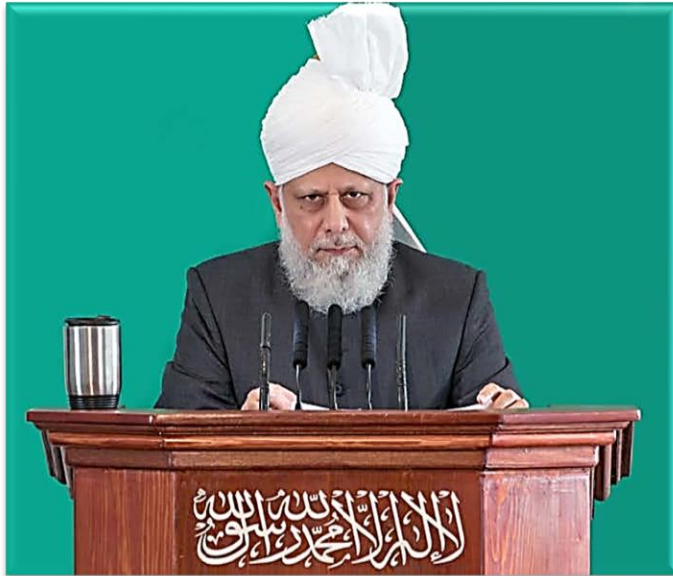
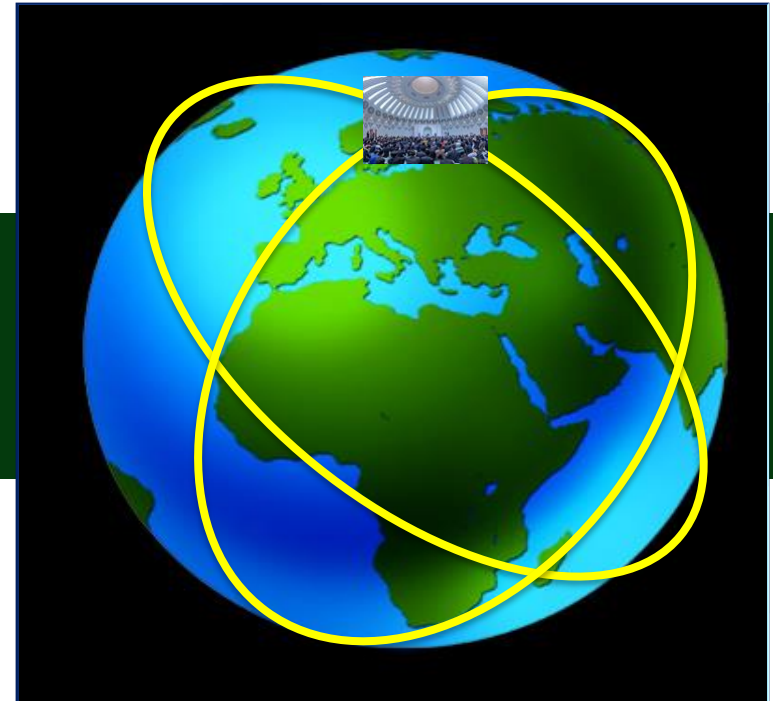


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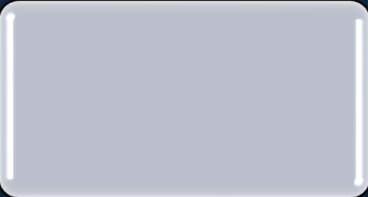
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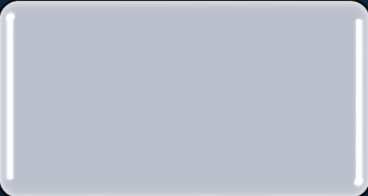
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The Holy Prophet (sa) said that every Prophet has been granted seven Naqeeb, however he was granted fourteen; Hazrat Bilal (ra) being one of them.



The Holy Prophet (sa) said that Hazrat Bilal (ra) would be given one of the camels of heaven.



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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

His Holiness (aba) presented a narration in which the Holy Prophet (sa) asked Hazrat Bilal (ra) the best deed he had carried out in the way of Islam, for he heard his footsteps before him in heaven.

