

Rabi al-Awwal and the Prophet (peace be upon him)

The month of his birth and his passing. How sunni scholars across history have approached the Mawlid without invention.

CENTREPIECE Surah al-Anbiya 21:107

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. The Prophet (peace be upon him) taught what to do, every day

He instructed us to send salawat upon him constantly (Ahzab 33:56). To follow his sunnah in every detail. To know his seerah. None of this requires a particular date. The whole life of a Muslim can be a continuous remembrance of him.

2. Differences over the Mawlid

Scholars have differed over organised Mawlid gatherings and the legal categories applied to them. A short khutbah should not pretend that this history is simple. Keep the congregation with what is firmly established: sending salawat, studying the seerah, following the Sunnah, and avoiding contempt toward Muslims in a recognised dispute.

3. Loving him as the Sahaba did

Umar said: O Messenger of Allah, I love you more than anyone except myself. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: not until you love me more than yourself. Umar said: now you are more beloved to me than my own soul. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: now, O Umar (Bukhari 6632).

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to rabi al-awwal and the prophet (peace be upon him).

Suggested closing: Allahumma salli ala Muhammad. Say it ten times before getting up from this khutbah, ten times every day this month.

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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