

## Summarised Friday Sermon

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### LESSON FROM HIJRAH: THE ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES

- There are many lessons to be learnt from Hijrah and history also tells us that Rasulullah s.a.w never compromised on Islamic principles which are the building blocks of Islam. Without them, Islam will simply cease to be the one and true religion preferred by Allah.
- These principles are of four types. Number 1- The central tenets of Islamic belief, such as believing in Allah, the prophets and the Hereafter. 2 -The compulsory worships, such as solat, sawm, zakat and haj. 3- The Islamic moral values. 4- Termed as the unchanging Islamic laws.
- Looking back at history, we will find that Rasulullah s.a.w never compromised on any of these four principles. For example, Rasulullah s.a.w never compromised on the central tenets of Islamic belief, whether he was in Mecca before Hijrah, or when he was in Medina after the Hijrah.
- Solat is wajib before the Hijrah, even though it was difficult to be performed due to much resistance and intimidation from the unbelievers and solat remains wajib after Hijrah, when the Muslim ummah in Medina managed to perform it peacefully. Nobody came to the Prophet saying now that we are a strong community, and we don't have to fear any intimidation from the unbelievers, let us reduce the number of solat.
- The Prophet showed to us how important it is to adhere to our moral values, in whatever surrounding and circumstances. For example, Rasulullah s.a.w remained humble during his life in Mecca when the unbelievers tried by all means to undermine his dakwah and he remained humble even after Hijrah, when he was accorded with the proper and highest respect.
- Even though there is no compromise on those fixed principles of Islam, we should know that Islam is also a way of life, and a system of belief, that is relevant for every situation and across time. Islam is not something that is confined by a certain environment and a fixed period of time.
- With this guideline as Muslims we should not make an issue out of differences of opinion. We should be open with differences of opinion. We should see these differences as blessings from Allah. An opportunity in finding solutions in facing our daily life challenges.



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