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The Amīr/National President  
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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) continued with the series of sermons regarding Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will relate some further accounts regarding *Suraqah bin Malik's* pursuit of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) during the migration. According to one narration, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) addressed *Suraqah* while he was returning and said, "O *Suraqah*! What shall be your state when Khosrow's bracelets shall be on your wrists?" *Suraqah* turned around in astonishment and said, "Khosrow, the son of Hurmuz?" The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, "Yes, Khosrow, son of Hurmuz." After many years, when the bracelets, crown, and girdle of the Khosrow were brought before Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), he called for *Suraqah* and placed the bracelets around his wrists and said, "Proclaim that all praise belongs to Allāh the Almighty, Who seized both of these from the Khosrow, son of Hurmuz, and granted them to us." It is also mentioned that this tidings was given to *Suraqah* when he accepted Islām on the return from *Hunain* and *Ta'if*.

In *Seerat Khātam-un-Nabiyyīn*, Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* relates this incident in his own words. He quotes *Suraqah* as saying that his failed pursuit of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) led him to believe that this man was destined for greatness and that he would be victorious in the end.

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that just as *Suraqah* was about to leave, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) received a revelation about future events and said, "*Suraqah*, how will you feel when the gold bracelets of the Khosrow are on your wrists?" In utter amazement, *Suraqah* asked, "Which Khosrow? Khosrow, the son of Hurmuz, the Emperor of Iran?" The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, "Yes." Sixteen or seventeen years later, the prophecy was literally fulfilled. After becoming a Muslim, *Suraqah* would relate the incident of the migration with great pride, therefore, the Muslims were well aware of the prophecy beforehand. When the spoils of the war were placed before Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), he saw Khosrow's gold bracelets among them and recalled that prophecy. It had been a time of great helplessness in which the Messenger of Allāh had been forced to leave his city and migrate to Medina, and the reason why *Suraqah* and other men raced their horses in pursuit of him was so that they could somehow bring him back and claim the bounty of 100 camels. It was at such a

time that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had given this glad-tiding to *Suraqah*. What a grand prophecy, and what great news of the unseen! When Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) ordered him to put on the gold bracelets, *Suraqah* said, "O Khalīfa of the Messenger of Allāh! It is forbidden for Muslims to wear gold." Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "This is true, but not for occasions such as this one. Allāh showed the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) Khosrow's gold bracelets on your hands; you will either wear them or I will punish you." *Suraqah* put on the bracelets and the Muslims witnessed with their very eyes the fulfilment of this grand prophecy.

During the journey of migration, the caravan of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) stopped by a tent to acquire provisions for the journey. The tent belonged to *Umm-e-Ma'bad*, a brave woman who would serve food to wayfarers. At that point in time, the people of *Umm-e-Ma'bad* were impoverished and drought-stricken and had nothing to present to the guests. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) saw a weak and feeble goat, but when he milked it after praying, it produced more than enough milk for everyone.

After travelling for eight days, with the help of God, they finally reached *Quba'*, two miles before Medina. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that a Jew saw their camels from afar and realised that it was the caravan of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). When he told the people about it, everyone rushed to *Quba'*. Most people in Medina had not seen the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) before. Since the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) sat in a most simple manner, those who did not know him came and sat respectfully before Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him). When Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) saw this, he quickly took his mantle and hung it against the sun and said, 'O Messenger of Allāh! You are in the sun. I have made this shade for you.' In this subtle manner, he made people realize their error.

It is mentioned in *Sahih Bukhari* that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) spent more than ten nights in the village of *Banu 'Amr bin 'Auf* and laid the foundation of a mosque and offered his prayers in it. It was revealed regarding this mosque that its foundations were laid on Taqwa. According to Ḥaḍrat *Ibn-e-'Abbās*, the foundations of all the mosques of Medina, including *Masjid Quba'*, were established upon Taqwa, but the mosque regarding which the verse of the Holy Qur'ān was revealed was indeed *Masjid Quba'*.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* writes that after staying for more than ten days in *Quba'*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) set out for the city on a Friday. When it was time for the Friday prayers, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) stopped in the neighbourhood of *Banu Sālim bin 'Auf*, delivered the Friday sermon, and led the Friday Prayer.

When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) passed by the homes of Muslims, they would, in the fervour of their love, come forward, and say, "O Messenger of Allāh! This is our home. Our wealth and lives are at your behest. We also possess means to protect you. Please stay with us." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) would pray for them and bless them and continue to move slowly towards the city.

In the fervour of their happiness, Muslim women and girls climbed to the rooftops and sang songs of welcome. To express their joy upon the arrival of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the Abyssinian slaves of Medina went about displaying their feats of swordsmanship.

A short while after arrival in Medina, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) sent his freed slave, *Zaid*, to Mecca to bring his and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) families and relatives. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) laid the foundations of a mosque on the site he had bought and then built houses for himself and his Companions.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that he would continue with these accounts in the future.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about some members of the Jamā'at who passed away recently, and led their funeral prayers in absentia after the Friday prayer.

1. *Chaudhry Asghar Ali Kilār Sahib*, son of *Muhammad Sharif Sahib Kilār* of Bahawalpur, passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> January while imprisoned in the way of Allāh in Pakistan. On 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, he had been charged under Section 295-C of the blasphemy law and was arrested on 26<sup>th</sup> September. He was the only Aḥmadī in his family. He would readily take part in financial sacrifices. Love for Khilāfat, hospitality, and inviting others towards Allāh were his hallmarks. He paid Chanda Waṣiyyat at a rate of 1/8<sup>th</sup>.

2. *Mirza Mumtaz Ahmad Sahib*, a veteran worker at Wakālat-e-Ulya, Rabwah, passed away at the age of 85. He served the Jamā'at for 58 years. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have myself known him to be very quiet in nature with a few close friends. It was his routine to go straight home from the work, and from work to home. He worked diligently with sincerity and loyalty.

3. Colonel Doctor (retired) *Abdul Khaliq Sahib*, former administrator of the Fazl-e-Omar Hospital, Rabwah passed away at the age of 97. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1938. When Aḥmadīs were declared non-Muslims in 1974, in Pakistan, he resigned from his government job and offered his services to the Nusrat Jahān Scheme. In 1994, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) appointed him as the Administrator of Fazl-e-Omar Hospital in Rabwah and he served in this post until 2005. He was devout and regular in his worship.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed for the forgiveness of the deceased and the elevation of their spiritual status.

Jazākumullāh  
Wassalām,

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