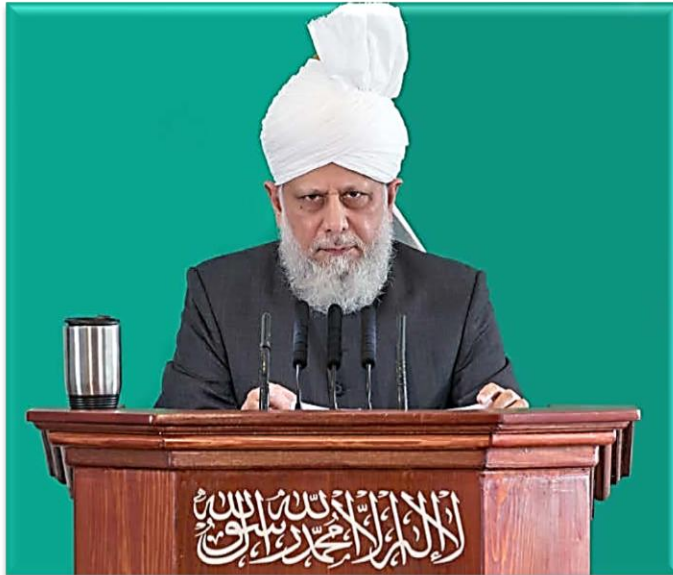
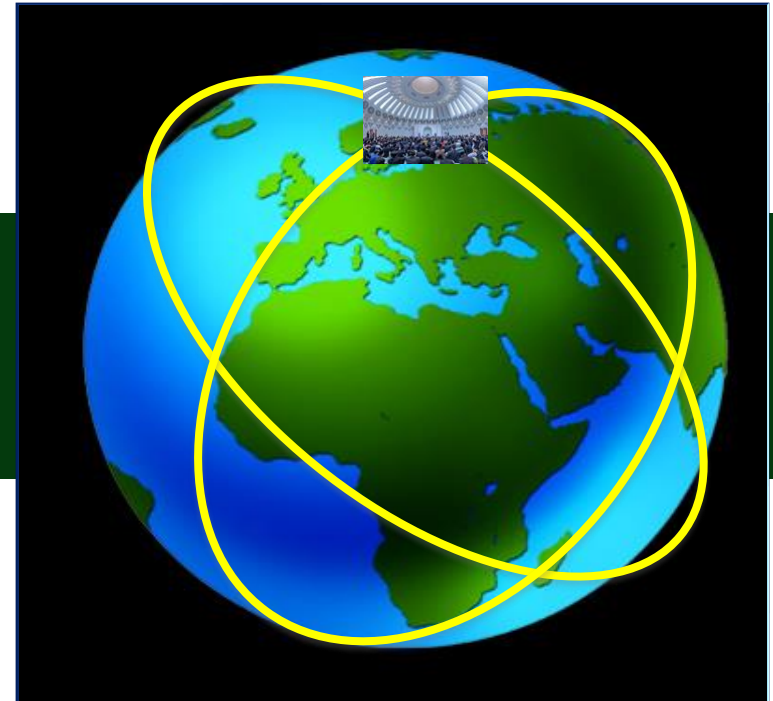


Men of Excellence



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Summary

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Hazoor (aba) narrated the final accounts relating to the life of Hazrat Hazrat Abu Talha Ansari (ra)



Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) had the opportunity to pledge initiation at the hands of the Holy Prophet (sa) during the second pledge at “Aqaba”.



He participated alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in all the battles, including the Battle of Badr.



Huzur (aba) mentioned respected Babu Muhammad Latif Sahib Amritsari, son of Hazrat Mia Noor Muhammad Sahib and lead her Funeral prayers in absentia.

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Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

The actual name of Hazrat Abu Talha Ansari (ra) was Zaid. He belonged to the Ansar tribe of Khazraj and was the chief of his tribe.

He had the opportunity to pledge initiation at the hands of the Holy Prophet (sa) during the second pledge at 'Aqaba.

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) sent a marriage proposal to Umme Sulaim (ra). She replied that she was a Muslim woman and it was not permissible for her to marry him. She stated, "If you were to accept Islam then I would consider this very act in itself to be my dowry and I would not ask of anything else."

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) accepted Islam and this was declared to be her dowry.

He participated alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in all the battles, including the Battle of Badr.

When Hazrat Abu Ubaida (ra) bin Al-Jarrah migrated to Medina, the Holy Prophet (sa) formed a bond of brotherhood between him and Hazrat Abu Talha (ra).

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) was an extremely skilled archer and used this skill to the maximum during the battle of Uhud.

During the Battle of Uhud, at one-point people dispersed and Holy Prophet (sa) had no cover, Hazrat Abu Talha (ra), however, stood resolutely behind his shield in front of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) recommended the name of his stepson, Hazrat Anas (ra) to assist the Holy Prophet (sa) during his journey to Khaybar. Hazrat Anas (ra) relates that during this time of service, the Holy Prophet (sa) would never admonish him.

