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From the lessons of the Prophet's Migration: Planning and Reliance upon of the Competent

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, "Even if you do not help the Prophet, Allah helped him when the disbelievers drove him out: when the two of them were in the cave, he [Muhammad] said to his companion, 'Do not worry, Allah is with us,' and Allah sent His calm down to him, aided him with forces invisible to you, and brought down the disbelievers' plan. Allah's plan is higher: Allah is Almighty and wise." I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The Prophet's migration from Mecca to Medina is full of lessons to consider. It is the greatest turning point in the history of Islam. Among the most important lessons that one should consider in this regard are the careful planning and the thoughtful arrangement of all details of this blessed journey. Planning is a scientific method to overcome crises and one of the prerequisites of success. This is evident when our Prophet (PBUB) prepared two camels for the blessed migration, chose Abu Bakr al-Siddiq

to accompany him in the journey, and decided to slip away in the night as this was the most appropriate time to get out of Mecca.

One who observes the course of the Prophet's migration would discover how the Prophet (PBUH) distributed roles and tasks with the utmost precision and perfection. He (PBUH) requested Ali Ibn Abi Talib to take his place and sleep in his bed, covering himself with the Prophet's mantle in order to distract the disbelievers from following the Prophet and to return deposits entrusted to the Prophet to their owners.

The Prophet's interest in planning and making use of available means continued when the Prophet (PBUH) visited his companion Abu Bakr at an unexpected time to migrate together. Before this, the Prophet asked Abdullāh Ibn Abu Bakr to keep an eye on the people of Quraysh and learn their news so as to be aware of their conspiracies. Abd Allah used to collect news during the daytime and go to the Prophet and his Companion spending the night with them and in the morning he would start again collecting news.

Abu Bakr had ordered his servant 'Amir Ibn Fuhayrah to provide them with food through herding his sheep near their cave and to remove the traces of Abd Allah Ibn Abu Bakr's footsteps. In addition, Asma'a Bint Abi Bakr, is known as "Dhat al-Nitaqayn," (the One with the Two Waistbands), she had to walk through a hard way to the *Thawr* Cave to bring food to the Prophet and his companion.

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers: -

Among the most important lessons to be learned from the Prophet's migration is the dependence on competent people to fulfill duties suitable to their capabilities. The Prophet and his companion Abu Bakr hired a man to guide them in their way to Medina through a tough and an untrodden road. This man was Abd Allah Ibn Urayqit and he was a non-Muslim. However, the Prophet chose him out of belief in using qualified persons and making use of their powers regardless the difference of ideas, visions and faiths. 'Aishah narrated, "The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) and Abu Bakr hired a man as an expert guide ...They had confidence in him and gave him their riding camels and told him to bring them to Thawr Cave after three days. So, he brought them their two riding camels after three days and both of them (The Prophet (PBUH) and Abu Bakr) set out accompanied by 'Amir Ibn Fuhayrah and the guide who took the road leading to the sea-shore."

All this teaches us the necessity of making use of available means, good planning and depending on qualified people in all matters especially great ones. This does not contradict the faithful reliance upon Allah. The Prophet was able to ask Allah to give creature known as al-Buraq to move from

Mecca to Medina. However, the Prophet wanted to teach us the necessity of using available means and making careful planning. After all this, the outcome is left for the Almighty Allah. This was clear in the conduct of the Prophet (PBUH) who, after his arrangements for success and victory, said to his companion "Do not worry, Allah is with us." Therefore, his reward from Allah was, "Allah sent His calm down to him, aided him with forces invisible to you, and brought down the disbelievers' plan. Allah's plan is higher: Allah is Almighty and All-Wise."

O Allah, I ask You to be a good follower of the Prophet (PBUH)!