

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE

Speech delivered by

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Praise be to God, the Almighty and Peace and Blessings be upon Mohammad – the last Messengers – His Kinship, Companions and followers –

God, the Almighty had favoured his worshippers with blessings, upon sending them His last of the benign Messengers, Mohammad, Peace and Blessings Be Upon Him, to be the caller for Him in righteousness, guidance and enlightenment; a Herald, and a wise Master. He has been revealed with the Glorious Quran – the Arabic Book that conveys guidance and Mercy to all, until the Day of Judgment. God has called all, To the righteous religion, that He, Almighty has approved it to be a religion of faith, deed, utterance, call and doctrine.

The Almighty says in His Book

He also says to His worshippers:

Amongst the best and most benevolent of the Islamic states, is the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, founded by the caller for righteousness and guidance, King Abd Al-Aziz Al-Saud, God Bless his soul, he was succeeded by his virtuous sons – May they be rightly Guided – among whom are King Saud, King Faisal and King Khalid – May God, have mercy upon their souls.

The Kingdom, is now reigned by His Majesty King Fahad ibn Abd Al-Aziz, may He bless and reward him, for the support he extends to Islam, his nation and Ulema' and for his service of the Two Holy Mosques in Makkah and Medina, with all his might, is obedience to God, in support to Islam and its call and in obedience to the last of the Prophets and Imam, Mohammed, our Master, Bless Him and Give Him Peace.

It suffices the Makkah Holy Mosque to be honoured in the Quran where the Almighty says:

It also suffices the Medina Holy Mosque honour to embody the remains of the Last of Prophets, Mohammad, Bless Him and Give Him Peace.

Everlasting Blessedness be upon His Majesty, King Fahad ibn Abd Al-Aziz, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques. It is my duty, at the great assembly to enumerate the favours of their Highnesses the preceding Kings who had extended their charitable deeds to the service of the Holy Mosque, to Islam and to this the most honoured and devoted country; this would not have been attained, had it not been for the favours extended by His Majesty King Fahd, the caller for righteousness, guidance and deference of Islam, to his devoted country and to the Two Holy Mosques – God Bless and Guide him forever.

I should like to express my gratitude and praise to the most eminent: His Royal Highness Prince Abd Allah Al-Faisal, Chairman of the Prize trustees, His Royal Highness Khalid Al-Faisal, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Faisal Foundation and to all who assisted them in their virtuous endeavours in the service of science and in their assistance to callers of righteousness, all over the Islamic world.

God be our Guide to the Straight Path, we pray Him to promote custody of His Majesty King Fahd ibn Abd Al-Aziz – May he be blessed and guided – of the Two Holy Mosques.

Peace, Mercy and Blessings be upon you.

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(Who seeks God's Mercy)