner in which he imparted knowledge and propagated Deen during this hajj and the manner in which he corrected the Sahaabah (radhiyallahu 'anhum) and trained them. Similarly, the spiritual dimension of his (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) hajj was unique.

The Sahaabah (radhiyallahu 'anhum) were burning with the love of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam). Hence, when he announced that he was departing for hajj, they flocked to him from every area, like moths attracted to a candle-flame, and remained attached to him from the beginning until the end of this blessed journey.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding and unparalleled aspects of the Final Hajj is the manner in which the Sahaabah (radhiyallahu 'anhum) ensured that they recorded every minute detail of this journey, from the time he departed from Madeenah Munawwarah until he arrived in Makkah Mukarramah, throughout the days of hajj, and until he again returned to Madeenah Munawwarah. On account of their consuming love for Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), they even recorded the seemingly mundane details such as the place, the limb and the day on which Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) underwent cupping during this blessed journey and the 'itr (perfume) that he applied, the limbs on which it was applied, and who had applied it. On account of their devotion to the Master (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), they recorded his hajj and other similar events with such detail that these occasions remain preserved until Qiyaamah, and the one reading them can actually visualize the events unfolding before his eyes.

There was great wisdom in Allah Ta'ala allowing the details of this hajj to be preserved and in Him deciding that the hajj would occur at the very end of the life of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam). Islam had spread far and wide, the Muslims were many in number, Islam was now strong and on the increase. Hence, the hearts of the Sahaabah (radhiyallahu 'anhum) were ever-thirsty to receive even more guidance from Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam), and it was nearly time for him (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) to depart from this world. Hence, this hajj would serve as a farewell to the Ummah, in which Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) would deliver his parting advices and teach them their Deen and hajj. Hence, this hajj equated a thousand lectures and a thousand lessons, as it was a moving classroom in which those who were unlearned were able to learn, those who were ignorant were educated and all were spiritually charged on account of the blessed company and presence of Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam).

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