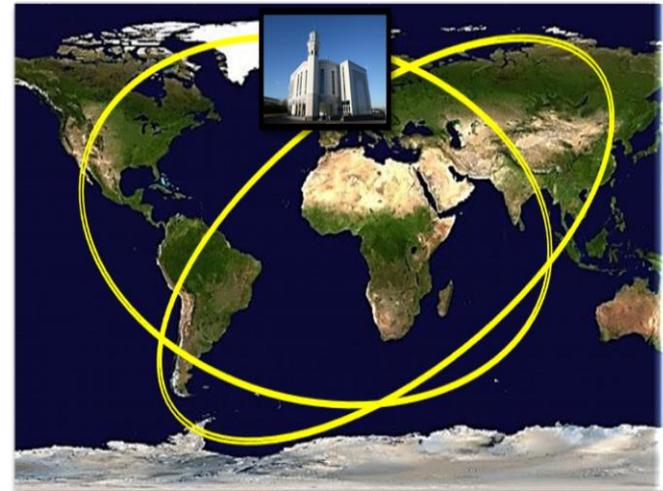


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Summary

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One of the august companions of the Holy Prophet (sa) was Abu Ubaidah bin al-Jarrah (ra). Being a companion, he definitely enjoyed a certain status. He possessed many qualities.

The authoritative verdict, which the Holy Prophet (sa) has passed regarding his being a man of trust, has been narrated in the following manner:

When a party from Najran, asked for someone to be sent to collect the taxes from the people of Najran,

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that, 'I would definitely send to you a man of trust, a man of trust in the true sense of the term.'

He then asked Abu Ubaidah ibn al-Jarrah (ra) to stand up and ordered that he be sent there.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that, 'Every nation has a custodian, and o ye people! The custodian of ours is Abu Ubaidah bin Al-Jarrah.'

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin al-Jarrah (ra)

How great an honour this is, which the Holy Prophet (sa) conferred upon him.

During the Battle of Uhud, some of the stones thrown by the enemy hit the Holy Prophet (sa) and two iron rings of his helmet, which he was wearing over his face, broke and pierced his blessed face.

It was Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra), who then pulled out those rings from the face of the Holy Prophet (sa) with his teeth and in the process, lost two of his front teeth.

Thus, this is one of the incidents of love and devotion.

The companions say that loss of front teeth only increased the magnificence of the face of Abu Ubaidah bin al-Jarrah (ra).

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin al-Jarrah (ra)

The incident of his humility, mutual cooperation and the settling of a matter with wisdom is narrated in this manner that on one expedition,

The Holy Prophet (sa) sent 'Amr bin Al-'Aas (ra) as the chief of the army. Amr bin Al-'Aas (ra) requested the Holy Prophet (sa) for reinforcements.

The Holy Prophet (sa) sent a group under the leadership of Hazrat Abu 'Ubaida (ra) and the Holy Prophet (sa) instructed Abu 'Ubaida that both leaders should mutually work together.

Despite being appointed as an independent leader, Hazrat Abu 'Ubaida (ra), offered his full co-operation to 'Amr bin Al-'Aas (ra) and did not argue the point that might have led to more disagreements.

Thus, this is an example of making the right decision on a delicate occasion and giving up even one's own rights in order to strengthen the Muslims. Only if Muslims leaders would have enough wisdom to work with mutual cooperation.

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin al-Jarrah (ra)

Furthermore, examples of running the government with justice and how to captivate the hearts of even the enemy can be found in the character of Hazrat Abu 'Ubaida (ra).

When the king of Rome gathered armies from across the entire country and sent them in order to fight Muslims, after consulting the generals,

Hazrat Abu 'Ubaida (ra) strategically decided to leave some cities for the time being; to leave the areas which Muslims had already conquered.

However, as they had already received taxes from the non-Muslim inhabitants after the victory, he returned it to all of them

This justice and repayment of a trust had such a great influence on non-Muslims that the Christian residents were weeping at the departure of Muslims and offered this heartfelt prayer that may Allah soon bring you back.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

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These were the people who, as a result of living in the company of the Holy Prophet (sa), established those standards of fairness and justice, which no one could imagine before, nor can anyone do so today.

However, justice cannot be established by the more powerful governments coercing weaker governments to act in accordance with their demands by threatening to take action against them.

