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Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) continued with the series of sermons regarding Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat *Hafsa* once said to Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), “Now that Allāh has provided you with an abundant wealth and provisions in addition to your victories, why do you not eat more delicate food and wear finer clothes?” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “As far as it is in my power, I will continue to share in the hardships of the life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), so that I may also partake of their life of comfort.” Ḥaḍrat *Ikrimah bin Khalid* relates that other people also asked Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) to eat more wholesome food so that he would have greater strength to serve the Truth. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said to them, “If I leave the path of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), I will not be able to meet them at the destination.”

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that because of the need for frugality in a time of fear and danger, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) had instructed his followers not to have more than one dish in their meals. One day, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was presented with vinegar and salt, and he said, “Are these not two dishes?” This reflected his extreme love and devotion to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) also instructed Aḥmadīs not to prepare more than one dish at a time so as to reduce their expenditure and be able to make more contributions towards Chanda. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) outlined two conditions for becoming Abdur Rehman (a man of God). The first was not to be extravagant in the use of one’s wealth. The second was to eat only to maintain the body and strength, and to wear only to cover and protect the body.

Such was Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) standard of humility and piety that when delegations came to pay homage to him, he would himself carry the skin bag of water for them so as to overcome any sense of superiority he might feel. On his way back from Mecca, he once stopped at the valley of *Zajnān* and said, “I used to carry wood and grass on my father’s camels, and today I am the ruler of a vast territory.” On one occasion,

while returning from Hajj, he stopped by a tree and said, “One day I was grazing my father’s camels when I lay down under this tree to rest, and my father harshly reprimanded me. Today hundreds of thousands of men are willing to lay down their lives at my behest.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that he had been granted this status because he had accepted the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). These instances show that through obedience to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), the Companions attained status and knowledge that others could not.

It is narrated on the authority of *Jubair bin Nufair* that a group of people addressed Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) and said: “By Allāh! We have not seen anyone more just, more truthful and more firm against the hypocrites than you are.” However, Ḥaḍrat ‘Auf bin Malik said: “By Allāh! After the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), we found *Abu Bakr* to be better than ‘Umar.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “Auf speaks the truth. By Allāh! *Abu Bakr* is purer than the fragrance of musk, and I am more lost than my family’s camels.”

Ḥaḍrat *Abu Hurairah* relates, “I was in the presence of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), along with Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with them), when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) left and did not return for a long time. I was worried and went looking for him and found him in an orchard. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) gave me his shoes and said, ‘Whoever meets you beyond this garden and bears witness in his heart that there is none worthy of worship except Allāh, give him the glad tidings of Paradise.’ The first person I met was Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), and as soon as I had told him about it, he took me back with him to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). After confirming the message, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) asked the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) not publicize it lest people should start depending upon verbal proclamations and forget the good deeds that would make them true believers. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) accepted this advice.

Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin Abi Waqās* narrates that once, there were some women of *Quraish* sitting by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) asking him for more money. At this time, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and sought permission to enter. The women immediately moved aside and adopted the veil. Seeing this brought a smile to the blessed face of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) asked him why he was smiling, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) replied that the women were so afraid of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) that they immediately moved aside and adopted the veil. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) asked them whether they were afraid of him, rather than the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). They said they were, because Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was quite strict. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said that even Satan was afraid of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) and would adopt a different path when he saw Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) coming.

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdullah bin ‘Umar* relates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said: “Allāh has revealed the truth to the tongue and the heart of ‘*Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him).” Ḥaḍrat *Ibn-e-Abbās* cites his brother *Fazl* as relating: I heard the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) say, “‘*Umar bin Khattab* is with me whenever I want him, and I am with him wherever he wants me, and after me the truth will be with ‘*Umar bin Khattab* wherever he is.”

Ḥaḍrat *Anas* relates that when the Messenger of Allah (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) sat among the Companions, no one would look at him except Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) who would look up and smile at him, and he would look at them both and smile. *Abdullah bin Hantab* relates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) looked at Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them) and said, “They are both my ears and eyes.” Ḥaḍrat *Jabir bin Abdullah* cites Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) as relating that he heard the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said, “The sun has never risen on any human being who is better than ‘*Umar*.” Ḥaḍrat *Huzaiifa* relates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said, “After me, follow *Abu Bakr* and ‘*Umar*.”

Ḥaḍrat *Abu Sa’id Al-Khudri* narrates that the Messenger of Allah (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said: “Every Prophet has two deputies from among the people of heaven and two from the earth. My deputies in heaven are Gabriel and Michael, and my deputies on earth are *Abu Bakr* and ‘*Umar*.” *Abu Juhaiifa* says, “I have heard from Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* that, after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), the best in this ummah are *Abu Bakr* and then ‘*Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them).”

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at about the martyrdom of *Kamran Ahmed Sahib* of Peshawar, the demise of Dr *Mirza Nabeer Ahmed Sahib* and his wife *Ayesha Anbar Syed Sahiba* who died in an accident in USA, and passing away of *Chaudhry Naseer Ahmad Sahib* of Karachi and *Sardaran Bibi Sahiba* of *Darul Rahmat Gharbi*, Rabwah. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about their services for the Jamā‘at and announced to lead their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Jazākumullāh  
Wassalām,

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