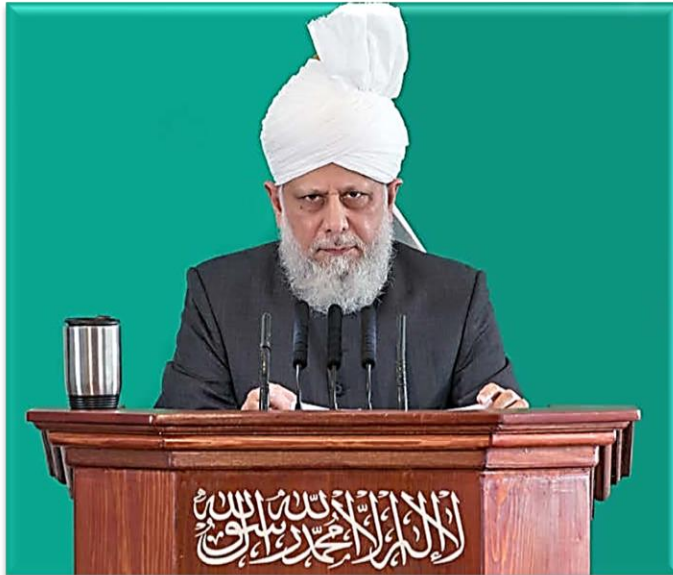
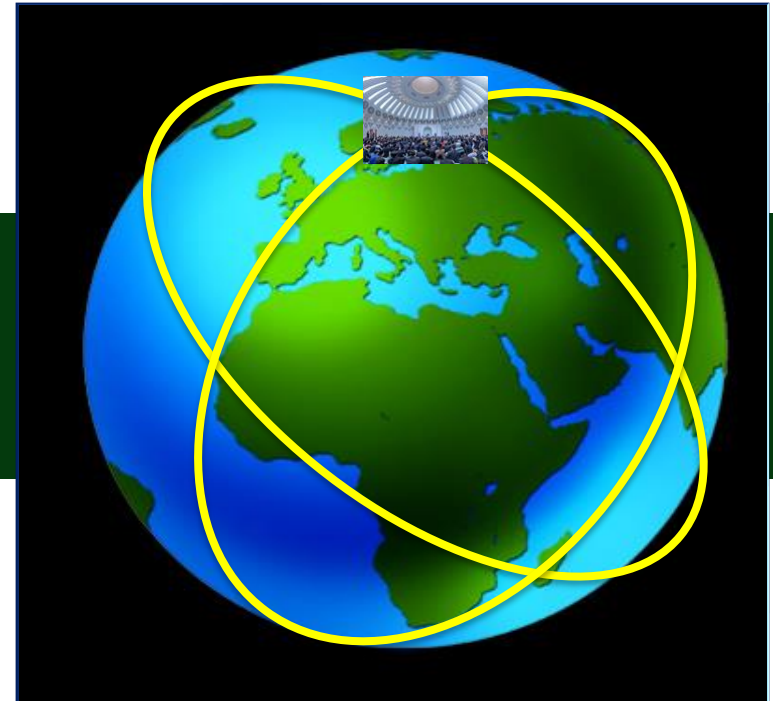


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**Sermon Delivered by Hadhrat
Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba);
Head of the Ahmadiyya
Muslim Community**



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Pledging Allegiance to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra)

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Hazoor (aba) presented a narration, that after the Muslims had pledged allegiance to him, Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) looked around and did not see Hazrat Ali(ra). He inquired about Hazrat Ali(ra) and sent for him, upon which he arrived and pledged allegiance at the hand of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra).

Hazoor (aba) presented a quotation in which the Promised Messiah(as) stated that Hazrat Ali(ra) was so eager to pledge allegiance at the hand of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra), that he left his home without even having fully tied his turban.

Hazoor (aba) presented some narrations which state that Hazrat Ali(ra) also reaffirmed his pledge of allegiance six months later after the demise of Hazrat Fatimah(ra).

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Hazoor (aba) presented another quotation of the Promised Messiah(as), in which he addressed those who believe that Hazrat Ali(ra) was of the opinion that he should have been the first successor as opposed to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra). However, the Promised Messiah(as) wrote that this could not have been the case, because not only did Hazrat Ali(ra) pledge allegiance to Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra), but he remained completely steadfast and loyal alongside Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra). He never joined those who tried to stir up disorder against Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra), rather he opposed them.

