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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 30th October 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will continue with the account regarding *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh bin Jabal* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh was a very generous man and would often take loans in order to help people. Once, the creditors came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) and demanded that *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh* return their loans. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) first asked them to forego their loans to *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh*, which some of them did. Then the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) distributed *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh*’s property among the remaining creditors, but still the debt was not paid in full. The creditors made demand for the remaining amount but the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said let it go as you cannot have more right now.

Thereafter, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) sent *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh* to Yemen as a Qāḍī and as a representative to teach the Holy Qur’ān and religion. On this occasion the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) gave him permission to accept any gifts as he was under a lot of debt. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) also hinted at the possibility that he may never see *Mu‘ādh* again. On hearing this, *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh* began to weep profusely. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said: “The closest people to me are the pious, no matter who or where they are.” The collectors in Yemen used to collect Zakāt and send it to *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh bin Jabal*.

He was the first person to accept gifts with the permission of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) and to trade with the money given in the name of Allāh.

When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) sent *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh bin Jabal* to Yemen, he said, "How will you decide when you are faced with a matter?" He said he would first consult the Holy Qur’ān, then the example of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), and then his own reasoning (*ijtihad*). The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) was pleased with his answer. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) advised *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘ādh* to avoid a life of luxury, to fear Allāh, to visit the sick, to look after widows and the needy, and to treat people with kindness.

Referring to the present day Muslims, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said the real lesson of ‘*Īd Milad-un-Nabi* is to follow the teachings and example of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him).

In his letter to the people of Yemen, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) wrote: "I have assigned as your leader one of the best people in terms of knowledge and faith." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) advised Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh bin Jabal* to abstain from idolatry (*shirk*), to obey his parents, not to deliberately abandon the obligatory prayers, to avoid alcohol and sin, not to flee from the enemy when it comes for a fight, not to leave the place where plague has broken out, and to spend on his family to the best of his ability and to remind them to fear God and adopt piety.

Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh bin Jabal* remained in Yemen from 9 AH to 11 AH. Once, Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) sent four hundred dinars to Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh* through a slave and instructed the slave to observe how Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh* would spend it. As soon as Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh* received the money, he stood up and distributed it all. His wife said, "We are also poor. Keep some for the house." He then gave the two remaining dinars to his wife. When Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) learnt about this he was very pleased.

On one occasion, Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "If the time of my death draws near and *Abu 'Ubaidah bin Jarrah* has passed away, I will appoint *Mu'ādh bin Jabal* as my successor. And if God asks me why I appointed him as my successor, I will say that I had heard from the Messenger of Allāh that *Mu'ādh* would be the first among the men of knowledge to be brought forth on the Day of Resurrection.

In the battle of Yarmouk in 15 AH, Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh* was the leader of a contingent. The attack of the Christians was so severe that at one time the Muslims almost faced defeat. In this critical situation, *Mu'ādh bin Jabal* and his son showed great steadfastness and bravery, so that the Muslims recovered and attained victory.

Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh bin Jabal* had two wives. He treated them equally, so much so, that when he was with one he would not even drink water with the other. Both his wives died of the plague in Syria and were buried in the same grave. Before burying them he drew lots as to which of them would be buried first.

When the time of Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh bin Jabal's* death approached, he started weeping and said: I am not weeping for the thought of death or leaving the world behind, I am only weeping because I know not whether I will join the people of Heaven or Hell.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) had said to Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh*: You will soon migrate to Syria and it will be conquered by you, but a disease of boils will be imposed on you. Through this pestilence Allāh will grant martyrdom to people and purify their deeds. Thereafter, when a plague gland appeared on the index finger of Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh*, he said that he would not exchange it even for a red camel.

Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh bin Jabal* passed away in 18 AH at the age of thirty-three, thirty-four or thirty-eight.

Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin 'Amr (May Allāh be pleased with him):

He belonged to *Banu Salamah* branch of *Khazraj* tribe of *Ansār*. He was forty years old at the time of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) migration. He was the father of the famous Companion Ḥaḍrat *Jabir bin 'Abdullah*. He participated in the

second *Bai'at* at *Aqaba* and was one of the 12 leaders appointed by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). He was martyred in the battle of *Uhud*.

The story of his conversion to Islām is narrated as follows: On the occasion of the second *Bai'at* at *Aqaba*, when some people from Medina came to meet the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) secretly, they said to Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin 'Amr: "You are one of our chiefs and noblemen. We do not want you to be the fuel of hell." So, he accepted the call of Islām, presented himself before the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), pledged *Bai'at* at *Aqaba*, and was appointed by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) as one of the leaders.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave some details of the second *Bai'at* at *Aqaba* with reference to *Seerat Khatam-un-Nabiyyīn*. On the occasion of Hajj, seventy people from *Aus* and *Khazraj* tribes came to meet the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in Mecca at around midnight. On this occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) gave a brief explanation of the man's obligations to Allāh and to his creatures, and said: All I want of you is that in the same way as you protect your near and dear ones, so will you deal with me if the need arises.

When, on the occasion of the battle of *Uhud*, 'Abdullah bin Ubaiy bin Salūl betrayed the Muslims, Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin 'Amr tried to advise him.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him), while addressing the Jalsa Sālāna two or three years before he became Khalīfa, said that Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin 'Amr's sister, the wife of Ḥaḍrat 'Amr bin Jamuh, was also full of love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Her husband, brother and son were martyred in a battle, but the joy of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) safety overcame all these sorrows. Ḥaḍrat *Aysha* narrates: I saw 'Amr bin Jamuh's wife *Hind* coming from the battlefield holding the reins of a camel. I asked her of the news from the battlefield and she said, "All is well. The Messenger of Allāh is well." I saw that the camel was loaded with something and when I asked what it was, she said, "These are the bodies of my husband, my brother and my son."

Ḥaḍrat *Jabir* narrates: My father was buried in a single sheet of cloth.

Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin 'Amr was of reddish complexion, of medium height, and had a few hair on the front of his head. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that he would continue to speak about Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin 'Amr in his next Friday Sermon.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A'lā,

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