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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 27th December 2019 from Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will relate further accounts regarding Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin ‘Ubādah* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was one of the twelve leaders appointed by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) on the occasion of the second *Bai’at* at *Aqabah*. Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin ‘Ubādah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) belonged to *Banu Sā’idah* clan of *Khazraj* tribe and that he was the chief of the whole *Khazraj* tribe. During the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) he was considered the most eminent of *Ansār*, so much so, that after the demise of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) his name was proposed by *Ansār* for *Khilāfat*. He passed away during the *Khilāfat* of Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) established a bond of brotherhood between Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad* and Ḥaḍrat *Tulaib bin ‘Umair* (May Allāh be pleased with them) who had migrated from Mecca to Medina. It was said that no family in *Khazraj* tribe had been generous for four successive generations, except *Dulaim*, his son *Ubādah*, his son *Sa’ad*, and his son *Qais*. The family of *Dulaim* was famous for its generosity.

When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) came to Medina, Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) would present him with a big bowl of meat and bread. Sometimes it would be milk or olive or fat, but mostly it would be meat. The bowl sent by Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) would be distributed among the Holy Prophet’s (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) wives. Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Thabit* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates: We used to live in the houses of *Banu Mālīk bin Najjār*, and three or four of us would take turns to bring food to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) for the seven months that he lived at the house of Ḥaḍrat *Ayūb Ansāri* (May Allāh be pleased with him). During these days bowls from Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin ‘Ubādah* and Ḥaḍrat *As’ad bin Zurārah* (May Allāh be pleased with them) would be presented to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) every day. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This makes it clear that while this food was presented to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) continuously for the first seven months, it might not have been so regular

later on. Ḥaḍrat *Umm-e-Ayūb* (May Allāh be pleased with her) was once asked what was the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) favourite food that she noticed when he stayed at her house for seven months. She said, I never saw him order a specific food to be prepared for him, nor did I ever see him find fault with any food that was presented to him.

Ḥaḍrat *Ayūb* (May Allāh be pleased with him) used to say to me that one night Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin 'Ubādah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) sent the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) a bowl of *tafaishal*—a kind of curry—the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) drank of it until he was fully satiated, something I had never seen before. Then we used to make this more often for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This shows that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) never made demands on what should be cooked for him, nor did he ever find fault with anything that was brought to him, but would eat wholeheartedly if he liked the food. And the Companions, when they saw that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) liked something, would present him with that kind of food. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) also liked *Harees*, which was made from meat and wheat.

Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) son *Qais* relates: The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) once came to our house and said *Assalām o Alaikum*. My father answered him in a very low voice. I asked him if he would not invite the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) to come in. He said, "Let the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) invoke more peace upon us." This meant that when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) says *Assalām o Alaikum* again, it would bring greater peace and blessings to their dwelling. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was about to turn back, Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) came out and told the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) that he had heard him but had answered him in a low voice so that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) could invoke even more blessings upon us. Thus the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) entered his house.

Allāma Ibn-e-Sirīn writes that when the time came for evening meal, the Companions would take one or two people from among *Ashāb us Suffah* to eat with them. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) would take 80 of these people with him. However, there were times when these people went without food as well. But on the whole the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) took care of these people who sat at the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) threshold, and Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was foremost in taking care of them.

A year after migrating to Medina, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) travelled to *Abwā'*, a place 23 miles from Medina where the grave of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) mother was located. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) travelled under a white flag. On this occasion, the Holy Prophet (May

Allāh's Blessings be upon him) appointed Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin 'Ubādah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) as his representative in Medina. The Battle of *Abwā'* is also known as the Battle of *Waddān*. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) read out the details of this Battle from the book *Seerat Khatam un Nabiyyīn* by Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Tabaqāt-ul-Qubrā states that Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) did not participate in the Battle of *Badr*. He was preparing for it and going to the homes of *Ansār* to urge them to join the battle, but during this time he was bitten by a dog and therefore could not proceed to the battle. Since he was desirous of participating in the battle but could not do so, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) allotted him a portion from the spoils of war. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) accompanied the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in all other battles, including *Uhud* and *Khandaq*.

According to *Mustadrak*, Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) carried the banner of *Ansār* in the Battle of *Badr*. Before the Battle of *Badr*, Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) presented to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) a sword named *'Azab* which the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) used in the Battle of *Badr*. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) also presented a donkey to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him).

After relating some accounts regarding the Battles of *Badr* and *Uhud*, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was among the Companions who stood steadfastly by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in the Battle of *Uhud*. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) returned to Medina from the Battle of *Uhud*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) dismounted from his horse and was helped to his home by Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* and Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin 'Ubādah* (May Allāh be pleased with them) because of his injuries.

Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) mother, who was among the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), passed away while the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was away for the Battle of *Dūmatul Jandal*. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was also accompanying the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in this battle. When he heard of his mother's death, he requested the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) to lead her funeral prayer. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) did so, even though a month had passed since her death.

Ḥaḍrat *Ibn-e-Abbās* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) told the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) about a vow his mother had made and that she had died now without fulfilling it. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, "You can fulfil it on her behalf."

Ḥaḍrat *Saeed bin Musayyab* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates: Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin 'Ubādah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and said, "My mother has died but she did not make

a will, would it be right if I gave charity on her behalf?” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said that he could. He then asked the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) which kind of charity he loved most. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said, “Providing water to the thirsty.” According to an account, Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) had a well dug out accordingly and said this is on behalf of *Umm-e-Sa’ad*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will continue to relate more accounts regarding him, *Insha’Allāh*.

Wassalām,

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