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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 26th 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: Those who had knowledge of the Holy Qur’ān had a place of honour in the court of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), regardless of whether they were young or old. *Hur bin Qais* was one of those who would sit close to Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him). *‘Uyaina bin Hisn bin Hudhaifah*, along with his nephew *Hur bin Qais*, appeared in the court of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) and said, “You do not distribute wealth among us in an equitable manner.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was displeased to hear this and was about to speak when *Hur* said Allāh has told His Messenger:

خُذِ الْعَفْوَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ

“Take to forgiveness, and enjoin kindness, and turn away from the ignorant.” (7:200)

He then said, “This man *‘Uyaina* is among the ignorant.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) did not speak because he always deferred to the Word of Allāh.

In the same context, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: One day, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) called for a *Jallād* (the person assigned to give corporal punishment to culprits) to punish a chief, but a ten-year-old boy recited these verses of the Holy Qur’ān:

وَالْكَاظِمِينَ الْغَيْظَ

“and those who suppress anger.” (3:135)

وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ

“and turn away from the ignorant.” (7:200)

He then said, “This man is also from among the ignorant.” Hearing this, the colour of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) face changed and he kept silent. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) used to invite children to his court and would consult them so as to train them and to sharpen their minds.

Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was very cautious when it came to the property of *Bait-ul-Māl*. One day, someone gave him a glass of milk and he drank it. He then asked where it had come from and was told that it came from the camels of *Zakāt*. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) immediately put his hand in his mouth and spat out the milk. He refused to drink that which belonged to *Bait-ul-Māl*. Honey was

once prescribed for his illness, and it was available in *Bait-ul-Māl*, but he did not use it without seeking the permission of the people. One afternoon, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was leading two straying camels to the grazing ground. Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) saw this and said he would take the camels, but Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “This is my job and I will do it.” Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau’ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that Allāh gave the Muslims status and wealth and honour but they did not forget the teachings of Islām. It is narrated from *Sa’īd bin Musaiyyib* that in a dispute between a Muslim and a Jew, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) decided in favour of the Jew because he was right. Once, when the son of Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr bin ‘Ās had an Egyptian man lashed because he had outrun him in a race, the matter was reported and Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr bin ‘Ās’s son was lashed as punishment. According to one account, a man once said to Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) that if he found any deviance in him, he would correct it with his sword. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) thanked Allāh that there was such a man in this ummah. On one occasion, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “Dearest to me is the one who tells me of my faults.”

Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was very cautious about the teachings of Islām in matters of faith. After the conquest of Alexandria, prisoners of war were given free choice whether to convert to Islām and have the rights and obligations of a Muslim, or to continue to adhere to their own religion and pay *Jizyah*. Many prisoners accepted Islām on account of this.

Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) once invited to Islām an old and needy Christian woman who was close to death, but he later sought Allāh’s forgiveness fearing that he might have taken advantage of her need and forced her to become a Muslim. One of his Christian slaves, *Ussaq*, refused to convert to Islām. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said:

لَا كُرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

“There should be no compulsion in religion.” (2:257)

and when Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was about to pass away, he freed the slave.

Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was very kind to animals. When he saw a wound on the back of a camel, he said, "I fear Allāh's reprimand about you." One day when a slave drove an animal really hard in order to procure some fish for Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) saw the sweat on the animal’s body and refused to eat the fish because the animal had been made to suffer because of him.

Regarding the virtues and outstanding qualities of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The keys of the treasures belonging to the Caesar and Khosrow were given to Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) because he was, in essence, a spiritual manifestation of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). This is why, in the spiritual realm, the hand of ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) has been declared to be the hand of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says:

It is vital to believe that Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar*, Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Ali Murtaza* (May Allāh be pleased with them) were all the vanguards of the army of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). I fear that those who deny their lofty status may meet a terrible end and lose their faith. The rightly guided Khulāfā’ held a great position among the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and Allāh gave them the status that was not given to anyone else in the world.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Those among the Shiites who think that Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr Siddīq* or Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar Farūq* (May Allāh be pleased with them) usurped the rights of Ḥaḍrat *Ali Murtaza* or *Fatima Al-Zahra* (May Allāh be pleased with them) and oppressed them; such people have abandoned justice and have chosen the path of the transgressors. The truth is that Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr Siddīq* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar Farūq* (May Allāh be pleased with them) never failed to fulfil their obligations. They made piety their way and justice their goal and kept their selves obedient to Allāh. I do not find anyone like *Abu Bakr* and *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them) in terms of receiving the blessings of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and standing steadfast in support of the religion. Great indeed is the sincerity and devotion of *Abu Bakr* and *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them).

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that all the successes of Islām after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) were due to the three Companions. Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar’s* (May Allāh be pleased with him) accomplishments were not trivial, but it was Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) who had paved the way for the victories to come and after him Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) opened the door of victories.

Ḥaḍrat *Maulvi Abdul Karīm Sahib* writes: One day, someone asked the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) whether they should consider him superior to Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them) in spiritual status and close to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him)? Upon hearing this, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) turned pale, felt greatly disturbed and delivered a six-hour-long sermon on the virtues of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and his own humility and inadequacy. Speaking of the excellences of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them), he said that he was honoured to be their admirer and the dust of their feet. He said that no one can ever attain their status, because it is not possible that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) is born again, and someone else serves him as Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them) did.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The series of sermons on Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) has now been concluded. God-willing, I will speak about Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) from next time.

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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