

Speech of His Majesty King Fahed bin Abd Al-Aziz Al-Saud(Custodian of the two Holy
Mosques)

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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful and peace be upon the prophet
Mohammad.

In This blessed night in which God gave me the honor to fulfill my duty in this land, and
perhaps I would be able to do what is required from me as responsible leader. I am not
the only one who is required to carry all the burdens, but all muslims in general, and the
Saudi people in specific, should carry the burdens as well, for God has blessed us in the
service of the Holy Mosques.

I am proud of this Prize not only because it's a prize, but because it holds the memory of
a dear great person whom history will record his achievements in gold, and he is Faisal
bin Abd Al-Aziz, may God rest his soul in peace, and Faisal is only a part of Abd Al-

Aziz the founder, and Abd Al-Aziz is a part of great personalities who worked and established for the service of Islam and Muslims in this country, and they behaved the proper Islamic behavior that brought this country to what it is now. And I don't claim that he hasn't participated with his citizens, east, west, middle, south, or north of the country, but they led the benevolent journey, not just because they belong to God and his prophet, for a non-Arab is never preferred to a non-Arab except by piety. The most generous to God are those who practice piety.

Ancestry and descent are not the measure, but the one who carries the burden of his descent, and the prophet peace be upon him is the pleasant example. Moreover, The first who fought the prophet where his close relatives and cousins, and the truth became clear to them , they supported him and some of them lived their lives opposing him. This country is proud to adhere to the Islamic faith in its true sense, and it will remain always like this, and we do not claim perfection, for God almighty is the perfect. We will strive in the service of Islam and Muslims everywhere, and Islam will triumph by God's will.

I don't want to take much of your time. I thank those who established this foundation which ran charitable works and my brother, his Royal Highness Prince Khaled explained them and they are known. I hope God will guide you to the right path in life and the after life, and thanks for all attendants.