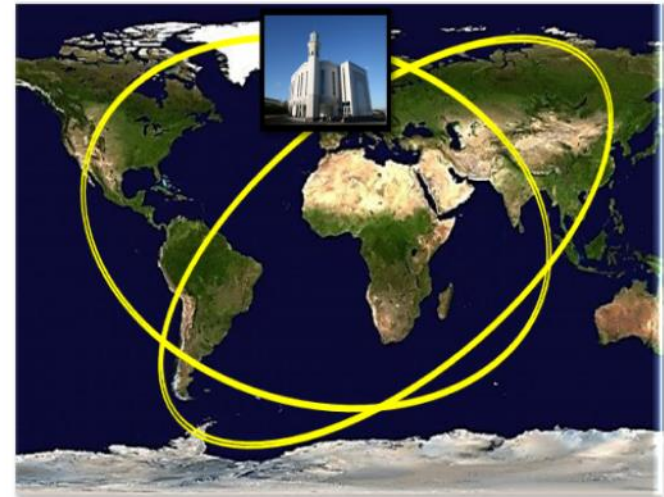


“Life of the Holy Prophet (sa) – Incidents During the Battle of Uhud & Prayers for People of Palestine”



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Summary

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Incidents During the Battle of Uhud

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that he has been relating incidents pertaining to the Battle of Uhud.

His Holiness (aba) said that during the battle, the disbelievers suffered great loss at the hands of the Muslims and they were forced to flee. However, despite the Holy Prophet's (sa) instructions, most of the Companions stationed

upon the hill left their post, causing the Muslims to endure great loss. Upon seeing the disbelievers flee, the Muslims went after them, and in their hastiness, despite calls not to, many archers on the hill also went after the disbelievers.

Many historians have commented that the hastiness of these Companions was due to their desire to obtain the spoils of war.

However, it does not seem accurate to assert this regarding the Companions of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Incidents During the Battle of Uhud

His Holiness (aba) said that when the Companions were ready to sacrifice anything and everything they had for the sake of Islam and the Holy Prophet (sa), when they had already given everything they had, and they even desired the station of martyrdom then it cannot be said that

the Companions were chasing after the spoils of war. These wars were not fought for the sake of spoils, rather the spoils would be a secondary result of the battle. Hence, it does not seem accurate to say that the Companions left the hill out of their desire to hastily seek spoils.

Rather, it seems more likely that upon seeing the disbelievers flee, they assumed the certain victorious end to the battle. Or, they saw that their brothers were engaged in face-to-face combat and sought to partake.

However, their appointed leader Hazrat Abdullah bin Jubair (ra), was calling out to them to remain in their posts.

Incidents During the Battle of Uhud

His Holiness (aba) quoted Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra), who described that the worldly desire referred to in the above-quoted verse was the Companions' desire to actively take part in face-to-face combat, which was certainly a worldly desire as compared to the instructions they had been given by the Holy Prophet (sa) to remain at their post.

In other words, whereas they had a commandment from the Prophet of Allah, they sought something which, upon the surface, seemed to be more enticing, in other words engaging in the active battle for the sake of Allah. Furthermore, from their vantage point, thinking that the battle had been won, the Companions on the hill certainly would have wished to join their brothers in rejoicing over this victory.

This explanation would be more fitting for the honour of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Incidents During the Battle of Uhud

His Holiness (aba) said that upon seeing the Muslims had let their guard down, Khalid bin Walid circled back with the remaining Makkan army and attacked the Muslims.

Amra, a woman from the Makkan army, took up their flag and began waving it fiercely to signal to the fleeing Makkans that they should return. Ultimately, many Muslims were martyred what was once a victory turned into tragedy.



Upon this attack by the Makkans, the Muslims were completely scattered and unorganised. They were not in any sort of formal rank and so a frantic scene ensued as they attempted to fend off the Makkan offensive.

In the flurry, Hazrat Hudhaifah's (ra) father was accidentally martyred at the hands of Muslims, as they did not recognise him. Upon learning of this, the Holy Prophet (sa) desired for the blood money to be offered, however, Hazrat Hudhaifah (ra) insisted that he did not wish to take the blood money, thus elevating his rank in the sight of God and His Messenger (sa).

