

An excerpt from Pope Urban II's speech at the Council of Clermont (1095).

[...] From the confines of Jerusalem and the city of Constantinople a horrible tale has gone forth [...] has been brought to our ears [...] that a race from the kingdom of Persians [Muslims], an accursed race, a race utterly alienated from God, [...] has invaded the lands of those Christians and has depopulated them by the sword, pillage and fire; it has led away a part of the captives into its own country, and a part it has destroyed by cruel tortures; it has either entirely destroyed the churches of God or appropriated them for the rites of its own religion. They destroy the altars, after having defiled them with their uncleanness...

...Enter upon the road to the Holy Sepulchre; wrest that land from the wicked race, and subject it to yourselves.

...Accordingly undertake this journey for the remission of your sins, with the assurance of the imperishable glory of the kingdom of heaven.

...[...] Let this then be your war-cry in combats, because this word is given to you by God. When an armed attack is made upon the enemy, let this one cry be raised by all the soldiers of God: It is the will of God! It is the will of God!

Source: The Council of Clermont excerpt: Dana C. Munro, "Urban and the Crusaders", Translations and Reprints from the Original Sources of European History, Vol 1:2, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, 1895), 5-8 (<http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/urban2-5vers.asp#robert>)

2a. Using document 2, explain the purpose for Pope Urban II's speech at the Council of Clermont. [1]

Pope Urban II gave this speech because he wanted to regain power of the Holy Land. To do that he needed to fight so he told fellow Christians about the awful things Muslims were doing to other Christians so he could get them rallied up and ready to fight. He said in exchange for fighting he told the people that if they fought all their sins would disappear, they would go to heaven, and they would have endless glory.