

Editorial

Ghadir-e-Khum, the Greatest Islamic Event

n the 18th day of Zul-Hajjah, in the year 9 A.H. – occurred Hajjat-ul-Wida (the farewell hajj pilgrim) of the holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.). In front of more than 70,000 Muslim hajis, the holy Prophet gave an important speech, after he received a cautious divine message:

“O Messenger, deliver whatever has been sent down to you by your God. If you do not do so, you will not have conveyed His message. God will protect you from (evil plots) of people; god does not guide disbelieving folk.”

(The holy Quran, 5:67)

The holy Prophet praised Allah, warned people about the Last Day, advised them about the holy Qur'an, and officially acknowledged his twelve rightful successors one by one, by giving their names. The first of them was Imam Ali (p.b.u.h.), and the next were his infallible descendants, generation by generation. The last of them was Imam Mahdi (may God accelerate his Re-appearance).

Then he took Ali to the top of his pulpit, and addressed the great audience,

“whomsoever I am his Leader (Mawla), then Ali is his Leader (Mawla). O’God, loves those who love him, and be enemy to those who are enemy to him.”¹

Then the holy Prophet said, “O God, be witness that I performed my responsibility!”

The divine verse confirmed him:

“... today those who disbelieve despair about your religion, so do not dread them, and (rather) dread Me. Today I have perfected your religion for you, and completed My favor towards you, and have consented to grant you Islam as a religion...”

(The holy Quran, 5:3)

Then they came down from the pulpit, and asked the great audience to give their allegiance to Imam Ali (p.b.u.h), and congratulate him on the occasion of his divine succession and leadership.

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1- Tirmadhi, Al-Sahih, Vol 2, P.298, Vol 5, P.63