

The Holy Voice of Heaven

Reaching the border of Ghadir the caravan had to halt unexpectedly. Why? Because, Archangel Gabriel had come down with the word of God and the Apostle of God were all ears to the voice of heaven. God ordained:

"O Apostle! Deliver what has been revealed to you from your Lord; and if you do it not, then you have not delivered His message, and Allah will protect you from the people". (Qur'an, 5:68)

The trustee of the words of God conveyed the divine proclamation and the Holy Prophet entrusted all his energies for its proper execution and accomplishment. It was terribly hot. The earth was burning like fire. Some people had gone forward and some were left behind. The Prophet of Islam recalled the swift-footed persons and sent a message advising the slow moving to reach him quickly. The ardent lovers of the Apostle of God began to flock together group by group.

The Prophet gave instructions for making arrangements and setting in order a meeting place where the divine wish may be proclaimed. He ordered the people to be seated and told them that nobody should occupy a place around those five gum-acacia trees, which were in front of them. The pulpit platform, he said, should be erected under the shadow of the gum acacia trees; the ground to be encompassed should also be cleared and swept. And as to the pulpit, the camels' packsaddles were to be placed.

The arrangements being thus completed it was already time for noon-prayers! Bilal in a melodious tone proclaimed the call for prayer. People began to form lines. The Holy Prophet walked briskly towards his place of prayer and started praying.

As soon as the prayers were completed the Beloved Messenger of God cast a glance of surprise and astonishment over the surging crowd and gracefully moved towards the unique and historic pulpit.

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