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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 13th January 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: As I said in my last sermon, I will speak about some of the Companions of the Holy Prophet who were not mentioned before.

Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdullāh bin Jaḥash (May Allāh be pleased with him): He belonged to the *Banū Asad* tribe. He was of average height and had thick hair. While appointing *‘Abdullāh* as the *Amīr* of an expedition, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said, “I have appointed a person over you who is not your superior but had a greater capacity to endure hunger and thirst.” According to an account, *Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdullāh bin Jaḥash* was the first one in Islam to raise a flag in a battle and also the first one to distribute spoils of war. *Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashīr Aḥmad Sāhib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) wrote about a campaign led by *‘Abdullāh bin Jaḥash* in which the Muslims were forced to fight during the sacred months. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) heard of this, he reprimanded the Companions saying that he had not permitted them to fight during the sacred months, upon which they expressed great remorse.

During the battle of *Uhud*, *Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdullāh bin Jaḥash* (May Allāh be pleased with him) broke his sword. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) then handed him a branch of a palm tree that miraculously worked like a sword. After *‘Abdullāh bin Jaḥash* was martyred in the battle of *Uhud*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) married his widow *Ḥaḍrat Zainab*.

Ḥaḍrat Sāleh Shuqrān (May Allāh be pleased with him): According to some accounts, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) inherited *Ḥaḍrat Sāleh Shuqrān* and *Umme Aiman* from his parents as slaves and freed them after the battle of *Badr*. *Ḥaḍrat Shuqrān* was among the fortunate ones who bathed the Holy Prophet’s body after his demise. According to one account, *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar* sent *Ḥaḍrat Shuqrān*’s son to *Ḥaḍrat Abu Musa Ash‘arī* and wrote to him that I am sending you a righteous man. You should treat him according to the status, his father had in the eyes of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). *Ḥaḍrat Shuqrān* passed away during the *Khilāfat* of *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar*. According to an account by *Ḥaḍrat Sāleh Shuqrān*, he once saw the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) offering his prayer while riding on a donkey.

Ḥaḍrat Mālik bin Dukhshum (May Allāh be pleased with him): During the battle of *Uhud*, *Mālik bin Dukhshum* passed by *Ḥaḍrat Kharija* who had 13

wounds, *Ḥaḍrat Mālik* said to *Ḥaḍrat Kharija*, “Do you know that *Muḥammad* has been killed?” *Ḥaḍrat Kharja* said, “If that is so, even then Allāh is still alive and He will not die. Muḥammad has delivered the message of Islam; you should, therefore, fight for your religion.” According to another narration, *Ḥaḍrat Mālik* then came across *Ḥaḍrat Sa‘ad bin Rabī‘i* who had received 12 fatal wounds and said the same things to him. *Sa‘ad bin Rabī‘i* replied, “I bear witness that Muḥammad has conveyed the message of his Lord, so you should fight for Islam.”

Some people once complained to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) that *Mālik* provides refuge to the hypocrites. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said, “Does he not offer prayer?” The people said that he does, but his prayers are void of goodness. Thereupon, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said, “I have been forbidden to kill those who offer prayers.”

It is also reported that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) sent *Ḥaḍrat Mālik* along with *‘Aṣim bin ‘Adi* to demolish *Masjid Zarar*.

***Ḥaḍrat ‘Ukashah* (May Allāh be pleased with him):** He was martyred during the *Khilāfat* of *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* in 12 *Hijrī*. *Imām Shafī‘ī* says that there was a man who was bound for paradise and yet he walked the earth with humility, and it was *‘Ukashah*. Immediately after the Battle of *Badr* in 2 *Hijrī*, the Messenger of Allāh sent *‘Abdullāh bin Jaḥash* on an expedition and he was accompanied by *‘Ukashah*. During the Battle of *Uhud*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) was shooting arrows when the string of his bow broke. *Ḥaḍrat ‘Ukashah* took the string from him and tried to tie it but it was too short. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) told him to keep pulling and *‘Ukashah* kept pulling and the string grew so long that he was able to tie three knots at each end.

***Ḥaḍrat Kharija bin Zaid* (May Allāh be pleased with him):** It is reported that he, along with some other Companion, once questioned the Jews about certain things found in their scriptures, but the Jews refused to answer them. Later, a verse of the Holy Quran was revealed regarding this.

***Ḥaḍrat Ziyād bin Labīd* (May Allāh be pleased with him):** He was known by the epithet *Abu ‘Abdullah*. His progeny settled in Madina and Baghdad. *Ḥaḍrat Ziyād* was once sent by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) to teach Islam to a tribe. He died in 41 *Hijrī* during the reign of *Ḥaḍrat Mu‘āwiya*.

***Ḥaḍrat Khālid bin Bukair* (May Allāh be pleased with him):** He belonged to the *Banu Saad* tribe. He was also sent by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) along with five other Companions to teach religion and the Holy Qur’an to a tribe. However, they were later deceptively martyred by the very people who had invited them.

***Ḥaḍrat ‘Ammar bin Yāsir* (May Allāh be pleased with him):** *Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that *‘Ammar* was a slave and that

one day the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) came across him and asked how he was. 'Ammar said that the enemies of Islam continued to beat him and did not let him go until he uttered something against the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) asked, "What do you feel in your heart?" 'Ammar said, "There is unshakable faith in my heart." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, "If your heart is full of faith, Allāh Almighty will forgive your weakness."

During the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat Uthman when the insurrection grew and the Companions received letters with complaints about some of the governors, they reported this to Ḥaḍrat Uthman. After consultation, some Companions were sent to investigate these complaints. While all the rest sent in their reports, there was a long delay on the side of 'Ammar and it was thought that he might have been killed. However, the reason for the delay was that 'Ammar, on account of his simplicity and ignorance of politics, had been trapped by the mischief-makers. Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd says that this happened because as soon as 'Ammar arrived in Egypt, the mischief-makers overwhelmed him with their complaints against the governor, which 'Ammar took to be true on account of his simplicity. During the battle of Siffīn, it became apparent to Ḥaḍrat 'Ammar that the rebels had cleverly devised a plan to have Ḥaḍrat Uthman martyred. He fought bravely in this battle and embraced martyrdom.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I want to share a sad news that the day before yesterday, nine *Ahmadīs* were brutally martyred in Burkina Faso. To Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return. I will speak about it in detail in my next sermon, *inshā'Allāh*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may grant the martyrs a lofty station in heaven and advised the Jamā'at to pray for the safety of *Ahmadīs* as the terrorists had made further threats. May Allāh protect them against all harm. *Āmīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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