Neither can this be established through what is taking place in many Muslim countries, where taxes are being collected from the general public, but instead of spending it on them, most leaders are filling up their banks. Yet, they raise slogans of love for the Holy Prophet (sa) and love for his companions.

To guarantee peace in the world today can only be achieved through this fairness, justice and fulfilling the rights of trusts.

Hazrat Ja'far (ra) brother of Hazrat Ali (ra).

He was also fortunate to have accepted Islam in the early period and as a result of the circumstances in Mecca, he migrated to Habesha.

Makkans complaints to Najashi, who was the king of Habesha and demanded the return of these new Muslims. At this Najashi, called the Muslims to his court

and Najashi asked them that what is the reason for leaving your faith and neither accepting the faith of a previous nation, nor that of ours i.e. Christianity.

On that occasion, Hazrat Ja'far (ra) represented the Muslims and said that o king! We were an ignorant people.

We used to worship idols, eat dead animals, it was our common practice to commit vulgar acts and mistreat our relatives and the one who was more powerful among us would suppress the one who was weaker.

In these circumstances, Allah the Exalted raised a prophet among us, whose nobility, truthfulness, trustworthiness, purity and the nobility of his family we were well aware of.

He called us towards the unity of God and towards His worship.

He taught us not to associate anything with God and neither to worship idols.

He taught us to be truthful, trustworthy, kind, treat our neighbours with kindness and he forbade us from fighting and shedding blood without reason.

He taught us to abstain from immoralities and he forbade us from telling lies, usurping the wealth of orphans and raising allegations against chaste people

He instructed to us to worship God alone. We have accepted him and we act in accordance with his teachings.

Due to this our nation has turned against us and has caused us pain, inflicted cruelties upon us.

Furthermore, when this exceeded all bounds, we left our homeland and came into your protection as we heard great things about your fairness and justice. O king! We hope that no one will be unjust towards us in this country. Najashi was greatly influenced by this and said that read to me a portion of the revelation that was sent down upon your prophet.

He said 'By God it seems that these words and the words of Moses are from the same fountainhead' and he told the ambassadors of Mecca that he would not return these people to them and they can remain here. After consulting one another, the Makkan ambassadors devised the plan to tell the king that these people do not believe in Jesus in accordance with Christian teachings and lower his status.

The king then summoned the Muslims and asked about their view on Jesus. Hadrat Jafar replied that it has been revealed to our Prophet that Jesus was a servant of God and His Messenger whom God Almighty granted to the Virgin Mary.



King Negus then picked up a straw from the ground and said that the status of Jesus was not more than this straw's-length from what you have just described and then told the Muslims that you have complete freedom here. Due to his wisdom, understanding and knowledge the Muslims were provided with the means to live there.

Hazrat Musab Bin Umair (ra)

His mother was very wealthy. They were a very wealthy people brought up with luxuries. They would wear very noble clothing and he was a very handsome young man.

Musab Bin Umair (ra) faced financial destitution after he accepted Islam, that he suffered much affliction in the way of Allah. Once Musab arrived at the sitting with the holy Prophet (sa) in a state that he was dressed in rags, and said Salam,

the Holy Prophet (sa) gave a whole-hearted reply and consoled him by saying, All praise belongs to God, may those who endeavour for worldly possessions be granted those. I have seen Musab at a time when there was no one more affluent than him in the city of Mecca.

He was the most beloved child of his parents, he was provided with all the best things to eat and drink, but his love for the Messenger of Allah brought him to these circumstances and he sacrificed all that for the pleasure of God Almighty.

Then God Almighty granted him light in his countenance.

Hazrat Usaid Bin Huzair Ansari (ra)

This is a sign of his complete fear of God and it is this very state which brings man to fear God and continue making efforts to carry out good deeds. He remembers God at all times and at all occasions.

He would used to seek three high spiritual experiences. To attain the same state of awe of God at all times, that is experienced when reciting and listening to the recitation Of the Holy Quran;

to attain the same state of commitment at all times, that I experience when listening to the advice of the Holy Prophet (sa) with full concentration

and to attend a funeral as if it was my own funeral and I am being held to account for my deeds.

Another quality was his deep love for worship and prayer. He was the Imam of the mosque in his area. Even in sickness he would come to the mosque to pray.

