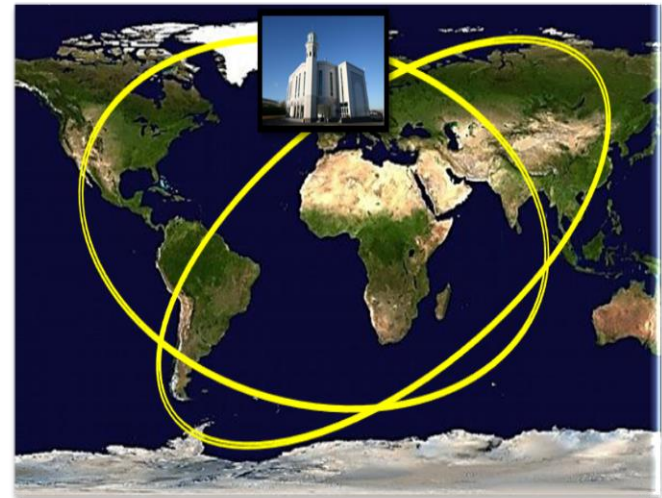


# Men of Excellence



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# Summary

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In today's sermon Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) continued with brief descriptions of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (sa), who participated in the Battle of Badr.

When God Almighty stated that He sent angels who fought, it does not mean that the angels were physically fighting, there are deeper meanings.

People raise the question that why has Hazrat Amir Muawiyah been given a significant status in the literature of the Jama'at.

Firstly, in regard to the status of the Companions (ra), it is not for us to determine the fate of the Companions.

That matter should be left with God Almighty Alone, It is not for us to entertain these issues.

We should focus on reforming our conditions and affairs, instead of commenting about them.

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**Hazrat Subaib bin Qais bin Eesha.** He participated in battles of Badr and Uhad. His mother's name was Khadija bint Umar bin Zaid. He had a son called Abdullah who died in early childhood, whose mother belonged to the tribe Banu Jazara. He had no other children.

**Hazrat Unais bin Qitada** who died during the Battle of Uhad. He also did not have any children. According to one tradition, Hazrat Khansa bint Khuddam was married to him at the time of his martyrdom.

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**Hazrat Malail bin Wabra.** He took part both in the Battle of Badr and Uhad. He had two children, Zaid and Habiba whose mother was Umm Zaid bint Nazla bin Malik. His progeny did not last beyond his children. According to one tradition, he accompanied the Holy Prophet (sa) in the battles of Badr, Uhad and all the other battles.

**Hazrat Wadee'a bin Amar.** He belonged to the tribe Banu Juhaina which was aligned with Banu Najjar. He took part in battles of Badr and Uhad.

**Hazrat Naufil bin Abdullah bin Nazla.** He was martyred during the Battle of Uhad. He participated in the battles of Badr and Uhad. His lineage did not last either.

**Hazrat 'Abbad bin Qais.** He also passed away in the eighth year of *Hijra* [migration to Medina] during the battle of Mu'tah. Hazrat 'Abbad rode together with the Holy Prophet (sa) during the battles of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq and Khaybar. He also participated in the treaty of Hudaibiyah.

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**Hazrat Yazeed bin Munzir bin Sarh bin Khunas.** He belonged to the tribe of Banu Khazraj and he participated in the *Bai'at* [pledge of allegiance] taken at 'Uqba. The Holy Prophet (sa) formed a bond of brotherhood between Hazrat Yazeed bin Munzir and 'Amir bin Rabi'ah. He participated in the battles of Badr and Uhud. He had no children at the time of his death.

His brother, **Maqir bin Munzir**, also participated in the *Bai'at* taken at 'Uqba as well as the battles of Badr and Uhud.

**Hazrat Khawarja bin Humayyar Ashja'I**, belonged to the tribe of Ashja', which was an ally of the tribe of Banu Khazraj. His brother's name is **'Abdullah bin Humayyar**, who participated alongside him in the battle of Badr.

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# Suraqa bin 'Amr bin 'Atiya bin Hansaa Ansari

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He passed away in *Jamadi-ul-Awwal* [fifth month of the lunar calendar] in the eighth year of *Hijra* [migration to Medina] during the battle of Mu'tah.

