

A photograph of a mosque interior. In the foreground, a large, ornate book with intricate gold and blue calligraphy is displayed on a stand. Above it, a glowing chandelier hangs from the ceiling. In the background, a large white dome is visible through an arched opening, set against a wall with intricate Islamic geometric patterns. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a serene atmosphere.

**The first Sermon of the Prophet** صلى الله  
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وسلام

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### The first Sermon of the Prophet ﷺ, given in Makkah when he called his people to Islam

The Prophet ﷺ started the speech by praising Allâh and thanking Him then said:

“Verily, *Ar-Raid* (one whom his people send to search for water and grass) does not lie to his people. By Allâh! Even if I lied to all people, I would never lie to you, and if I deceived all people, I would never deceive you. By Allâh, other than Whom there is no deity worthy of worship, I am Allâh’s Messenger ﷺ to you in particular and to all people in general. By Allâh! You will die just as easy as you sleep, and you will be resurrected just as easy you wake up from sleep. You will be recompensed on account of what you do, earning good for good and evil for evil. Verily, it is either Paradise for eternity or the Fire for eternity.”<sup>2</sup>

This speech from the Prophet ﷺ included announcing his Prophethood and calling his people to Islam, after Allâh the Exalted and Most Honored, revealed these *Āyât*:

﴿ وَقُلْ إِنِّي أَنَا النَّذِيرُ الْمُبِينُ ﴾

“And say (O Muhammad ﷺ): ‘I am indeed a plain warner.’”  
(15:89)

﴿ فَأَصْدَقَ بِمَا تُؤْمَرُونَ وَأَعْرَضَ عَنِ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴾

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<sup>1</sup> *An-Nasai’i*, vol. 6, p. 89, *Ibn Mājah*, vol. 1, p. 609 and p. 661, *Ahmad*, vol. 1, p. 350 and *Ad-Darimi*, who collected these words for the *Hadith*, vol. 2, p. 143

<sup>2</sup> *Al-Kamil*, vol. 2, p. 27 and *As-Sirah Al-Halabiyyah*, vol. 1, p. 272

“Therefore proclaim openly (Allâh’s Message — Islâmîc Monotheism) that which you are commanded, and turn away from *Al-Mushrikûn* (polytheists, idolaters, and disbelievers).” (15:94)

And:

﴿ وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ ۝ وَأَخْفِضْ جَنَاحَكَ لِمَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴾

“And warn your tribe (O Muhammad ﷺ) of near kindred. And be kind and humble to the believers who follow you.” (26:214,215)

This is when the Prophet ﷺ mounted the Safa Mount (in Makkah) and declared with the loudest voice, *Wa-sabahah*, which is a cry the Arabs used to herald when an imminent danger is about to encompass their people or tribe. He started heralding next, “O Bani Fihri! O Bani ‘Adi! O Bani Ka‘b!” mentioning the sub-tribes of Quraish by name. When they gathered, he said to them:

“What if I told you that there are horsemen in the valley about to attack you, would you believe me?” They said, “Yes, we only experienced truth from you.” The Prophet ﷺ said, “Then I am a Warner for you of the coming of a severe Torment.”

Abu Lahab (the Prophet’s uncle) said:

“Perish you O Muhammad! Is this why you gathered us here?”

Then the Divine Inspiration came:

تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ ﴿١﴾

“Perish the hands of Abu Lahab! And perish he!”<sup>1</sup> (111:1)

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<sup>1</sup> *Al-Bukhâri*, vol. 6, p. 94 *Muslim*, vol. 1, p. 194