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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 17 August 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Our Imam, *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper), says:

Today also I will speak about some Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) who were with him in the battle of *Badr*.

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah* (May Allāh be pleased with him):

The first is ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah* (May Allāh be pleased with him). His family was an ally of *Khattab*, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Umar*’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) father had taken ‘*Āmir*’ as his foster son. This is why he was initially known as ‘*Āmir bin Khattab*’, but when the Holy Qur’ān ordained that everyone should be ascribed to his real parents, his name was changed to ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah*’. In the light of this, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when children are adopted, their official documents such as ID cards should bear the name of their real fathers. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Because of the connection between the two families, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Umar*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) remained friends till the end.

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) accepted Islām in the very beginning even before the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) started going to *Dar Arqam*. Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) migrated to *Abyssinia* with his wife *Laila bint abi Hathmah* (May Allāh be pleased with her). He later returned to Mecca and migrated to Medina with his wife who had the honour of being the first woman to migrate to Medina. Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) accompanied the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in all the battles and died in 32 AH.

Once Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) had a guest whom he took much care of and commended before the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). When this man returned after seeing the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) he said to Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) that he had asked the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) to give him a valley which is the best in all *Arabia*, and that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) had given it to him, and that he now wished to gift a part of this land to Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir bin Rabī‘ah*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him). At this, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Āmir*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: I do not need your land because today a verse has been revealed that has made us forget all about this world. And the verse was:

اَتْتَرَبَ لِلنَّاسِ حِسَابُهُمْ وَهُمْ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مُّعْرِضُونَ

“Nigh has drawn for men their reckoning, yet they turn away in heedlessness.” (21:2)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Such was the fear of God in the hearts of these shining stars. They were truly the ones who gave priority to their faith over the world. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) had established brotherhood between Ḥaḍrat ‘Āmir (May Allāh be pleased with him) and Ḥaḍrat Yazīd bin Munzar (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat ‘Āmir (May Allāh be pleased with him) died a few days after the martyrdom of Ḥaḍrat Uthman (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Ḥaḍrat Haram bin Milhan (May Allāh be pleased with him):

The second Companion is Ḥaḍrat Haram bin Milhan (May Allāh be pleased with him). He hailed from the Ansār tribe of Banu Adi bin Najjar. His father's name was Mālik bin Khalid and his mother's name was Mulaikah bint Mālik. He had a sister Umme Sulaim (May Allah be pleased with her) who was the wife of Abu Talha Ansāri (May Allāh be pleased with him) and mother of Anas bin Mālik (May Allāh be pleased with him). His second sister Ḥaḍrat Umme Haram (May Allāh be pleased with her) was the wife of Ḥaḍrat ‘Ubādah bin Sāmīt (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat Haram bin Milhan (May Allāh be pleased with him) was the maternal uncle of Ḥaḍrat Anas (May Allāh be pleased with him). He took part in the battles of Badr and Uhud and was martyred at Bi're Ma'unah. Ḥaḍrat Anas bin Mālik (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that when Ḥaḍrat Haram bin Milhan (May Allāh be pleased with him) was pierced with a spear, he took his blood in his hand and sprayed it on his face and head and said out aloud:

فُزْتُ بِرَبِّ الْكَعْبَةِ

“By the Lord of the Ka’aba, I have attained my desire!”

It is reported that for forty days after this incident, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) would pray against the tribes of Ri'l, Dhakwān, ‘Uṣayyah and Banū Lahyān. Ḥaḍrat Anas (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that he never saw the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in greater sorrow than he showed for these martyrs. These were the people whose objective was to find Allāh's pleasure.

Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Khaulah (May Allāh be pleased with him):

Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Khaulah (May Allāh be pleased with him) was another Companion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). According to some, he was a slave who had been set free by Abi Ruhm bin Abdul uzzā ‘Āmirī. He is considered to be among the first people to accept Islām. He was part of the second migration to Abyssinnia. When Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Khaulah (May Allāh be pleased with him) migrated to Medina, he stayed at Kulsoom bin Hidm. Ibn Ishaq Musa ‘Uqbi mentions him as being among those who fought in the battle of Badr. He was 25 years of age at that time. He also participated in Uhud, Khandaq and Hudaibiyah. Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad (May Allāh be pleased with him) was married to Ḥaḍrat Subai'ah Aslamiyyah (May Allah be

pleased with her). He died at the time of *Hajjatul Widah*. Soon after his demise a child was born to his wife, whereupon the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said to her that she could now marry anyone if she wanted to.

Ḥaḍrat Abul-Haytham bin at-Tayyihān Ansari (May Allāh be pleased with him):

Another Companion is Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham bin at-Tayyihān Ansari* (May Allāh be pleased with him). His real name was *Mālik* but was better known for his *kunniyah Abul-Haytham*. He hailed from the *Baliyya* branch of the *Aus* tribe who were allies of Banu 'Abdul Ashhal. Ḥaḍrat *Asad bin Zurarah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him) both were monotheists even before Islām. Both of them were Ansari who accepted Islām in Mecca. According to some, when Ḥaḍrat *Asad bin Zurarah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) came to Medina before the first *Bai'at Uqba* after accepting Islām with six more people, he invited Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to Islām, and since he was already in search of a true religion he accepted at once. He was among the 12 men who were there at first *Bai'at Uqba*.

It is related that at this time Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him): Now that we are establishing this relation, so when ultimately Allāh grants you victory over your people, we hope that you will not go back to your own people and abandon us. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) smiled at this and said: "Your blood is now my blood. I am now from among you and you are from among me. Whoever wars against you wars against me. Whosever reconciles with you reconciles with me." After the migration to Medina, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) established brotherhood between Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and *Uthman bin Maz'ūn* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him) accompanied the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in all the battles including *Badr*, *Uhad* and *Khandaq*.

After the martyrdom of Ḥaḍrat *Abdullah bin Rawāha* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in the battle of *Motah*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) sent Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to *Khaibar* to make an estimate of the date harvest. But when, after the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) demise, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) wanted to send him for the same errand, he excused himself. Upon this Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that you used to go for this errand during the life time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him) replied: I cannot go as it reminded me of the time when I would go for the same errand for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), and when I used to return to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) he would pray for me. And this used to make me very emotional. Thus because of this Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) excused him. It was not an act of disobedience but was an emotional response on account of his love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). If Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) had insisted that he should still go, he would definitely had gone, but Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with

him) also understood the state of his emotions and excused him. There are various reports regarding the demise of Ḥaḍrat *Abul-Haytham* (May Allāh be pleased with him). According to some, he died in 37 AH while fighting in the battle of *Siffīn* on the side of Ḥaḍrat Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him).

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at about the sad demise of Sahibzada Mirzā Majeed Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, grandson of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) and the son of Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him), and spoke of his services for the Jamā‘at. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also informed about the sad demise of Syeda Naseem Akhtar Ṣāḥiba, wife of Muḥammad Yusuf Ṣāḥib of *Amba Nuria*, Sheikhpura, Pakistan. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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