

Lessons from the Hijrah, faith that moves

The Hijrah was not an escape from responsibility. It joined reliance on Allah with planning, sacrifice and the building of a new community.

CENTREPIECE Surah at-Tawbah 9:40, Sahih al-Bukhari 1

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Reliance did not cancel preparation

During the Hijrah, routes, provisions, information and trusted people were carefully arranged. In the cave, the Prophet (peace be upon him) still said to his companion, 'Do not grieve. Allah is with us' (at-Tawbah 9:40). Planning and tawakkul belonged together.

Source: Quran 9:40

2. Migration is judged by its intention

The famous hadith on intentions names migration directly: each person receives according to what they intended (Bukhari 1). A dramatic change of place can still be spiritually empty, while a quiet change made for Allah can carry great weight.

Source: Bukhari 1

3. Leaving must be followed by building

The Hijrah led to worship, brotherhood, agreements and a community with responsibilities. It is not enough to leave a harmful habit or environment. A person needs a healthier practice and people to replace what was left behind.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Invite people to make a personal hijrah from what Allah dislikes without turning the Islamic new year into a set of rituals not established in the Sunnah. Reflection should lead to ordinary obedience.

Suggested closing: O Allah, give us the courage to leave what displeases You, the wisdom to prepare well and the trust to know that You are with those who obey You.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Name one thing you need to leave for Allah, then decide what healthier place, routine or friendship will replace it.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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