At times when it became difficult to pray standing he would still come to the mosque to not miss out on the blessings of the prayer in congregation.

Hazrat Abi Bin Kaab (ra)

He was a practising scholar and would regularly perform the five daily prayers behind the Holy Prophet (sa). He relates that the Holy Prophet (sa) said that the two prayers of Fajr and Isha are very difficult for the weak of faith and the hypocrites.

If they knew just how many blessings are in these two prayers, then they would attend them even if they had to crawl on their knees.

Hazrat Abi Bin Kaab (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (sa) stated, 'if you recite the Durud for the most part of your supplications then God Almighty Himself will take care of your worries and grief.

Your sins shall be forgiven and in the eyes of God this will become a means of elevating your station.' Hazrat Abi bin Ka'ab (ra) was a very learned man and had great knowledge of the Holy Quran.

His gatherings would always be filled with great intellectual discourse. In short, he had a very eminent and high status.

The grace of these great companions continues today and we are deriving benefit from them.

The Promised Messiah (AS) said:

The support given to the Holy Prophet (sa) in Makkah by the Momineen from among the Quraish, and with the exception of one or two, no other person from any other nation was part of them, such support was purely by displaying the strength of their faith and wisdom. No sword was drawn from the sheath and nor any arrow was used, in fact they were strictly forbidden to engage in any combat. This shining weapon was simply the strength of their faith and the spiritual light of wisdom..'

Allah have mercy on you. Know that all the companions were like the body parts and limbs of the Holy Prophet (sa) and the pride of all of mankind. Some of them were like the eyes of the Messenger of the Merciful God, some like ears, some like hands and others like feet. Whatever these companions did, or whatever efforts they made all issued forth in likeness with these body parts and they did these solely for the sake of pleasing the Lord of the universe and the Lord of all the worlds.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

May Allah the Almighty enable us to follow in the footsteps of these bright stars, thereby making us those who love the Holy Prophet (sa).

May every action of ours be done for the sake of God Almighty.

After the prayers I will lead a funeral prayer in absentia of Mrs Areesha Dephan Thorlar Sahiba, wife of Fahim Dephan Tholar Sahib from Holland. Recently she was living in Benin.



She passed away on 11th December in Benin due to sudden heart failure, at the age of 62 years. To Allah we belong and to Allah shall we return.

After completing her studies she gained employment at a bank. With the approval of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh), in 2002 she married Fahim Dephan Tholar, a Dutch Ahmadi.

Her husband, Fahim Sahib, who is also a Dutch Ahmadi says: "During this period, one day we were having a conversation when all of a sudden she started crying.

Initially, I thought that perhaps I spoke in a harsh manner. It was only later that she explained that she was comparing herself with Ahmadiyyat and realised that there was a stark difference between her and Ahmadiyyat.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

She thought that she could never become an Ahmadi Muslim. This feeling of being deprived from this made her cry.

During an official tour, she accompanied Fahim Sahib to The Gambia and seeing the endeavours of the Jamaat had a positive impact on her.

After this Fahim Sahib gave her the Bai'at form. When she read the conditions mentioned on the form, she initially said that she would never be able to sign the form.

However, after reading the form she swiftly signed the form on 18th March 2006.

She did not have any children of her own, however she always treated the children at the orphanage like her own.

She fulfilled her pledge to devote her life in the best manner, in spite of the difficult circumstances of Africa.

She was punctual in observing her prayers. Ever since she accepted Ahmadiyyat she was regular in offering Tahajjud .

She would recite the Qur'an regularly and ponder over the translation, as well as its commentary.

Her husband, Fahim Sahib, says that she played the lottery with great enthusiasm, (It is a big custom in Europe to play the lottery).

However, when she was informed that it is forbidden by Islam she abandoned it immediately and the amount she would spend on the lottery every week, she began donating it towards the Mosque fund.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

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She was very hospitable and would show a lot of love and compassion to the local people.

It was due to this love and compassion that all the people in her locality of Benin would call her "Mama", and would seek her advice in their personal matters.

May Allah the Almighty elevate the status of the deceased and shower his mercy and forgiveness upon her.

May God Almighty grant the Jama'at such loyal devotees like her, who understand the spirit of devoting one's life for the Jama'at.