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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 22nd January 2021 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today and for a few weeks to come I will speak about Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him). He did not take part in the Battle of *Badr* but was one of the eight Companions who were given a share of the spoils of the Battle of *Badr* by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). His name was ‘Uthmān bin ‘Affān and his lineage meets that of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) in the fifth generation. His grandmother was the real sister of the Holy Prophet’s (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) father. His mother *Arwa bint Karīz* converted to Islām after the peace treaty of *Hudaibiyyah* and died during the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him). Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān’s father had died before the advent of Islām. At different times, Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) was married to two daughters of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* and Ḥaḍrat *Umm-e-Kulthūm* (May Allāh be pleased with them). For this reason, he was known as *Dhun-Nūrain*. According to some, the reason for this title is that he used to offer Tahajjud at night and recite the Holy Qur’ān a lot.

Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān was about five years younger than the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). He was one of the early converts to Islām. He accepted Islām at the same time as Ḥaḍrat *Talha bin ‘Ubaidullah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) before the time of *Dar-e-Arqam*. He was persecuted by his uncle after converting to Islām.

Before the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) made his claim of Prophethood, Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah*, the daughter of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), was married to the son of *Abu Lahab*. However, he divorced her after the revelation of *Surah Lahab*, and she then got married to Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him). On one occasion, while advising Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* to be kind towards Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān, for amongst his companions, Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) resembled his moral qualities the most. In the month of *Rajab*, 5 Nabawi, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) instructed 11 men and 4 women to migrate to Abyssinia. Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān and Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* were among them. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said on this occasion that, after the Prophet Lot (Peace be upon him), ‘Uthmān was the first person to have migrated with his family for the sake of Allāh.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that at that time Arabia had trade relations with Abyssinia. The capital of Abyssinia was Aksum and it was ruled by a just and vigilant king by the name of *Ashamah Najashi*. These early emigrants to Abyssinia

belonged to powerful tribes but even they were not safe from the tyranny of *Quraish*. The weaker Muslims were much more helpless and did not even have the means to migrate.

Arriving in Abyssinia, the Muslims found a life of peace, but it was not long before rumours spread that *Quraish* had all converted to Islām. Believing this, the refugees returned to Mecca only to learn that this had been a false rumour. Some of them then went back to Abyssinia while others entered Mecca secretly or under the protection of some influential persons.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that if we look at it more closely, the story of the rumour and the return of the refugees seems baseless. If, however, it was true, it may have been related to an incident that is reported in Hadith. It is mentioned in *Bukhari* that one day the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) recited verses of *Surah Najm* in the courtyard of *Ka'abah*. At the end of the Surah, when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) prostrated, the disbelievers also fell prostrate along with the Muslims due to the awe and majesty of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) powerful voice and the eloquence of the word of God. This is not surprising because people do become overawed on such occasions and act involuntarily in ways that are actually against their beliefs and principles.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) further says that the date of migration to Abyssinia was *Rajab*, 5 Nabawi, whereas the incident of the prostration took place in *Ramadān*, 5 Nabawi. Traditions give the date of the return of the emigrants from Abyssinia as *Shawāl*, 5 Nabawi. Given the circumstances at the time, it is impossible for Muslims to have reached Abyssinia in such a short time. In view of the slow modes of transport, such a journey could not have taken less than a month-and-a-half or two months. However, due to the oppression of *Quraish* of Mecca, the migration to Abyssinia continued, bringing the total number of refugees in Abyssinia to one hundred and one, including eighteen women.

After the migration to Medina, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) established bond of brotherhood between Ḥaḍrat '*Uthmān* and Ḥaḍrat '*Abdul Rahmān bin 'Auf* or Ḥaḍrat *Aus bin Thabit* (May Allāh be pleased with them). According to one Tradition, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) established Ḥaḍrat '*Uthmān*'s brotherhood with himself.

When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) went out for the Battle of *Badr*, he left Ḥaḍrat '*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) behind to take care of Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah*. Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* passed away on the same day, Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Haritha* entered Medina with the good news of victory. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) met Ḥaḍrat '*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) at the door of the mosque and said: Allāh has married you to *Umm-e-Kulthūm* with the same dowry as Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah*. He instructed *Umm-e-Aiman* to make *Umm-e-Kulthūm* ready and bring her to Ḥaḍrat '*Uthmān*'s (May Allāh be pleased with him) house. Ḥaḍrat *Umm-e-Kulthūm* lived with Ḥaḍrat '*Uthmān* till 9 AH when she fell ill and passed away. Upon her death, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said: If I had a third daughter, I would have married her as well to '*Uthmān* as well. *Huzoor* (May Allāh be his Helper) said he would continue the mention of Ḥaḍrat '*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) repeated his appeal for prayers for Pakistan and Algeria and said that the opponents have planned to make our lives difficult, but they do not know

that there is a higher being, Allāh Almighty, Whose decree is in action and He is closing in upon them. May Allāh grant them understanding and protect every Aḥmadī everywhere in every way. *Amīn*.

In the second part of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the sad demise of 11 members of the Jamā‘at.

1. *Maulana Sultan Mahmood Anwar Sahib*, former *Nazir Iṣlāḥ-o-Irshād*, Nazir Khidmat-e-Darveshān, and *Nazir Rishta Nāta*, Pakistan. He passed away on the 11th January 2021 at the age of 88. He was an outstanding speaker and preacher. He was also an author of several books. He is survived by four sons and two daughters, including *Hassan Mahmood* who is serving as a life-devotee in Tahrīk-i-Jadīd, Rabwah.

2. *Maulana Muhammad Umar Sahib*, former Nazir Iṣlāḥ-o-Irshād, Qādiān. He passed away on 21st January 2021 at the age of 87. He was a very successful preacher and debater. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) lauded his work in translating the Friday sermons. He is survived by four daughters, a son-in-law and grandchildren.

3. *Habib Ahmed Sahib*, Aḥmadiyya missionary, son of *Muhammad Ismail Sahib*, former Amīr and Missionary-in-Charge Nigeria. He passed away on 25th December 2020 at the age of 64.

4. *Badr-uz-Zaman Sahib*, who served at Wakālat Māl UK, passed away on 3rd January 2021.

5. *Mukarram Mansoor Ahmad Taseer Sahib*, who worked at Nazārat Umūr-e-‘Āmma, Rabwah, passed away on 30th December 2020 at the age of 70. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have known him since childhood and we were students together. He was a candid and courteous person.

6. *Dr. Eedi Ibrahim Moanga Sahib* of Tanzania passed away on 9th December 2020 at the age of 73.

7. *Sughra Begum Sahiba*, wife of *Din Muhammad Sahib*, Darvesh Qādiān, passed away on 6th January 2021 at the age of 85.

8. *Chaudhry Karamatullah Sahib*, former volunteer worker of Al-Fazl International London, passed away on 26th December 2020 at the age of 95.

9. *Chaudhry Munawar Ahmad Khalid Sahib* passed away on 20th August 2020, at the age of 85.

10. *Naseera Begum Sahiba*, wife of *Ahmad Sadiq Tahir Mahmood Sahib*, a retired Missionary from Bangladesh, passed away on 28th November, 2020.

11. *Rafi-ud-Din Butt Sahib* passed away on 6th November 2020 at the age of 92.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may have mercy upon all the deceased and elevate their spiritual station in heaven. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

Dated: 28 January 2021