Hazrat Bilal (ra) replied that he considered offering nafl prayer to be obligatory for himself, and offered them whenever he was able to after performing the ablution.

This did not mean that Hazrat Bilal (ra) had a higher rank than the Holy Prophet (sa), rather, it meant that on account of his prayers in seclusion, he would remain alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in heaven just as he did in this world.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

His Holiness (aba) referenced the Second Caliph (ra), who cited the example of Hazrat Bilal (ra) and said that the only thing that remains in this world are those sincere actions carried out for the sake of Allah.

The Second Caliph (ra) said that we do not know where the houses, properties or progeny of Hazrat Bilal (ra) are, however to this day, we still recount the virtues and sacrifices of Hazrat Bilal (ra), for he used to call the Adhan [call to prayer] and he remained in the company of the Holy Prophet (sa).

His Holiness (aba) presented a narration, narrated by Hazrat Bilal (ra), in which the Holy Prophet (sa) said that heaven was ardently waiting to welcome three people; Hazrat Ali (ra), Hazrat Ammar (ra), and Hazrat Bilal (ra).

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that every Prophet has been granted seven Naqeeb, however he was granted fourteen; Hazrat Bilal (ra) being one of them.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

In another narration, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that Hazrat Bilal (ra) would be given one of the camels of heaven.

His Holiness (aba) presented another narration, in which the Holy Prophet (sa) said to the wife of Hazrat Bilal (ra), that whatever she heard about him from Bilal (ra) was true.

He further said that Hazrat Bilal (ra) was like a honey-bee, who went around and sucked nectar from flowers and turned it into honey.

His Holiness (aba) presented another narration in which Hazrat Bilal (ra) was lauded as the foremost of the Shuhada and Mu'addhinin and he would be the most honoured on the Day of Judgment.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Bilal (ra) passed away during the Khilafat of Hazrat Umar (ra) in Damascus, where he was also buried.

Men of Excellence Hazrat Bilal (ra) bin Rabah

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

His Holiness (aba) presented a quote of the Second Caliph (ra) in which he mentioned the virtues of Hazrat Bilal (ra). He wrote that though Hazrat Bilal (ra) was an Abyssinian slave, this did not matter to the Holy Prophet (sa), for it did not matter to him where or what nation one was from.

Rather, he treated them all equally. He did not consider himself to be superior simply on the basis of being an Arab or being from an esteemed tribe, instead he treated all as equals. This resulted in an unbreakable bond with his companions.

When the Holy Prophet (sa) saw that people would laugh at Hazrat Bilal (ra) because he would say as-hadu instead of ash-hadu whilst calling the Adhan, the Holy Prophet (sa) turned to these people and said that Bilal's (ra) as-hadu was dearer to God than these people's ash-hadu.

The Holy Prophet (sa) did not say this merely for encouragement, rather this was the deep rooted love he had for him.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

The love which Hazrat Bilal (ra) had for the Holy Prophet (sa) is demonstrated from an incident after the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Once, people approached Hazrat Bilal (ra) requesting him to call the Adhan as he used to during the time of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Bilal (ra) replied saying that he had vowed to himself that he would not call the Adhan after the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa), for it would bring back memories of his beloved, which he would not be able to bear... Thus, according to the desire of Hazrat Umar (ra), Hazrat Bilal (ra) called the Adhan just as he used to during the time of the Holy Prophet (sa).

After calling the Adhan, Hazrat Bilal (ra) was so overcome by emotions, that he became unconscious, and the impact upon him was so great, that he later passed away.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

This was the example of Hazrat Bilal (ra), who not only accepted the unity of God and love of the Holy Prophet (sa), but displayed them through such examples, the likes of which could never be replicated.

His example is one which can establish unity and brotherhood in the world and break the chains of bondage. Our salvation to this day, lies in establishing such examples of belief in the unity of God and love for the Holy Prophet (sa).

His Holiness (aba) prayed that we all may be able to adopt this esteemed example. With that, His Holiness (aba) completed mention of Hazrat Bilal bin Rabah (ra).