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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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from Mubarak Mosque, Islamabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Last Friday, while mentioning the top ten positions of Jama'ats with regard to Chanda Waqf Jadīd, I said that, within the UK, the Islamabad Jamā‘at had come first in terms of total collection. However, it later came to light that Aldershot came first and Islamabad was second. This was an important correction that I wanted to point out first. The Aldershot Jamā‘at, particularly the ladies, have made extraordinary sacrifices and their zeal is exemplary. May Allāh bless them in every way. *Amīn*.

I will now continue with the accounts relating to Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin ‘Ubādah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) who participated in the Battle of *Badr*. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) pointed out another correction in this regard as well.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: With regard to the events of the Battle of Trench (*Khandaq*), Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Bashir Ahmad Sahib (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes: These were tumultuous and worrisome days for the Muslims. As the siege lingered on, the Muslims defence was weakening. Even though their hearts were full of faith and conviction, their bodies were wearing out in keeping with the laws of nature. In the light of all this, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) called Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin Mu’az* and Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with them) and sought their counsel on how to proceed. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) spoke about the plight of the poor people. Both the Companions said; “O Prophet of Allāh, if you have received a Divine revelation in this regard, then we are ready to obey and you can command us accordingly.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said that he had not received any such revelation and that he only asked by way of advice. Both the Companions said, “By God, we shall not give them anything other than the edge of the sword.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) accepted their advice and allowed the war to continue.

Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Bashir Ahmad Sahib (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes: When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) learned of the serious rebellion on the part of *Banu Quraiza* tribe, he first sent Ḥaḍrat *Zubair*

*bin Al'awwam* (May Allāh be pleased with him) two or three times to surreptitiously learn about what was happening. Then the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) formally sent a delegation including Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'az*, *Sa'ad bin 'Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with them) and some other influential Companions to *Banu Quraizah*. When they came to *Ka'ab bin Asad*, the chief of *Banu Quraizah*, he met them in a very haughty and arrogant manner and told them to go back for there was no treaty between them and Muhammad. Hearing this, the delegation returned and came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and told him about what had happened.

When Ḥaḍrat *Zaid* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was martyred in the Battle of *Mautah* in 8 AH, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) went to commiserate with his family and found his daughter crying with sorrow, upon this the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) started weeping too. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Ubadah* asked, "O Prophet of Allāh, what is this?" The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) replied, "This is an expression of love for one's beloved."

Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates: One of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) daughter requested him (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) to come and see her son who was breathing his last, upon which the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) sent her this message: "It is for Allāh to take away or to give life, He has ordained a time for everything, be patient and seek His pleasure." Once again she sent a message for him to come and insisted on it. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) stood up and at that time he had Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Ubadah*, Ḥaḍrat *Mu'az bin Jabal*, Ḥaḍrat *Ubai bin Ka'ab*, Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Thabit* (May Allāh be pleased with them) and some other Companions with him. When the Holy Prophet arrived, the child was brought to him while he was breathing his last breath. Seeing this, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was moved to tears. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "O Messenger of Allah! What is this?" The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) replied, "This is the mercy of Allāh that He has placed in the hearts of people. And God only bestows His mercy on those who show mercy to others."

Ḥaḍrat *'Abdullah bin 'Amr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that when Hazrat *Sa'ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) became ill, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) came to see him along with some other Companions. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) arrived at his house, he found him surrounded by his relatives. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) asked if he had passed away and was told that he had not. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) came near him and tears flowed from his eyes. When the people saw him weeping, they too started weeping. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said,

“Allāh does not punish us for our tears or our sorrow. He only punishes or rewards for this,” and then he pointed to his tongue. This means that Allāh punishes those who verbally wail and lament. Thus the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) taught us that it is not wrong to weep over a sorrow, but it is sinful to be resentful of God’s will. Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was very ill but did not pass away on this occasion.

Huzoor said: Six of the *Ansār* had been assigned to collect the verses of the Holy Quran, and Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin Ubadah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was one of these. Ḥaḍrat Musleh Ma’uad (May Allāh be pleased with him) mentions following *Ansār* who had learnt the Holy Quran by heart: Ḥaḍrat *’Ubadah bin Samit, Mu’az, Mujamme’ bin Harithah, Fazālah bin ’Ubaid, Maslamah bin Mukhallad, Abu Darda, Abu Zaid, Zaid bin Thabit, Ubai bin Ka’ab, Sa’ad bin ’Ubadah and Umme Waraqah* (May Allāh be pleased with them).

It is evident from historical records that there were many among the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) who knew the Holy Qur’ān by heart.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: a few other accounts still remain related to him, which I will narrate next time, insha’Allah.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A’lā,

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