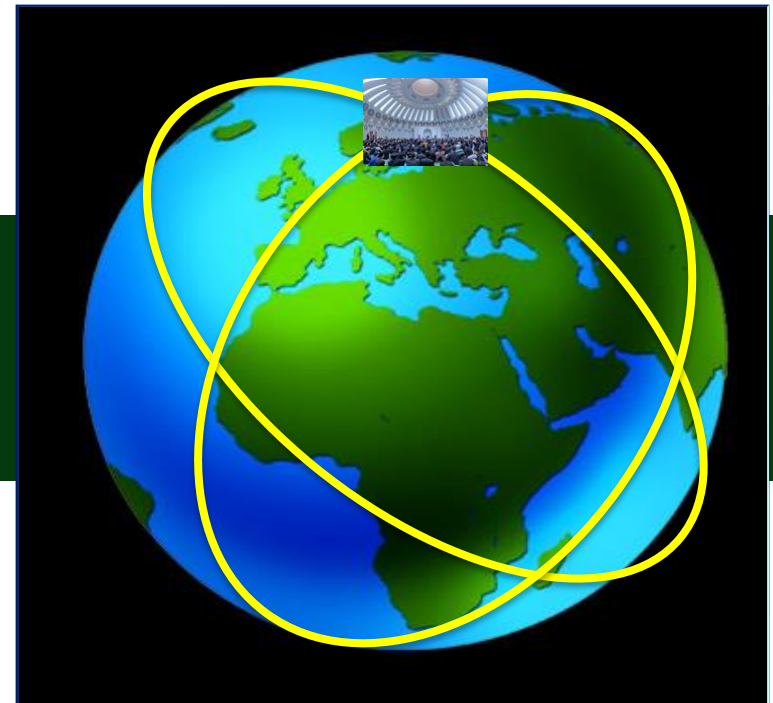


Men of Excellence



**Sermon Delivered by Hadhrat
Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba);
Head of the Ahmadiyya
Muslim Community**



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Summary

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) continued with the mention of Hazrat Zubair bin Awwam (ra).

Hazrat Zubair (ra) was amongst the scribes of the Holy Quran.

His Holiness (aba) related a narration of Hazrat Zubair's (ra) son, that his father advised him, if he ever found trouble in repaying his debts, he should seek help only from Allah.

His Holiness (aba) narrated the incidents surrounding the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthman (ra), the subsequent election of Hazrat Ali (ra) and the battle of the Camel.

Hazrat Zubair (ra) was martyred upon returning from the grounds of the Battle of the Camel.

His Holiness (aba) led three funeral prayers in-absentia.

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Hazrat
Zubair (ra)

After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) stated that Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

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'As to those who answered the call of Allah and the Messenger after they had received an injury — such of them as do good and act righteously shall have a great reward'

(Holy Qur'an, 3:173)

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Hazrat Zubair bin Awwam (ra)

Hazrat Aishah (ra) narrated that the above mentioned verse also applied to Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Zubair (ra).

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In the Battle of Uhud, after the Holy Prophet (sa) was attacked and the enemy fled, the Holy Prophet (sa) asked who would follow them?

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A group of companions presented themselves for this task, among whom were Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and Hazrat Zubair (ra), despite being injured.

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Hazrat Ali (ra) narrated a saying of the Holy Prophet (sa) that Hazrat Zubair (ra) would be amongst his neighbours in heaven.

Scribe of the Holy Qur'an

With regards to the scribes of the Holy Qur'an, His Holiness (aba) referenced the Second Caliph (ra) who listed fifteen known scribes of the Holy Qur'an

Whom the Holy Prophet (sa) would instruct to write down a revelation of the Holy Qur'an as soon as he received it.

Hazrat Zubair (ra) was also amongst those scribes.

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Zubair (ra)

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A Gift of Land

His Holiness (aba) also cited the Second Caliph (ra) in narrating that the Holy Prophet (sa) gifted some land to Hazrat Zubair (ra).

It was said that this land was so vast, that Hazrat Zubair's (ra) horse could run freely and would reach its end upon becoming tired.

His Holiness (aba) commented that Arabian horses were known to be significantly strong, thus it can be estimated that this land was around 20,000 acres.

An Unbiased Decision

Once Hazrat Zubair (ra) had a disagreement with an Ansari companion regarding the stream from which they both watered their crops.

This disagreement occurred in the presence of the Holy Prophet (sa), and so in order to mediate, the Holy Prophet (sa) advised Hazrat Zubair (ra) to take some water for his crops, and then leave the stream for his counterpart.

Upon this, the Ansari companion said to the Holy Prophet (sa) that he had made this decision because Hazrat Zubair (ra) was his nephew.

An Unbiased Decision

Upon this, the Holy Prophet (sa) told Hazrat Zubair (ra) to utilise the entire stream and water his crops, thus showing that he had initially made an unbiased decision for both parties.

