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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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK**

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul 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: In historical accounts, we find mention of a dream that Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) had about the conquest of Mecca, in which he saw that the Muslims had drawn close to Mecca when a dog came barking towards them, but on coming closer it lay down on its back and milk started to flow from it. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) interpreted this dream to mean that the harm had been removed and the benefit was near.

Before the conquest of Mecca, when *Abu Sufyān* came to see the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) at *Marruz-Zahrān*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), on the advice of Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abbās* or Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with them), made him stay the night so that he could witness the strength of the Muslim army. The green-clad contingent of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) appeared before *Abu Sufyān*, which included *Muhājirīn* and *Ansār* holding flags. One thousand of *Ansār* were clad in iron armour. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) had handed his flag to Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin ‘Ubādah* and he was leading the contingent.

On the occasion of the conquest of Mecca, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) announced a general amnesty. Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) that *Abu Sufyān* desired honour, and so the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) announced that whoever entered the house of *Abu Sufyān* would also be safe. When the idol named *Hubal* was brought down by the order of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), *Zubair bin Al-Awwām* reminded *Abu Sufyān* how, on the day of *Uhud*, he had proudly declared that this idol had rewarded him. *Abu Sufyān* said, “Let bygones be bygones. I now realize that if there had been a god other than the God of Muhammad, what has happened today would not have happened.”

Ḥaḍrat *Abu Hurairah* relates that on the day of the conquest of Mecca, the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) was sitting down while Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) stood guarding him with a drawn sword.

The Battle of *Hunain*, also known as the Battle of *Hawazin* or Battle of *Autās*, took place in 8 AH after the conquest of Mecca. *Hunain* is a gorge located 30 miles from Mecca on the way to *Ta'if*. Upon learning of the conquest of Mecca, and at the instigation of *Mālik bin 'Auf Nasri*, Arab tribes had gathered a large army against the Muslims. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) set out to counter them with twelve thousand Companions and reached *Hunain* in the morning. The enemy had been hiding in the valleys and mounted a sudden and forceful attack on the Muslims, who did not have time to recover and were forced to disperse. It is mentioned in some Traditions that only a handful of Companions were left at the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) side.

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that a time came during the battle of *Hunain* when only twelve companions were left around the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), in a panic, grabbed the reins of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) horse and said: "O Messenger of Allāh! This is not the time to advance." However, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said with great passion: "Leave the reins of my horse," and then he nudged it with his heel and moved forward, reciting the couplet: "I am the promised prophet, whose eternal safety was vouchsafed. I am not a liar, therefore, I care not whether you are 3000 archers or 30,000. O, ye idolaters! Seeing this bravery of mine, do not think that I am god, I am a human and the son of your chief, '*Abdul Muttalib*.'"

At the instructions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), Ḥaḍrat '*Abbās* called out to the Muslims: "O Companions of *Sūrah Al-Baqarah*! O you who swore allegiance under the tree on the day of *Hudaibiyyah*, the Messenger of God beckons you." One of the companions says, "Due to the cowardice of some newly converted Muslims, our horses had also bolted, but as soon as this voice reached my ears, I felt as if I was dead and the trumpet of *Israfil* was resounding in the air. I wanted to turn back but my ride was terrified. Many of my companions and I jumped off our camels, some even cut the throats of their camels, and started running towards the Messenger of Allāh."

The battle of *Taif* took place in *Shawāl* of 8 AH when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) laid siege to *Taif*. According to various traditions, this siege lasted from ten to forty nights. On this occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had a dream and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) interpreted it in the same way as the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had thought.

The battle of *Tabūk* took place in *Rajab* 9 AH. On this occasion, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) gave his total wealth, which was worth four thousand dirhams, to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) asked Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) whether he had left anything for his family, whereupon he replied that he had left them Allāh and His Messenger.

Speaking about this incident, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: "On the other hand, there are those who swear allegiance and pledge to give precedence to faith over worldly matters, but when it comes to making financial sacrifices, they hold tight to their purses. Can anyone with such love for the world attain any religious objective?"

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had intended to leave for Hajj after his return from *Tabūk* in 9 AH. However, when he was told that the disbelievers would recite idolatrous incantations and perform *Tawāf* of *Ka'abah* naked, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) decided not to perform Hajj that year. He appointed Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) as the *Amīr* for Hajj who left with three hundred Companions and twenty sacrificial animals sent by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). After the departure of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), *Sūrah Taubah* was revealed. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) summoned Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and instructed him to take what had been stated at the beginning of *Sūrah Taubah* and announce it to the people on the day of sacrifice when they would gather in *Mina*: that no disbelievers shall enter Paradise; that, after that year, none of the disbelievers would be allowed to perform Hajj; that no one would be allowed to perform *Tawāf* of the House of Allāh naked; and that the duration of any treaty made by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) with anyone would be respected.

When Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) met Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* asked, "Have you been appointed *Amīr* or will you be my subordinate?" Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this question was a reflection of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) extreme humility. Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "I will be your subordinate."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that he would continue with these accounts in future, *Inshā' Allāh*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the sad demise of *Amatul Latif Khurshid Sahiba*, wife of Late *Sheikh Khurshid Ahmad Sahib*, former Assistant Editor of *Alfaḍl Rabwah*. She passed away recently at the age of 95. Allāh had blessed her with three sons and two daughters. Her services span over seventy years. She was a very sociable, hospitable, devout, prayerful and scholarly person, and was truly loyal to Khilāfat. Her granddaughter writes that she had taught them to harmonize and balance their faith and the Western society. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is the duty of mothers and elders to train and teach the new generation. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may forgive the deceased and grant her a lofty station in heaven. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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