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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 30th June 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK.*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the previous sermon, I shared an incident involving an extraordinary expression of love by Ḥaḍrat *Sawād bin Ghaziyya* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Further details about Ḥaḍrat *Sawād* (May Allāh be pleased with him) are that he returned triumphantly from the battle and brought with him an idolater named *Khalid bin Hishām* as a captive. Later, he was also appointed by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to gather the spoils of war in the Battle of Khaybar.

Ḥaḍrat *Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) has mentioned a similar incident to have happened closer to the demise of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). He states that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) asked his companions that if he had ever caused them any sort of pain, they should express it and seek its recompense in this very world. One can only imagine, due to the immense love which the companions had for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), how difficult this must have been for them to hear. And certainly it was, as upon hearing this, tears began flowing from the eyes of the Companions. However, one companion did stand and say that during a battle, as the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was arranging the army ranks, the Holy Prophet's elbow struck his back as he was walking by. The companions were furious at the fact that this person had expressed this. However, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) turned around and said that he could take recompense and strike him with his elbow. The man said that when the Holy Prophet's elbow had struck him, his back was bare. Hence, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) asked his companions to hold up his shirt from his back. Upon this, the man kissed the Holy Prophet's back. He said that how can such an insignificant servant take revenge from the esteemed personage of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him)? He said that upon learning that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said his time for departing from this world was near, he wished to kiss the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and used this merely as an excuse. Otherwise what harm could an elbow cause when he had sacrificed his entire being for the sake of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The companions who had initially been furious at this man became furious at themselves for not having thought of such an idea.

In the Battle of *Badr*, the Companions rallied under different slogans. The slogan of the *Muhājirīn* tribe was "*Ya Bani ‘Abdir Raḥmān,*" while the *Khazraj* tribe chanted "*Ya Bani ‘Abdillah,*" and the *Aus* tribe declared "*Ya Bani ‘Ubaidillah*" as their slogan. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) bestowed the title of "*Khailullah*" to his mounted soldiers.

As the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) arranged the rows, he instructed the Companions not to initiate an attack until he gave the command, and not to draw their swords until the enemy came very close. Addressing the Companions, he emphasized the importance of *Jihād* and patience. He urged them to firmly hold onto the support of Allāh, seeking His pleasure. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) encouraged them to embrace the trials and challenges set forth by their Lord with unwavering determination. He reminded them that they

were with Allāh, the Ever-Living and Self-Sustaining, and that they relied solely on Him, and that their ultimate return was to Him.

Ḥaḍrat *Ibne 'Abbas* (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that on the day of the battle, the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) addressed the Companions, saying, "I have received information that some members of *Banū Hāshim* and a few others have been compelled to join the ranks of the polytheists against their will. Therefore, I instruct you that if anyone from *Banū Hāshim* comes before you, do not kill them. Likewise, if you encounter *Abul Bakhtari*, do not kill him. And if you come across *'Abbas bin 'Abdul Muṭṭalib*, refrain from taking his life." Ḥaḍrat *Abu Hudhaifah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) objected, saying, "How can it be that we are expected to kill our own brethren while sparing *'Abbas*?" Hearing this, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was deeply hurt and turned to Ḥaḍrat *'Umar Farooq* (May Allāh be pleased with him), saying, "Should the sword now be raised against the uncle of the Messenger of Allāh?" Later, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Hudhaifah* (May Allāh be pleased with him) deeply regretted this incident and said, "Only martyrdom can serve as an atonement for this mistake." Accordingly, *Abu Hudhaifah* attained martyrdom in the Battle of *Yamāmah*.