The Promised Messiah(as) also stated that Hazrat Ali(ra) had many alliances throughout Arabia; had he truly been of this opinion and believed that he should have been the first successor, then he surely could have migrated, and gathered his allies and started a war. But he never did such a thing, rather he remained entirely loyal. He always offered his prayers behind Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and never abandoned doing so, nor did he ever utter anything close to a complaint of any sort.

Hazoor (aba) said that Hazrat Ali (ra) never opposed any of the three Caliphs before him; and to say that he did not pledge allegiance to Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) would be a disservice to his honour.

Various Services of Hazrat Ali(ra) After Demise of the Holy Prophet(sa)

Hazoor (aba) mentioned the various services rendered by Hazrat Ali(ra) during the eras of the first three Caliphs before him.

Hazoor (aba) said that after the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa), there were some who went astray and some who joined a false claimant to prophethood named Musailimah. This posed a threat to the safety of Madinah, as plots were being made to attack.

Thus, Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra) devised a plan to station the army at various entry points to Madinah, and Hazrat Ali (ra) was among those appointed to oversee this.

Hazoor (aba) said that during the Caliphate of Hazrat Umar(ra), at times when he himself would go out on expeditions, he would appoint Hazrat Ali (ra) as the leader of Madinah in his stead.

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During the Caliphate of Hazrat Uthman(ra), there were various disorders which arose. During this time, Hazrat Ali (ra) dutifully remained alongside Hazrat Uthman(ra) and would provide sincere and wise counsel in various matters.

Once, Hazrat Uthman's(ra) home was besieged by some dissidents, who would not even let Hazrat Uthman(ra) eat as they stopped any food from reaching him. This greatly troubled Hazrat Ali(ra) who went to plead with them, saying that even the disbelievers would let their prisoners eat. Hazrat Ali(ra) made every effort to plead with them.

When he learned of plots for the martyrdom of Hazrat Uthman(ra), he sent his two sons Hasan and Husain to stand guard at the door of Hazrat Uthman(ra). Eventually, when the dissidents broke through and martyred Hazrat Uthman(ra), Hazrat Ali(ra) was extremely troubled and grieved.

Hazrat Ali (ra) said to Hazrat Uthman (ra), that he feared plots were being made to assassinate him. Thus, he requested Hazrat Uthman (ra)'s permission to fight against these people, however Hazrat Uthman (ra) replied saying that not a drop of blood should be spilled for his sake.

Commencement of Caliphate of Hazrat Ali(ra)

After Hazrat Uthman(ra) was martyred, Muslims flocked towards Hazrat Ali(ra), saying that Hazrat Ali(ra) was the next Caliph. Hazrat Ali(ra) responded by saying that the next Caliph would be he who the companions who participated in the Battle of Badr would choose as the next Caliph. Everyone insisted that the next Caliph should be Hazrat Ali(ra). Hazrat Ali(ra) inquired about Hazrat Sa'd(ra) and Hazrat Zubair(ra), upon which Hazrat Sa'd(ra) stepped forward and became the first to pledge allegiance at the hand of Hazrat Ali(ra). Afterwards, Hazrat Ali(ra) went to the mosque, where everyone pledged allegiance to him.

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Hazoor (aba) presented some quotations of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud(ra) in which he stated that for Hazrat Ali(ra) to take up the mantle of the Caliphate at that time was a great sacrifice. At that difficult time, he did so, in order to keep the institution of the Caliphate firmly established.

Hazoor (aba) said that he would continue highlighting incidents from the life of Hazrat Ali(ra) in the future.

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A Request for Prayer for Ahmadis in Algeria and Pakistan

Hazoor (aba) again urged the Community to pray for the Ahmadis in Algeria as well as the Ahmadis in Pakistan. The conditions for Ahmadis continue to worsen for Ahmadis in Algeria; false cases are constantly being levelled against them. Similarly in Pakistan, Ahmadis are being made to face increasingly difficult circumstances.

Hazoor (aba) prayed that those who are causing such trouble for Ahmadis should be held accountable by God Almighty, and that the hardships being faced by Ahmadis may be alleviated.

Hazoor (aba) also urged the Ahmadis of Pakistan, that they must turn their attention towards prayer more than ever before. Hazoor(aba) prayed for ease and the ability to openly preach the true message of Islam, not only in Pakistan but throughout the entire world.

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Funeral prayers (in absentia)

1. **Dr. Tahir Ahmad Sahib**

passed away on 4th December, 2020

2. **Habibullah Mazhar Sahib**

passed away on 24th October, 2020

3. **Bashiruddin Ahmad Sahib**

passed away on 30th November, 2020

4. **Amina Ahmad Sahiba**

passed away on 19th October, 2020

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un

[Surely To Allah do we belong and to Him do we return].

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