Martyrdom of Hazrat Hamzah (ra)

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Hamzah (ra) was also killed in this battle, and quoted Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (ra) who writes:

‘Hazrat Hamzah (ra), who in addition to being the real paternal uncle of the Holy Prophet (sa), was also his foster brother, fought valiantly.

Wherever he would turn, the ranks of the Quraish would be torn apart. However, the enemy also lay in ambush of him. Jubair bin Mut‘im had especially brought along an Abyssinian slave by the name of Wahshi and promised to free him on the condition that

He should find some way and seek revenge by slaying Hamzah (ra), who had killed Ta‘imah bin ‘Adiyy, the paternal uncle of Jubair on the occasion of Badr. As such, Wahshi hid somewhere and lay in ambush of him. As such, Wahshi hid somewhere and lay in ambush of him.

Martyrdom of Hazrat Hamzah (ra)

When Hazrat Hamzah (ra) attacked someone and passed by this place, the assassin took good aim and threw his small lance below the naval, which immediately penetrated the body and came out the opposite end of his body.

Hamzah (ra) staggered and dropped to the ground, but mustered the strength to stand up again and endeavoured to make a leap towards Wahshi, but stumbled to the ground again and gave his life.

Thus, a strong pillar of the Muslim army was shattered. When the Holy Prophet (sa) was informed that Hamzah (ra) had been slain, he was deeply saddened.

There is a narration that after the Ghazwah of Ta'if, when the assassin of Hamzah (ra) came before the Holy Prophet (sa), although he forgave him, due to his love for Hamzah (ra), he instructed that Wahshi should not come before him.

Martyrdom of Hazrat Hamzah (ra)

On that occasion, Wahshi resolved in his heart that until he used the same hand by which he martyred the paternal uncle of the Messenger of God, to slay a great enemy of Islam, he would not rest.

As such, in the Khilafat of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), in the Battle of Yamamah, he fulfilled this vow by slaying Musailimah Kadhdhab, a false claimant of prophethood.'

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Hamzah's (ra) body was also mutilated after his martyrdom, and his liver was extracted and taken to Hind who chewed on it.

Hearing this, the Holy Prophet (sa) was very deeply pained. He went to the body of Hazrat Hamzah (ra) and expressed his immense grief, saying he had never felt pain as he did in that moment.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the angel Gabriel came and informed him that Hazrat Hamzah (ra) had been recorded in the seven heavens as being a lion.

Forbearance of Hazrat Safiyyah (ra)

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Hamzah's (ra) sister also displayed great patience. Upon seeing her approach, the Holy Prophet (sa) did not wish for her to see the deceased bodies which would have been disturbing, and so the Holy Prophet (sa) sent Hazrat Zubair (ra) to stop her.

Only upon hearing the instruction of the Holy Prophet (sa) did she stop, and then she handed Hazrat Zubair (ra) two sheets which she had brought to shroud the body of her brother, Hazrat Hamzah (ra).

She then requested that despite knowing her brother's body had been mutilated, she wished to see it, and promised not to wail.

The Holy Prophet (sa) granted her permission and upon seeing her brother's body, she stood brave like a lion, and though tears flowed from her eyes, she did not make a single sound.

The Holy Prophet (sa) also stood by her, as tears also fell from his blessed eyes.

Plea for Prayers for Palestinians

His Holiness (aba) again urged for prayers for the people of Palestine. May Allah enable the world to truly take action against injustice.

Although more voices are being raised and people say that injustices are being perpetrated, however, it seems that everyone is afraid of the Israeli government.

Either that, or the Western world is naturally against the Muslim world and harbours hatred against them, due to which they do not wish for the injustices against them to end, or are not taking the

necessary actions to bring the injustices to an end. They do not consider that these injustices are being perpetrated against innocent children, women and the elderly.

Hence, we cannot fully trust them, however, we must continue striving to help them understand and we must also continue to pray.

May Allah enable the Muslim world to bolster its voice so that they may raise their voices and bring an end to these injustices.