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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 21st January 2022 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V (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: Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* writes in his book ‘*The Life and Character of the Seal of Prophets*’ that, upon arriving in Medina, the place where the camel of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) chose to rest was the property of two boys named *Sahl* and *Suhail*. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) selected this plot to build the mosque and his living quarters. The plot of land was purchased for 10 *Dinār* which was paid by Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him). The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) offered a prayer when laying the foundation stone of the mosque. Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Umar* and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) also placed bricks beside the one placed by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) worked alongside his Companions in the construction of the mosque as well as in its expansion that took place after the Battle of *Khaybar*.

Allama Qastallani, in his commentary on *Sahih al-Bukhari*, writes: The bond of brotherhood between the Companions was established on two occasions. The first was in Mecca when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) established a bond of brotherhood between Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Umar*, between Ḥaḍrat *Hamzah* and Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Haritha*, between Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān* and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*, between Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdullah bin Mas’ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with them), and between Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* and himself (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). Thereafter, when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) migrated to Medina, he established a bond of brotherhood between 50 *Muhajirīn* and 50 *Ansār*.

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) once said that the most courageous of all people was Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him). When a separate canopy was set up for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) during the battle of *Badr*, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) stood there with his sword unsheathed to protect the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). He fulfilled this duty at an extremely perilous time with the utmost bravery, while the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) supplicated throughout the night.

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdullah bin ‘Abbas* says that, on the day of *Badr*, when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) surveyed the army of the idolaters and saw that they numbered 1000, while his Companions numbered only 319, he turned in the direction of the *Ka’abah*, raised both his hands, and supplicated, “O Allāh, fulfil Your promise to me.

O Allāh, if you allow this group of Muslims to be perished, there will be no one left on this earth to worship You.” Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “O Messenger of Allāh, you have offered a lot of fervent supplications before your Lord; He will surely fulfil that which was promised to you.” Upon this, Allāh the Almighty revealed the following verse:

إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ أَنِّي مُمِدُّكُمْ بِأَلْفٍ مِّنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُرَدِّفِينَ

When you implored the assistance of your Lord, and He answered you, saying, ‘I will assist you with a thousand of the angels, following one another.’ (8:10)

Thus, Allāh helped him by sending down His angels.

In the battle, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) son, ‘*Abdur-Rahmān*, had fought on the side of the disbelievers. When he later accepted Islām, he said to his father, “You were right before me and within range. However, I moved away from you and did not kill you.” Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “God had decreed for you to accept Islām, hence He saved you. Otherwise, by God, if I had seen you, I would have certainly killed you.”

Upon returning to Medina, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) suggested that the prisoners of war should be allowed to go free in exchange for ransom, for who knows if devotees of Islām are born from among these very people. Ḥaḍrat ‘*Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him), on the other hand, opposed this view and suggested that they should all be executed. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), because of his compassionate nature, approved Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*’s (May Allāh be pleased with him) proposal and directed that the idolaters should be freed for ransom. Subsequently, a divine injunction was revealed to the same effect.

Discussing the battle of *Uhud*, Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* writes that the feats of valour displayed by the Companions who had gathered around the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) were such that history is unable to present any precedence thereof. They gathered around the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) like moths around a flame and risked their lives for his sake. The Companions would take every blow upon themselves to protect the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) while continuing to strike the enemy. A time came when only two people were left standing by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). The most notable among the valiant Companions who stood by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) were Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali*, Ḥaḍrat *Talha*, Ḥaḍrat *Zubair*, Ḥaḍrat *Sa‘ad bin Waqās*, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Dujanah Ansāri*, Ḥaḍrat *Sa‘ad bin Mu‘ādh*, and Ḥaḍrat *Talha Ansāri* (May Allāh be pleased with them).

During the battle of *Uhud*, the front teeth of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) were broken and the rings of his helmet had become lodged into his blessed cheek. When Ḥaḍrat *Abu ‘Ubaidah* tried to pull the rings out with his teeth, his own front tooth broke as well. It is said that Ḥaḍrat *Abu ‘Ubaidah* was the most handsome of all those whose two front teeth were broken. After tending to the injuries of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), Ḥaḍrat *Abu ‘Ubaidah* and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with them) saw Ḥaḍrat *Talha* and found that he had suffered 70 sword, spear and arrow wounds on his body and one of his fingers had been severed. They treated his injuries and applied ointment.

During the Battle of *Uhud*, when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) was standing with his Companions at the foot of the mountain, *Abu Sufyān* shouted, ‘We have killed Muhammad.’ Not receiving a reply from the Muslims because the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) forbade them, *Abu Sufyān* shouted, ‘We have also killed *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him).’ Then he said, ‘We have also killed *‘Umar.*’ Still receiving no answer from the Muslims, the disbelievers were then certain that they had killed the founder of Islam along with two of its pillars. Relishing in their victory, *Abu Sufyān* raised the slogan, *أَعْلَىٰ هُبَيْلٌ* ‘Glory to Hubal! Glory to Hubal! Our revered idol Hubal has put an end to Islām.’ Now that it was a matter of the honour of Allāh the Almighty and a slogan in praise of an idol had been raised in the battlefield, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) ordered the Companions to raise the slogan: *اللَّهُ أَغْلَىٰ وَأَجَلُّ. اللَّهُ أَغْلَىٰ وَأَجَلُّ* meaning: Allāh, the One Who has no partner, is Honoured and He alone is Exalted.” This bold and courageous reply so overawed the enemy that they thought it best to return to Mecca as soon as possible. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) sent 70 Companions to go after them. He said that if *Quraish* were mounted on their camels and were taking their horses alongside them, then they would be returning to Mecca. However, if they were mounted on horses then they intended to attack Medina. He said, “If *Quraish* attack Medina, by God, we shall fight them and repay them in kind.” Soon the news came that *Quraish* army was returning to Mecca.

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

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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