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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 29th October 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is narrated on the authority of Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) gave the glad tidings of Paradise to Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr, ‘Umar, ‘Uthmān, ‘Ali, Talha, Zubair, Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf, Sa‘ad bin Abi Waqās, Sa‘īd bin Zaid, and Abu ‘Ubaidah bin Jarrah (May Allāh be pleased with them). Abu Musa narrates: I was with the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) in an orchard in Madinah when Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr and Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with them) came, and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) told me to give them the glad tidings of paradise, whereupon they said, “Praise be to Allāh.” When Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) came, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said, “Give him the glad tidings of Paradise despite a calamity that will befall him.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) also said, “Praise be to Allāh.” Then he said, “Only Allāh’s help can be sought against every tribulation.”

It is narrated on the authority of Ḥaḍrat Abu Hurairah that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said: I entered Paradise and saw a palace and asked whose palace is this? They (the angels) said, "This palace belongs to ‘Umar bin Al-Khaṭṭāb.' I intended to enter it, and nothing stopped me except your sense of *ghairah* (honour). Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "O Allāh's Messenger! Would my *ghairah* be roused because of you? I wish you had not turned back and had instead entered and blessed it."

It is narrated on the authority of Ḥaḍrat Abu Sa‘īd Al-Khudri that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said: When one of the ‘Illiyīn (those in the antechamber of Paradise) look upon the people of Paradise, the Paradise brightens up. He said that Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr and ‘Umar are among the ‘Illiyīn.

It is narrated from Ḥaḍrat Anas that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said: Aside from the Prophets and Messengers, Abu Bakr and ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with them) are the leaders of all the elderly people of past and future.

Ḥaḍrat ‘Uqbah bin ‘Amir narrates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said: Had there been a Prophet after me, it would be ‘Umar bin al-Khaṭṭāb. It is narrated by Ḥaḍrat ‘Ayesha and Ḥaḍrat Abu Hurairah that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said: If there is a *Muhaddath* (مُحَدَّثٌ) in my ummah, it is ‘Umar bin al-Khaṭṭāb.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Allāh always employs metaphors and gives one person the name of another because of the similarity in their nature and in their distinctive qualities. According to a hadith, a person whose spiritual state has become akin to that of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) will become a *Muḥaddath* at the time of need. It was similarly revealed to me:

أَنْتَ مُحَدَّثُ اللَّهِ فِيكَ مَا دَرَّ فَارُوقِيَّةُ

“You are a *Muḥaddath* of Allāh, you have the essence of *Farūq* (‘Umar).”

In the time of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), when seventy memorizers (*Huffāz*) of the Holy Qur’ān were martyred in the battle of *Yamama*, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) suggested that the Qur’ān be compiled and preserved. Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Thabit* then started the work of compilation. Ḥaḍrat *Abu ‘Ubaidah* says that among *Muḥājirīn* companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), the following are proven to have memorized the Holy Qur’ān: Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, ‘Umar, ‘Uthmān, ‘Ali, Talha, Sa’ad, Ibn-e-Mas’ūd, Huzaiifa, Salim, Abu Hurairah, ‘Abdullah bin Sā’ib, ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar and ‘Abdullah bin ‘Abbās.

Some verses were revealed to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) in conforming to the views of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him). *Sahih Bukhari* mentions three such instances, for example, following verse was revealed when *Maqam-e-Ibrahīm* was made a place of prayer:

وَاتَّخِذُوا مِنْ مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مُصَلًّى

“And take ye the station of Abraham as a place of Prayer.” (2:126)

Then, when Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) suggested that the Holy Prophet’s (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) wives cover themselves, the verse containing this injunction was revealed. Another instance is when the following verse was revealed to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) about his wives conforming to Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) opinion:

إِنْ طَلَّقَكَ أَنْ يُبَدِّلَهُ أَزْوَاجًا خَيْرًا مِنْكَ

“If he divorce you, his Lord will give him instead wives better than you.” (66:6)

Sahih Muslim mentions the incident of not leading the funeral prayer of the hypocrites, and *Sunan Tirmidhi* mentions the episode of the prohibition of alcohol when Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) opinion was confirmed by the Holy Qur’ān.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the status of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) among the Companions is so great that sometimes the Holy Qur’ān was revealed conforming to his opinions. It is said that Satan flees even from the shadow of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him). In another hadith in which the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) says that if there was a Prophet after me, it would be ‘Umar. In a third hadith, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon

him) says: There have been *Muḥaddathīn* among past ummahs, and if there is a *Muḥaddath* in my ummah, it is 'Umar.

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that Allāh taught the words of the *Adhān* to a Companion Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin Zaid through revelation. Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that the same *Adhān* was taught to him by Allāh but he remained silent for twenty days because another person had already narrated this *Adhān* to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). According to a Hadith in *Sunan Tirmidhi*, when Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) told the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) about his dream, he said that it was more convincing and that it had now been confirmed.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that one day when Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) went to the house of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), he saw some marks on the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) back from lying down on the mat. Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "Caesar and Khosrow live luxurious lives but you live in such discomfort." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, "What have I to do with this world? My example is that of a rider riding a camel in the heat of the day; when the heat of the afternoon hits him hard, he stops under the shade of a tree to catch his breath, and after a short while continues his journey."

Once Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) asked the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) for permission to perform 'Umrah, he permitted him and said: "O, my brother, do not forget us in your prayers." Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: These words were so precious for me that I would not exchange them for the whole world.

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) passed away, Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) still thought that he was alive and would return, and he was ready to kill anyone who said to the contrary. However, when Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) recited the verse:

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ

"And Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily, all Messengers have passed away before him." (3:145)

Hearing this verse, Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that his feet trembled and he fell on the ground in shock. Had any Prophet still been alive, this argument would not be correct. Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) could have said that if Ḥaḍrat 'Īsa (Peace be upon him) was still sitting alive in heaven, then why could the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) also not be alive? The silence of all the Companions proves that Jesus had passed away.

Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) used to follow the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) example in every aspect. He would say to the Black Stone,

“I would never kiss you had I not seen the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) doing the same?” When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) released some captives, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) also released a captive girl immediately. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) had told Ḥaḍrat *Huzaiifa* (May Allāh be pleased with him) about some hypocrites whose funeral prayer God had forbidden him from offering. Therefore, during his Khilāfat, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) used to offer funeral prayers only for those whose funeral prayer was offered by Ḥaḍrat *Huzaiifa*. In order to fulfil the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) made Companions wear the bangles of Khosrow.

Ḥaḍrat *Zain-ul-Abidin Waliullah Shah Sahib* had deduced from one of the visions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) that the worldly conquests and success that the Muslims got through Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was but a remnant of the knowledge of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) that was given to Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him). It is narrated on the authority of Ḥaḍrat *Malik bin Aghwal* that Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: Do your reckoning before you are reckoned, weigh yourself before you are weighed, and, above all, prepare for the great Judgement. Ḥaḍrat *Anas bin Malik* narrates that when Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was *Amīrul Mu'minīn*, he saw four leather patches in his shirt between his shoulders.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the sad demise of Doctor *Taseer Mujtaba Sahib* who served at Fazal-e-Umar Hospital, Rabwah. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about his services for the Jamā‘at and announced to lead his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

Jazākumullāh
Wassalām,

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