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The Holy Prophet (sa) formed a bond of brotherhood between Nahja Maula 'Amr and Suraqa bin 'Amr.

He participated in the battles of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq and Khaybar.

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He was also blessed to be in the company of the Holy Prophet (sa) on the occasion of the treaty of Hudaibiyah as well as '*Umrat-ul-Qadha* [the first pilgrimage to Mecca].

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He was among those fortunate companions who partook in the *Bai'at-e-Ridhwan*.

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He did not have any progeny and was martyred during the battle of Mu'tah.

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**Hazrat Ab-uz-Zayyah bin Thabit bin Nu'man.** He participated in the battles of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq as well as in the treaty of Hudaibiyah. He was martyred in the seventh year of *Hijra* during the battle of Khaybar. It is narrated that a Jew struck him and severed his head, as a result of which he was martyred.

**Hazrat Ansa.** He passed away during the battle of Badr. Hazrat Ansa accepted Islam in its early stages and migrated to Medina. He became the guest of Hazrat Sa'd bin Khaithma. For as long as he was alive, his favourite activity was to serve the Holy Prophet (sa). He was so obedient that it is narrated in relation to him that even when he used to take a seat, he would do so after seeking permission from the Holy Prophet (sa). He fought alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in the battle of Badr.

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**Hazrat Abu Kabsha Sulaim.** His title is Abu Kabsha. He passed away during the Khilafat of Hazrat 'Umar. He was a freed, Persian slave of the Holy Prophet (sa). He is a companion who participated in the battle of Badr. He accepted Islam in the very early stages and migrated to Medina after receiving permission to do so. He fought alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) during every battle, including the battle of Badr.

**Hazrat Suleet bin Qais bin 'Amar.** After accepting Islam, both Hazrat Sulaeet bin Qais and Hazrat Abu Salma destroyed the idols of the family of Banu 'Adi bin Najjar. Hazrat Suleet took part in the battles of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq and all the battles with the Holy Prophet (sa). He passed away in 14<sup>th</sup> Hijri during the Khilafat of Hazrat 'Umar at the battle of Jisr in Abi Ubaid.

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# Hazrat Marsad bin Abi Marsad

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He passed away during the month of *Safar* [second month of the lunar calendar] in the third year of *Hijra*.

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He was a companion who participated in the battle of Badr. He accepted Islam in its initial stages and migrated to Medina prior to the battle of Badr.

The Holy Prophet (sa) formed a bond of brotherhood between him and Hazrat Aus bin Samit

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On the day of [the battle of] Badr, he approached on a horse, whose name was Sabal.

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Ibn Ishaq has written that Hazrat Marsad, may Allah be pleased with him, was the leader of that group of soldiers, which the Holy Prophet (sa) send to Raji'.

This incident took place during the month of *Safar* in the third year of *Hijra*. According to some, Hazrat 'Asim bin Thabit was the leader of that group

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## The incident of his martyrdom

Banu 'Azl and Qarah pretended to have accepted Islam and requested the Holy Prophet (sa) to send them some teachers in order to provide them with religious education. Upon this, the Holy Prophet (sa) sent them a group of people. These people had barely reached the place of Raji', when Banu Huzail approached them with bare swords and said that we do not wish to kill you. Rather, we wish to receive a ransom from the people of Mecca and we promise to protect your lives. Upon this, Hazrat Marsad, Khalid and 'Asim, may Allah be pleased with them, said that we do not trust your promise. Hence, all three gave their lives fighting them.

# Hazrat Abu Marsad bin Qannas bin Al-Hussain Ghanwi

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He passed away in the twelfth year of *Hijra* [migration to Medina].

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He accepted Islam in its very early stages and migrated to Medina after seeking permission to do so.

The Holy Prophet (sa) formed a bond of brotherhood between him and Hazrat 'Ibada bin Samit.

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Hazrat Abu Marsad has narrated a hadith [tradition] from the Holy Prophet (sa) which is mentioned in Muslim.

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He states: "I heard the Holy Prophet (sa) saying: 'Do not sit on graves and do not pray in their direction.'"

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He passed away during the Khilafat of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) in the 12<sup>th</sup> *Hijri* at the age of sixty-six.

