

## **Prophet Muhammad(PBUH) The champion of equality**

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**Prophet Muhammad preached the importance of the equality of humankind. In his last sermon the Prophet stated:**

**All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a White has no superiority over a Black nor a Black has any superiority over a White except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. (Rahman, Encyclopaedia of Seerah, Vol. III, 1994, P. 204)**

**The concept of equality was therefore an important concept for Prophet Muhammad that of equality for humans. People are equal in the sight of Allah and in front of the law. They were born from Adam and Eve. Our parents, and all of us are made of dust – no one is better than the other. The concept of equality is based on justice: All are equal and no one can claim that he is more pious or even more righteous than the other except through piety and righteousness. The Prophet stated that “no Arab has any privilege over a non-Arab, except that based on piety” In fact, Prophet Muhammad was advocating collectivism as against individualism of human coexistence.**