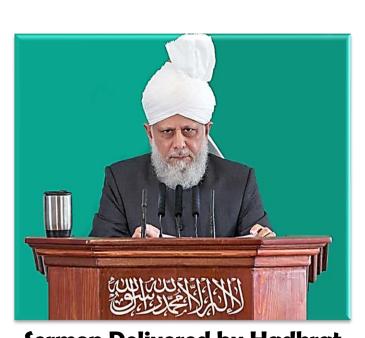
Men of Excellence – Hazrat Mu'adh bin Jabal (ra)



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Summary

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Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) took part in all battles alongside the Holy Prophet (sa). Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) was one of the four companions during the life of the Holy Prophet (sa) who had memorised and helped compile the Holy Qur'an. Once the Holy Prophet (sa) said that Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) had the greatest understanding of what is lawful and unlawful according to the teachings of Islam. His Holiness (aba) related a narration from Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) in which he said that once the Holy Prophet (sa) took hold of his hand and told him that he loved him.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

Hazrat Mu'adh bin Jabal (ra) father's name was Jabal bin 'Amr and his mother's Hind bint Sahl. Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) was from the Udayy bin Sa'd bin Ali branch of the Khazraj tribe.

Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) took part in all battles alongside the Holy Prophet (sa). It is recorded that at the time of the Battle of Badr, the age of Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) was 20 or 21.

Upon accepting Islam Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) wished to convey the true message of God to his father. Thus, he along with some other youngsters would take the idol which his father 'Amr worshipped and throw it in a gutter. They did so for three consecutive nights. After the second time 'Amr found his idol in the gutter, he left his sword beside the idol and said that it should protect itself.

However, the next day he found the idol hanging from the collar of a dog. This caused 'Amr to think, how an idol he had worshipped his entire life could not even protect itself. Thus 'Amr was able to recognise the One true God.

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His Holiness (aba)
related that upon
returning to
Madinah from
the Battle of
Uhud, the Holy
Prophet (sa)
heard women
crying and
lamenting over
the martyred.

The Holy Prophet
(sa) asked 'Is
there no one to
lament over the
martyrdom of
Hamzah?' Upon
this, Hazrat
Mu'adh (ra) was
among the
companions who
went

and told the
women that they
should not lament
over the
martyrdom of
anyone, until they
had mourned the
martyrdom of
Hazrat Hamzah (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that though Islam does not allow wailing or expressing grief in an excessive manner, this was an expression of love and loyalty to the Holy Prophet (sa).

Role in Compilation of the Holy Qur'an

His Holiness (aba)
said that Hazrat
Mu'adh (ra) was one
of the four
companions during
the life of the Holy
Prophet (sa) who
had memorised and
helped compile the
Holy Qur'an.

Furthermore, Hazrat Mu'adh (ra)
was of the four esteemed
companions who were appointed
by the Holy Prophet (sa)

as teachers of the Holy Qur'an, as they had learned the entire Holy Qur'an directly from the Holy Prophet (sa).

His Holiness (aba) related that once the Holy Prophet (sa) said that Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) had the greatest understanding of what is lawful and unlawful according to the teachings of Islam.

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His Holiness (aba) related a narration from Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) in which he said that once the Holy Prophet (sa) took hold of his hand and told him that he loved him.

Then he advised him to say the following prayer after completing the Salat 'My Lord I implore You to help me in Thy remembrance, for being grateful to You, and worshipping you in the best manner.'

His Holiness (aba)
presented narrations in
which it is related that
Hazrat Mu'adh was
leading the Salat during
which he recited long
portions of the Holy
Qur'an. Due to the length
of the prayer, one person
left the congregation and
offered his own prayer.

When this news reached the Holy Prophet (sa), he instructed Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) that he should not burden the congregants by leading very long prayers. He then gave Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) examples of some chapters of the Holy Qur'an which he should recite which are of an adequate length for leading the Salat.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

His Holiness (aba) related a narration of Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) who once asked the Holy Prophet (sa) to advise him of what deeds he should carry out in order to be saved from the fire and enter into heaven.

The Holy Prophet (sa) responded that to offer prayer and not associate partners with God, to pay the Zakat, fast, and perform the pilgrimage could save a person from the fire.

The Holy Prophet (sa) then said that he would inform him of actions which could open the doors of good and prosperity.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that fasting is a shield, and giving alms is like water which puts out a fire, and offering voluntary prayers in the middle of the night, and carrying out Jihad.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the basis of all of these things was maintaining control over one's tongue, for the injuries and various harms caused by the tongue are what land a person into the fire.

Hazrat Mu'adh bin Jabal (ra

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

HIs Holiness (aba) related a narration in which the Holy Prophet (sa) called unto Hazrat Mu'adh (ra), and said that anyone who sincerely declared their belief in the Unity of God and the fact that Muhammad (sa) was His messenger would be saved from the fire.

However the Holy Prophet (sa) advised that Hazrat Mu'adh (ra) should not spread this otherwise people would stop doing good deeds. His Holiness (aba) commented and explained that this was a matter which would not have been understood by everyone.

It can be seen today that there are many to declare their belief, while their hearts are filled with shirk (associating partners with God) as they depend solely on worldly means.

Furthermore, His Holiness (aba) commented that this narration makes it clear that the authority of decision and reward for belief lies solely with God Almighty, not with any human being.