Hazrat Anas (ra) relates that during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (sa), Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) would refrain from voluntary fasting as he wanted to preserve his strength when engaging in Jihad.

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

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After the battle of Khaybar, the Holy Prophet (sa) married the war prisoner Hazrat Safiyyah (ra) bint Huyayy with due respect and kindness and held a Walima party afterwards.

While returning, the Holy Prophet (sa) was riding his camel and Hazrat Safiyyah (ra) bint Huyayy was seated behind him. The camel stumbled, causing them both to fall. Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) immediately dismounted his camel and rushed to assist.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said, "First enquire about the lady". Hazrat Talha (ra) while observing due dignity and respect for Purdah, helped Hazrat Safiyyah (ra) to mount the camel once again.

The Holy Prophet (sa) safeguarded the rights of women.

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

Once Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) took a guest of the Holy Prophet (sa) to him home to take care of this guest. They had barely enough to feed their children but was very keen to serve the guest.

His wife served all the food to the guest, she turned the oil lamp off and acted as if fixing the oil lamp. She and her husband just pretended as if they were eating and served every bit of food they had to their guest. The whole family went to bed hungry.

In the morning he went to the Holy Prophet (sa) who said that “today Allah the Almighty smiled upon your act”, or he stated that “Allah the Almighty was extremely pleased with this act of theirs”.

“but prefer the Refugees to themselves, even though poverty be their own lot. And whoso is rid of the covetousness of his own soul — it is these who will be successful.” (59.10)

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

Once The Holy Prophet (sa) visited the house of Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) with his companions, who were all very hungry. The family only had a small amount of barley bread at home.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said to his wife: 'O Umme Sulaim, bring whatever you have to eat.' She brought bread and Ghee [clarified butter]. The Holy Prophet (sa) then said to call ten people to eat, they ate until they were content and then they left

Approximately seventy or eighty people were fed to contentment from this small amount of bread.

This shows the blessings of the prayers of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) owned the most date orchards among all the Ansar in Medina. When the following verse was revealed:

“Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love;”

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) stood up and said,

“O messenger (sa) of Allah! From my property, my most beloved possession is the Berha orchard, I offer that as charity in the way of Allah. I am hopeful that God Almighty will accept this virtue and will be beneficial.”

The Holy Prophet (sa) replied, “I hear your request, I consider it best if you distribute this amongst your close relatives.”

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) replied, “O Messenger (sa) of Allah! I shall do exactly as you have commanded.”

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) distributed this orchard amongst his relatives and the sons of his uncle.

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

A child of Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) was ill and when he left the house, the child passed away. When he returned home, he enquired about the health of the child from his wife, Hazrat Umme Sulaim (ra). She replied, "He is now in more comfort than before." She then gave him dinner and after spending the night together, she informed him of the passing of their child.

In the morning, Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) mentioned the entire incident to the Holy Prophet (sa), who then prayed for his offspring. Hence after this incident he was blessed with a son.

According to an Ansari companion's narration, he saw nine sons of Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) and all of them were Qaris [reciters of the Holy Quran], that is, he was granted nine pious sons.

Such was the courage and steadfastness that was displayed by the women in that time.

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra)

Hazrat Anas (ra) bin Malik relates that he was presenting alcohol made from dates to sahaba, when someone arrived and informed them that alcohol had been declared forbidden.

Upon hearing this, Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) stated,
“O Anas! Break these pots!”

Hazrat Anas (ra) states that he hit the bottom of the pots with a stone and smashed them all.

In 34 Hijri, Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) passed away at the age of 70 in Medina.

Babu Muhammad Latif Sahib

“Surely to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.”

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Babu Muhammad Latif Sahib Amritsari, son of Hazrat Mian Noor Muhammad Sahib, who was a companion of the Promised Messiah (as), passed away on 26th January 2020 in Rabwah at the age of 90:

He presented his services to work for the Jama'at in October 1952 and held a long and exemplary record of excellent service to the community. He had a keen interest for religious knowledge.

He has one son and 5 daughters and a few days before his demise, one of his daughters also passed away, who was the wife Zarif Ahmad Qamar Sahib and their son is a missionary.

He was very punctual, and his main objective was to fulfil his Jama'at work.

If ever a fellow worker made a mistake, he would advise them in a very loving manner.

Babu Muhammad Latif Sahib

His philosophy was that whenever one is faced with a worldly problem, then alongside prayers, work even more diligently for the Jama'at work, then Allah the Almighty alleviates any problem.

He was very proficient in writing and would always select the most suitable words. Whenever he would buy a new pen, he would write *Bismillah* [in the name of Allah] with it and then continue his work.

Another great quality of his was that he would never discuss any jama'at matter with anyone. Whatever document he was dealing with would always remain discrete and confidential. In other words, he was an extremely selfless person.

May Allah the Almighty grant him His forgiveness and mercy and elevate His status. May He also enable his children and progeny to continue his good deeds.