

# EID AL GHADEER

## 18 DHULHIJJA

**"The Day of Ghadeer, in comparison to Al Fitr, Al Adha and the day of Jumua', is like the moon in relations to the rest of the planets."**

**Imam Ja'fer As Sadiq (pbuh)**



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Ten years after the migration to Madina (hijra), the Prophet (pbuh) asked his followers to join him in his last hajj where he would teach them the rites. On his way to Makka, more than seventy thousand people accompanied him and on the 4th of Dhulhijja more than one hundred thousand Muslims had entered Makka.

After completing the hajj and on their departure from Makka, they reached a place called GHADEER (very near JUHFA (meeqat for Hajj) on the 18th of DHULHIJJA 10AH (10 MARCH 632 CE).

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Here aya 5:67 was revealed:

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا بَلَّغْتَ  
رِسَالَتَهُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ

"O Messenger! Deliver what has been sent down to you from your Rabb; and if you don't do it, you have not delivered His message (at all); and Allah will protect you from the people ..."

The Prophet (pbuh) stopped at the pond of KHUM at GHADEER and called back all those who had gone ahead and waited for those who were behind. He ordered Salman to make arrangements for a stage (pulpit) for his announcement. It was noon and extremely hot.

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KEY EXTRACTS FROM THE SERMON OF GHADEER KHUM "It seems the time approached when I shall be called away (by Allah) and I shall answer that call. I am leaving for you two precious things and if you hold on to them both, you will never go astray after me. They are the Book of Allah and my Progeny, that is my Ahlul Bayt. The two shall never separate from each other until they come to me by the Pool (of Kawthar)."

This is known as HADITH THAQALAYN (The narration of the two weighty (important) things)



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Then he continued holding up the hand of Imam Ali (pbuh): "For whoever I am his Leader (mawla), 'Ali is his Leader (mawla)." The Prophet (pbuh) continued: "O' God, love those who love him, and be hostile to those who are hostile to him."

As soon as he finished aya 5:3 was revealed:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي  
وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

Today I have perfected your religion and completed my favour upon you, and I was satisfied that Islam be your religion."

The Prophet (pbuh) then asked everyone to pay allegiance to Imam Ali (pbuh). Amongst them was Hazrat Umar bin Khattab who said: "Well done Ibn Abi Talib! Today you became the Leader (mawla) of all believing men and women."