After giving these instructions, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) retired to his tent and devoted himself to supplication. Ḥaḍrat *'Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that on the day of the Battle of *Badr*, upon sighting the polytheists, the Messenger of Allāh turned his face towards the *Qibla*, raised both hands and fervently prayed to Allāh, "O Allāh! Fulfil the promise You made to me. O Allāh! If You allow this group of Muslims to perish today, there will be no one left to worship You." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) continued beseeching his Lord and his cloak slipped off his shoulders in the process. Observing this, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) approached him, lifted the cloak, and placed it back on his shoulders. Then, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* remarked, "O Prophet of Allāh! The supplication you made to your Lord is sufficient. He will undoubtedly fulfil the promises He made to you."

When the disbelievers attacked, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) turned to Allāh in anxious supplication, saying, "O my Allāh! Fulfil Your promises. O, my Master! If this group of Muslims is destroyed today, there will be no one left in the world to worship You." During this prayer, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was consumed with such anguish that he would at times fall into prostration and at times stand up, fervently beseeching Allāh. Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that throughout the battle, whenever he thought of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), he would hurry towards him, and each time he found the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) in a state of prostration, passionately imploring Allāh.

The Promised Messiah (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) says that in the Holy Qur'ān it was promised time and again, to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) that he would achieve victory over the disbelievers. However, when the Battle of *Badr*, the first battle of Islām, commenced, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was overcome with tears and began to supplicate. Amidst his tears, he uttered these words, "O my Allāh! If You destroy this group, which consists of only three hundred and thirteen individuals, then no one will worship You until the Day of Judgment."

As the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) fervently supplicated on the battlefield, he fainted. Suddenly, he regained consciousness and exclaimed, "O *Abu Bakr*, rejoice! Your Lord's help has arrived. Look, Gabriel is holding the reins of his horse, riding towards us. Dust marks are on his feet." Another narration mentions that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, "O *Abu Bakr*, be glad! It is Gabriel wearing a yellow turban. He is

holding the reins of his horse, bridging the gap between heaven and earth. When he descended to the ground, he disappeared from my sight for a while and then reappeared. The feet of his horse were covered in dust. He informed me that when you supplicated, Allāh's help reached you."

In the Battle of *Badr*, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) assigned Ḥaḍrat *Zubair bin 'Awām* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to the right flank, Ḥaḍrat *Miqdād bin 'Amr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) to the left flank, and appointed *Qais* as the commander of the infantry. The overall command of the army remained with the Holy Prophet himself, who positioned himself in the front rows. Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) recounts that on the day of the battle, our duty was to protect the Messenger of Allāh. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) positioned himself closest to the enemy and was more actively engaged in combat than any other fighter.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Aḥmad* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that it was a remarkable display of divine power that when the two opposing sides faced each other, the formation created an illusion that made the Muslim army appear twice its actual size in the eyes of the *Quraish*. Conversely, the *Quraish* army seemed smaller than its true numbers. In order to assess the strength of the Muslim army, the leaders of the *Quraish* sent *'Amr bin Wahab*. He was so overawed by the seeming strength of the Muslims, that he was deeply discouraged and returned to address the *Quraish*, saying, "O people of *Quraish*! I have seen the Muslim army and the she-camels of the army are not mounted by men rather deaths. The she-camels of *Yathrib* appear to be mounted by inevitable deaths." Upon hearing this, restlessness and unease spread among the *Quraish*."

Upon hearing this, Ḥakīm bin Ḥizām approached *'Utbah bin Rabī'ah* and advised him to reconsider his decision and return. *'Utbah*, who was already fearful, found merit in the suggestion and said to Ḥakīm, "We and the Muslims are relatives, in the end. Does it truly seem right for brothers to brandish swords against one another? Therefore, go to *Abu Jahl* and present this proposal to him." Ḥakīm bin Ḥizām conveyed the proposal to *Abu Jahl*, but he was not one to entertain such ideas. *Abu Jahl* exclaimed, "Wonderful! Now *'Utbah* is starting to recognize his own kin!" *Abu Jahl* outright rejected the proposal and cunningly ignited the flames of animosity in the hearts of the disbelievers' army, and the furnace of war began to burn fiercely.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the remaining details of this battle would be given in future.

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