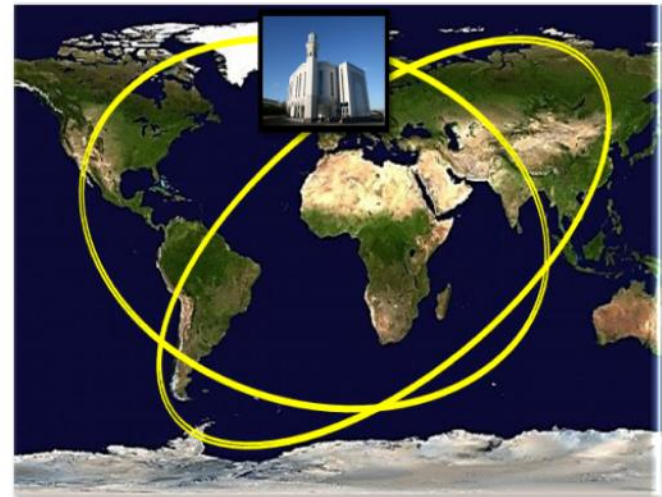


“Rightly Guided Caliphs: Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)”



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Summary

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The Holy Prophet (sa) said that anyone who had windows facing inside the mosque should close them, except for Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

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Unwavering Support

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that he would continue highlighting aspects from the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

It is recorded that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was among those on the day of Uhud that when the enemy left, the Holy Prophet (sa) had a feeling that they would return and asked who would follow them.

There were seventy people who presented themselves to the Holy Prophet (sa), among whom was Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that the Holy Prophet (sa) would say that there was a time when everyone refused him,

However at that time he found there to be no wavering in the support of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

The Treaty of Hudaibiyah

As the terms of the Treaty of Hudaibiyah were being stipulated, the Companions present were extremely emotional and unhappy, However, they controlled their emotions before the Holy Prophet (sa).

Finally, Hazrat Umar (ra) expressed his concerns, asking the Holy Prophet (sa) that if he was the true prophet then why were they having to face such humiliation?

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that being the Messenger of Allah, he understood His desires and would not go against them.

Then, Hazrat Umar (ra) asked, did the Holy Prophet (sa) not say that they would circle around the Ka'bah? The Holy Prophet (sa) responded that he did, however he did not say that this would happen that very year. Hazrat Umar (ra) was still not satisfied and went to Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and voiced the same concerns.

The Treaty of Hudaibiyah

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) responded to him by saying that he should remain steadfast and not waver in his commitment to the Holy Prophet (sa), for the person in whose hand they had given theirs was certainly truthful.

It was upon this that Hazrat Umar (ra) realised and felt regret over his actions, and offered various voluntary prayers and sacrifices as expiation.

His Holiness (aba) said that once, there were two men arguing; a Muslim and a Jewish man. They argued over the status of their respective prophets and when the Jewish man expressed his view of Moses' (as) superiority, the Muslim slapped him.

The Jewish man went to the Holy Prophet (sa) and told him what happened, upon which the Holy Prophet (sa) summoned the Muslim man and told him not to give him superiority to Moses (as). In commentary of this narration, it is recorded that the Muslim man was Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

A Relationship of Tremendous Love

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had a relationship of great love with the Holy Prophet (sa). When the following chapter of the Holy Qur'an was revealed:

'When the help of Allah comes, and the victory, and thou seest men entering the religion of Allah in troops, glorify thy Lord, with His praise, and seek forgiveness of Him.

Surely He is Oft-Returning with compassion.'
(The Holy Qur'an, 110:2-4)
The Holy Prophet (sa) delivered a sermon in which he informed Muslims about this chapter and said that he had been given the option between nearness to God

or worldly success and he chose nearness to God. The Muslims rejoiced upon hearing this, however, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) cried out in agony. He said to the Holy Prophet (sa) that may his parents, wife and children and everything he had, be sacrificed for him.

Some Companions wondered why Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was reacting in this manner to this news they had received.

A Relationship of Tremendous Love

The Holy Prophet (sa) sensed people's bewilderment and the reaction of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), upon which he said that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was so beloved to him,

that had it been permissible to make anyone besides Allah a Khalil, he would have made Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) his Khalil, yet he was still his Companion.

Then the Holy Prophet (sa) said that anyone who had windows facing inside the mosque should close them, except for Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). This was the great expression of love by the Holy Prophet (sa).

It was out of his love for the Holy Prophet (sa), that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was able to realise that this chapter was alluding to the imminent demise of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) Awareness

Once, Hazrat Umar (ra) took a copy of the Torah to the Holy Prophet (sa) and began reading it. As he did, there was an expression of displeasure on the Holy Prophet's (sa) face.

Upon this, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) asked Hazrat Umar (ra), that could he not see that this was displeasing to the Holy Prophet (sa)? Hazrat Umar (ra) stopped and apologised.

His Holiness (aba) clarified that the displeasure expressed by the Holy Prophet (sa) was not due to the simple reading aloud of the Torah,

Rather it was due to the fact that Hazrat Umar (ra) was reading a specific portion which contradicted the teachings of Islam and it was this that displeased the Holy Prophet (sa).

Further reading on this specific matter can be done in Al-Tafsīr Al-Kabīr by Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra), in volume 6, under chapter 24 verse 3.

Refraining from Worldliness

Once, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was speaking with other Companions when he asked one of his workers to bring some water. When the vessel was brought to him, he was about to take a sip, when he realised that there was honey mixed into the water.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) put the vessel down and began crying so profusely that the people around him initially tried consoling him, but seeing him in this state, they themselves began crying as well.



Finally, when they again asked why he was crying, he replied that during the final illness of the Holy Prophet (sa), he saw him saying “move away”. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) asked him what it was that he was moving away from him.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that he had been presented with the luxuries of this world, which he was moving away from himself.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) explained in a pained voice, that honey mixed in water made him wonder whether he was being engulfed in worldliness and the very thought of this is what caused him to cry so profusely.