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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 9th April 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat *Ibn-e-‘Umar* says the following regarding the status of Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him): “In the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), we used to compare the Companions with one another, and we agreed that Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was the best, followed by Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar bin Khattāb* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān bin ‘Affān* (May Allāh be pleased with them).” According to a similar account, *Muhammad bin Hanafīyya* asked his father Ḥaḍrat *‘Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) about the best people among the Muslims, and Ḥaḍrat *‘Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) named them in the same order. When he was asked if he was the best after Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat *‘Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, ‘I am only a common Muslim.’

The status of Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in the eyes of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) can be gauged from the following account. One day a man’s body was brought for funeral, but the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) did not lead his funeral prayer. Someone said, “O Prophet of Allāh, we have never seen you avoid anyone’s funeral.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) replied, “This man detested *‘Uthmān*, hence Allāh detests him.”

An example of Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān*’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) justice and equity was that when a complaint was made about his brother *Waleed*, he punished him. This punishment was due to the charge of drinking alcohol. Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) did not show any leniency on account of their kinship, instead he doubled the punishment from forty to eighty lashes.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The second Adhān for Jumu‘a prayer was introduced by Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Prior to that, during the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar*, the first Adhān was called when the Imām came to the pulpit. However, in the time of Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him), the number of people increased and a second Adhān became necessary. This Adhān was called by someone standing on a stone that lay at the door of the mosque.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: There is an account cited in *Fiqh Ahmadīyya* for which I have not yet found any solid evidence. *‘Ata bin Abi Rabah* is cited as saying that on one occasion when the ‘Īd coincided with Jumu‘a, Ḥaḍrat *‘Abdullah bin Zubair* said:

Today two ‘Īds have come together for us. We will offer them together. He then led two rak’ats for each (‘Īd and Jumu‘a) and no other prayer was offered till ‘Aṣr. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that more research is needed in this regard. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) had said that there is no account directly related to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) that justifies the foregoing of *Zuhr* prayer because of the concurrence of ‘Īd and Jumu‘a.

One day, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was delivering the Friday sermon when Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) entered the mosque. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “What is wrong with people that they come so late even after the Adhān has been called?” Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: “O Commander of the Faithful! As soon as I heard the call to prayer, I performed *Wudhu* and came straight to the mosque.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: “You only performed *Wudhu*! Have you not heard the Messenger of Allāh say that everyone should take a bath before coming for Jumu‘a?”

Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) was extremely careful in the narration of Hadith, hence there are only a few Hadiths ascribed to him as compared to other Saḥāba. The total number of Hadiths attributable to Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) is 146. He used to say: I have heard the Messenger of Allāh say that “Whoever attributes to me what I did not say, let him make his abode hell.”

It is said that Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) had eight marriages. He contracted all these marriages after converting to Islam.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him), in his commentary on *Sūrah An-Nūr*, says: Allāh says that there is a ‘light of insight’ that helps to distinguish between good and evil. This light is to be found in houses in which Allāh is remembered in the morning and evening. He said: The kind of people mentioned in the following verse of *Sūrah An-Nūr*;

إِذَا فَرِيقٌ مِّنْهُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ

“lo! a party of them turn away.” (24:49)

were never successful in the time of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, or Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar, or Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān, or Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with them); whereas the people mentioned in the following verse of *Surah Al-Baqarah*;

سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا

“we hear, and we obey.” (2:286)

were always successful. Hence the Holy Qur’ān says:

وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

“It is they who shall prosper.” (2:6)

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I know that no one can become a believer and a Muslim unless he becomes like *Abu Bakr*, ‘Umar, ‘Uthmān and ‘Ali (May

Allāh be pleased with them). They were truly honest in their faith. They dedicated their lives to the cause of Allāh. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: By God! Allāh has made the two Sheiks (*Abu Bakr* and *'Umar*) and *Zul-Nūrain* (*'Uthmān*) the gatekeepers of Islām and the vanguards of the army of the Best of Mankind, Muhammad, the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: God has given me true knowledge about the Khilāfat and it has been revealed to me that Siddīq and Farooq and *'Uthmān* were righteous men and true believers and were among Allāh's chosen ones.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This ends the series of sermons on Ḥaḍrat *'Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him). I will speak about Ḥaḍrat *'Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) starting from the next sermon, *Insha 'Allāh*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then announced the launch of the first version of a search engine for the Holy Qur'ān that has been developed by the Al-Islām team. This website can be viewed separately from Al-Islām. It can be used to search any surah, verse, word or subject in Arabic, English or Urdu. Similarly, a new and enhanced version has been added to the alislam.org website for reading, listening to and searching the Holy Qur'ān. May this project be the means for spreading the beautiful teachings of the Holy Qur'ān to the whole world, and may the members of the Jamā'at also benefit from it.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) once again appealed for prayer for Aḥmadīs of Pakistan and Algeria.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I receive many requests for funeral prayers. It is not possible to mention them all by name but they are included in prayers. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then mentioned 15 members of the Jamā'at who passed away recently and announced to lead their funeral prayers in absentia after Friday Prayers and prayed that Allāh may have mercy on all the deceased and elevate their spiritual station in heaven. *Amīn*

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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