It was thus that the following verse of the Holy Qur'an was revealed to the Holy Prophet (sa):

'But no, by thy Lord, they are not believers until they make thee judge in all that is in dispute between them and then find not in their hearts any demur concerning that which thou decidest and submit with full submission.' (Holy Qur'an, 4:66)

Hazrat
Zubair (ra)

Very Charitable

Hazrat Zubair (ra) had a thousand workers, who would bring him the produce of his crops at the end of the day.

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However, he would not keep the wealth for himself but would give the entire sum in charity.

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Thus, when he was martyred, he had no wealth to his name except a few properties.

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His Holiness (aba) related a narration of Hazrat Zubair's (ra) son, that his father advised him, if he ever found trouble in repaying his debts, he should seek help only from Allah.

His son said that if ever he did find some trouble in repaying a certain debt, he would pray to God and He would provide the means for repayment.

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Seek God's Help in Repaying Debts

In some instances, God would create the means for the properties of Hazrat Zubair (ra) to be sold at an amount enough to repay the debts.

The manner in which Hazrat Zubair (ra) became indebted was that when people would come to him to leave some wealth with him as a trust,

he would tell them that he wouldn't keep it as a trust but instead would keep it as a loan,

so that there would be no fear of the wealth being spent or being wasted.

Battle of the Camel

His Holiness (aba) cited the Second Caliph (ra) in narrating the incidents surrounding the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthman (ra), the subsequent election of Hazrat Ali (ra) and the battle of the Camel.

The conditions under which Hazrat Zubair (ra) pledged allegiance to Hazrat Ali (ra).

Hazrat Zubair (ra) also sought swift retribution against the murderers of Hazrat Uthman (ra).

However, Hazrat Zubair (ra) felt that Hazrat Ali (ra) was not taking swift enough action in this regard.

Thus, he, along with other companions approached Hazrat Aishah (ra) in this regard to which she pledged to seek retribution.

Hazrat
Zubair (ra)

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It was a result of this difference of opinion that the Battle of the Camel took place between the armies of Hazrat Aishah (ra) and Hazrat Ali (ra).

Battle of
Camel

His Holiness (aba) said that this incident was related in the accounts of Hazrat Talhah (ra)

Which clearly showed that this battle was the result of incitement from the mischievous and hypocrites, and some companions became involved due to misunderstanding.

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Hazrat Zubair (ra) retreated from the battlefield, because he remembered that the Holy Prophet (sa) had once said to him,


that he would fight against Hazrat Ali (ra) and he would be the reason for this misunderstanding.

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Hazrat
Zubair (ra)


Martyrdom

Hazrat Zubair (ra) was martyred upon returning from the grounds of the Battle of the Camel.



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When Hazrat Zubair's (ra) sword was brought to Hazrat Ali (ra), he said that this sword protected and would bring comfort to the Holy Prophet (sa), yet now it has come from the grounds of disorder.



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Hazrat Ali (ra) cursed the person who had martyred Hazrat Zubair (ra).

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Zubair (ra)

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Al-Hajji Ibrahim Uwahay Sahib

He Passed away on 10th August

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He was serving as the Vice-President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in The Gambia.

He was also regular in giving alms and had deep love for the Holy Qur'an. He was regular in offering Salat and voluntary prayers.

Battle of
Camel

He obtained his Masters degree from the United States and then returned to serve the people of his country. He was an educator, who was well regarded in intellectual circles.

He left behind two wives, seven sons and two daughters. His Holiness (aba) prayed for the forgiveness of the deceased and that his children may become the object of the fulfilment of their father's prayers.

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Naeem Ahmad Khan Sahib

He passed away in April.

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He served as the Vice-President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Karachi. He served in various capacities under Khuddamul Ahmadiyya (youth auxiliary) aside from which he served in many other capacities.

He served as the auditor in the first governing body of the IAAAE. He also served as one of the engineers who helped plan in the building of roti plants.

Battle of Camel

His children write that he always taught them to remain attached to the faith, Khilafat and to regularly offer their prayers. He was always regular in his Salat and his voluntary prayers.

Even during his final days, he would ask the nurse to help him sit up so that he may offer prayers. His Holiness (aba) prayed for the forgiveness of the deceased and that his children may be able to keep his virtues alive.

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Bushra Begum Sahiba

She passed away on 19th July.

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Her grandfather was a companion of the Promised Messiah (as). She was regular in offering Salat and voluntary prayers. She was very hospitable and regularly offered alms.

Due to weak eye-sight, she was unable to read the Holy Qur'an as a child. However later on in life, her children would help her and she was able to memorize a few parts of the Holy Qur'an.

Battle of Camel

His Holiness (aba) mentioned that one of her sons is serving as a missionary of the Community and is the Missionary in-Charge of New Zealand.

His Holiness (aba) prayed for the forgiveness of the deceased and prayed that Allah Almighty may grant her children patience and enable them to keep her virtues alive.

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