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He has a status in history for the following  
incident:

Hazrat Hatib bin Abi Baltah sent a letter to the Meccans to secretly inform them [of the Holy Prophet's plan] with the thought of protecting his children there. God Almighty informed the Holy Prophet (sa) about this so he sent three riders after the woman who was taking this letter and they took it from her. Hazrat Abu Marsad was one of the three riders

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**Hazrat Mujazar bin Ziyaad** was martyred during the battle of Uhud. Mujazar was his title which means  
**‘a person possessing a heavy body’**

The Holy Prophet (sa) established brotherhood between Hazrat Majzar and ‘Aaqil bin Buqair. Hazrat Majzar participated in the battle of Badr and the battle of Uhud.

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**Hazrat Hubbab bin Munzar Bin Jumuh** was a companion who passed away during the Khilafat of Hazrat ‘Umar (ra). He was with the Holy Prophet (sa) during Badr, Uhud, Khandaq and all other battles. He remained resolute alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) during the battle of Uhud.

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**Hazrat Rifaa bin Raafi bin Malik bin Ujlan** was from among the Ansar. He was present during Bai'at Uqbah as well as the Battles of Badr, Uhud, Battle of the Ditch, Bait e Rizwan and all other battles in which the Holy Prophet (sa) took part. Two of his brothers, **Khallaad bin Raafi** and **Malik bin Raafi** took part in the Battle of Badr.

Hazrat Muaz narrates on account of his father – Hazrat Rifaa bin Raafi, who took part in the Battle of Badr – that Hazrat Jibrael (as) asked the Holy Prophet (sa) his perception about those companions who took part in the Battle of Badr? The Holy Prophet (sa) said

**‘the best among the Muslims’**

or words to this effect. Hazrat Jibrael replied:

**“In the same manner, those angels that took part in the Battle of Badr are also superior in rank.”**

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There are deeper meanings wherein God Almighty stated that He sent angels who fought.

However, it does not mean that the angels were physically fighting.

According to some there are narrations stating that the wounds inflicted by the angels [upon the enemy] were completely different in appearance to the ones inflicted by the Companions.

## A clarification

This is completely wrong.

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The truth of the matter is that they direct the human faculties and ensure they are utilised in the best manner.

When all of this is happening through the influence of the angels then it is as if ,it is they who are actually fighting.

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## Further elaboration on a particular incident from the last Friday Sermon.

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It was mentioned in regards to **Hazrat Amaar** that Hazrat Amar bin Aas expressed great sorrow and concern at his demise because he had heard the Holy Prophet (sa) state that Amaar would be martyred by a rebellious group.

Nevertheless, people raise the question that if he was from among those who rebelled then why is so much respect given to his name. Also, Hazrat Amir Muawiyah has been given a significant status in the literature of the Jama'at.

Firstly, in regard to the status of the Companions (ra), **it is not for us to determine the fate of the Companions.** Due to whatever misunderstanding and error those unfortunate circumstances arose, **that matter should be left with God Almighty Alone,** and the Muslims in fact have faced the consequences of that too

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## A Dream

Abu Zoha relates that Amar bin Shirajeel Abu Maisra, who was from amongst the best students of Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood, saw in a dream that there is a beautiful garden full of greenery in which there are a few tents.

One belonging to **Hazrat Amaar bin Yaasir** and there were a few other tents in which Dhul Qilaa was also there. Abu Maisra enquired as to how this was possible for they had fought against one another. He then heard a sound saying,

**“They found their Lord to be Most-Forgiving, and hence they are now together.”**

# The Status of the Companions (ra)

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Thus, these matters are now with God Almighty. It is not for us to entertain these issues. These incidents should be a lesson for us and instead of dwelling over them, we should be seeking ways to establish unity.

I once mentioned an account related by Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) which was in reference to Amir Muwaiya. Upon this someone from one of the Arab countries wrote to me and said he was the leader of a murderous and rebellious group therefore why do I say his name with such respect.

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Therefore, this narration in which the dream was mentioned is a sufficient enough response in that God Almighty is Most-Forgiving and Ever Merciful.

We should focus on reforming our conditions and affairs instead of commenting about them.

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May God Almighty enable us to remain as one and remain established on being united and excel in our good deeds.

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