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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 06th September 2019 at Mubarak Mosque, Islamabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In my last sermon, I related accounts about Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah bin Sāmit* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Today I will continue with his account.

It is written in historical records that at the time when *Banu Qaynuqa'a* decided to wage war against the Muslims at the instigation of *'Abdullah bin Ubaiy bin Salūl*, Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah bin Sāmit* (May Allāh be pleased with him) had been a confederate of *Banu Qaynuqa'a*. However, when it came to battle, he distanced himself from *Banu Qaynuqa'a* and gave up his alliance with them for the sake of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Thereafter *Banu Qaynuqa'a* were surrounded and there was a fight in which they were defeated. *Seerat Khātam-un-Nabiyyīn* records these events citing various sources. It says that after their defeat *Banu Qaynuqa'a* were ordered to be expelled from their territory, which was a very lenient punishment considering their crimes and the customs of the time. The purpose of this order was merely to protect the Muslims of Medina, for it was no big deal for Bedouin tribes to move from place to place, particularly for tribes like *Banu Qaynuqa'a* who did not own properties such as land and orchards. The whole tribe was given the opportunity to safely move from one place to another, and so they left Medina and went towards Syria. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) assigned the task of overseeing the necessary arrangements associated with their departure to Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah bin Sāmit* (May Allāh be pleased with him) who escorted *Banu Qaynuqa'a* for a few miles and then returned. The spoils of war taken by the Muslims consisted of weaponry and other tools of trade. Aside from this there was nothing that the Muslims gained as bounty of war.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In one of the many traditions related by Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah bin Sāmit* (May Allāh be pleased with him), he says that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) had too many things to do, therefore when someone from among the *Muhajirīn* would come to him he would assign one of us to teach them the Holy Qur'ān and knowledge of religion. On one occasion the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) assigned such a person to me and I took him to my home. He lived with us and ate with us and I taught him the Holy Qur'ān. When it was time for him to go back to his home, he thought that he

owed me something in return for my hospitality and having taught him the Holy Qur'ān, hence he gifted me a bow and arrow made out of a very precious wood, such that I had never seen before. When I came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and asked him of his opinion about the gift, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, "What you are carrying across your shoulders is but a piece of burning fire." Commentators say that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was displeased with this gift because it was meant as a kind of payment for teaching the Holy Qur'ān. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This provides guidance for those who teach the Holy Qur'ān and receive charges for it.

On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) came to enquire after Ḥaḍrat 'Ubadah bin Sāmit (May Allāh be pleased with him) when he was ill, and said: "Do you know who from among my *Ummah* will be counted amongst *Shaheed* (martyr)?" Hearing this, the people present started looking at each other, whereupon Ḥaḍrat 'Ubadah (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "Give me support so that I can sit." He then said, "O Prophet of Allāh (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), you have asked who is a *Shaheed*. *Shaheed* is he who fights bravely and steadfastly with the intention of virtuous reward." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, "If this is so, then the number of martyrs among my *Ummah* would be very few." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) then explained; "One who dies fighting in the cause of Allāh Almighty is a martyr; one who dies of plague is a martyr (if someone died due to an epidemic and he is a pious believer, he will be counted as a martyr), one who dies by drowning is also a martyr, one who dies of abdominal illness is a martyr." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) further said: "If a woman dies during childbirth and the 40 days following it, she will be pulled to paradise by her child."

A similar account is found in *Sahih Bukhari* wherein Ḥaḍrat *Abu Hurairah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, "Five people are among the martyrs; he who dies of plague, or of abdominal illness, or due to drowning, or the one who dies after being buried underneath something or the one who dies fighting in the way of Allāh."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Here one is reminded of the plague that was foretold to the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) as a sign, and it was said that it would not attack anyone who truly believed in him. This was an exceptional case, but in ordinary circumstances if a true believer dies of plague he is considered a martyr.

Isma'il bin Ubaid Ansāri relates that Ḥaḍrat 'Ubadah (May Allāh be pleased with him) said to *Abu Hurairah*: You were not with us when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) took from us a pledge to show complete obedience in all circumstances, whether we are happy or annoyed; to spend in affluence or in adversity; to promote what is good and avoid that is evil; to say the truth with regard to Allāh without fearing anyone's reproach; and to help the Holy Prophet (May

Allāh's Blessings be upon him) upon his coming to Medina and to protect him. These are the things we pledged and in return for them we were promised paradise. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is the pledge we make in our *Bai'at*, and anyone who breaks this pledge harms himself. And for those who uphold this *Bai'at*, Allāh will fulfill the promise He made through the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: On one occasion, Ḥaḍrat *Mu'āwiyah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) wrote to Ḥaḍrat *Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) that the people of Syria were rebelling against him on account of Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah bin Sāmit* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and that he should either recall *'Ubadah* or give *Mu'āwiyah* permission to leave his place. Ḥaḍrat *Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that he should send Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) back to Medina, whereupon Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) returned to Medina. Ḥaḍrat *Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) came to Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) house and found him sitting in a corner of the house. He asked, "O *'Ubadah bin Sāmit*, what is the matter between you and us?" Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) stood up and addressed those present. He said: I heard the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) say, "After you there will be leaders who will propagate what you find abhorrent, and will discourage that which you consider to be good. Thus, there is no obeying one who disobeys Allāh. Do not transgress the bounds set by Allāh." Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: What this teaches us is that we should never cross the limits that Allāh has established for us. Every Ahmadī should remember this and not deviate from the bounds of obedience.

Atā' relates: I once met *Walīd*, the son of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) Companion *'Ubadah bin Sāmit* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and asked him what last words of advice his father had said on his deathbed. He said: My father called me and said, "My son, fear Allāh and know that you can never attain righteousness unless you have complete and perfect faith in Allāh and believe in Divine decree, both good and evil. If you die on any creed other than this, you will enter the Fire."

Junādah bin Abu Umayyah relates: We went to see Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) when he was ill and said may Allāh grant you health, can you please relate to us some Hadith you heard from the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Ḥaḍrat *'Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) summoned us and took from us a pledge on the following: We shall listen and obey in happiness and in sadness, in affluence and in adversity, and even when someone is given priority over us. We will not fight the rulers to take their power, unless we are forced into outright disbelief." Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is another matter and is only permissible if one has the authority.

Sunābihiyy relates: I went to see Ḥaḍrat 'Ubadah (May Allāh be pleased with him) when he was on his deathbed and tears came to my eyes. He said: Why do you cry? I swear by Allāh that if I am called to testify, I will testify in your favour; and if I am given the authority of intercession, I will intercede for you; and I will try to benefit you with all the power I have. He said: I swear by Allāh that I have related to you every Hadith I heard from the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) that was of benefit to you, except one, which I will tell you today as I am about to die. I heard the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) say: Whoever testifies that there is none worthy of worship except Allāh, the fire of hell will be forbidden upon him. In other words, he is a Muslim.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh continue to elevate the status of the Companions who conveyed to us knowledge that is essential for our spiritual and practical life.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at about the sad demise of *Saeed Suqiya Sahib* from Syria, *Al-Tayyab Al-Ubādi Sahib* from Tunisia, and *Sahibzādi Amatul Shukoor Sahiba*, the eldest daughter of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) and grand-daughter of Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him). She was also the maternal granddaughter of Ḥaḍrat *Nawāb Mubarka Beghum Sahiba* and Ḥaḍrat *Nawāb Muhammad Ali Khan Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with them). Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the virtues of the deceased members and led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the *Jumu'ah* and *'Asr* prayer would be offered together because the *Ijtema* of *Khuddam-ul-Ahmediyya* UK would be starting later on.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

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