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Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

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### Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmābād, Tilford, UK*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I previously mentioned the martyrdom of Ḥaḍrat Khubaib (May Allāh be pleased with him) in the context of a Sariyyah. Further details are that he was the first Ṣaḥābī to be martyred by being tied to a wooden structure, similar to a crucifixion. ‘Allāma Ibn Athīr Ṣaḥīb writes that Ḥaḍrat Khubaib was the first Ṣaḥābī to be crucified in the way of Allāh. The Quraish had offered to release Ḥaḍrat Khubaib if he renounced Islām, but he said that for him, martyrdom for Islām was a minor sacrifice. Then he addressed Allāh and said, "O Allāh! There is no one here to convey my Salām to Your Messenger, so You Yourself convey my Salām to him and inform him of what has happened to us."

Ḥaḍrat Usāma bin Zaid (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that one day the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was sitting with Ṣaḥāba when the state of revelation came upon him, and he said, "Peace, mercy, and blessings be upon him." When he emerged from that state, he said, "This was Jibrīl who conveyed Khubaib's Salām to me."

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashīr Aḥmad Ṣaḥīb (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that in view of the deep-rooted animosity of the chiefs of Quraish, mercy and justice were the last things that could be expected of them. Not many days had passed when the people of Banu Ḥārith and other chiefs of Quraish took Ḥaḍrat Khubaib (May Allāh be pleased with him) to an open field to kill him and celebrate his death. Before dying, he sought permission to offer two Rak‘āt of prayer, which he performed with great immersion. He then said that his heart desired to prolong the prayer, but he refrained from doing so to avoid the impression that he was trying to delay his death. Then, Ḥaḍrat Khubaib (May Allāh be pleased with him) leaned forward while reciting the verses:

وَمَا أُنَابِلِي جِيْنٍ أَقْتُلُ مُسْلِمًا  
عَلَىٰ أَيِّ شَيْءٍ كَانَ لِلَّهِ مَصْرَعِي  
وَذَلِكَ فِي ذَاتِ الْإِلَهِ وَإِنْ يَشَاءُ  
يُبَارِكْ عَلَىٰ أَوْصَالِ شَلْوِ مُمَرَّعٍ

‘I do not care, as long as I am killed as a Muslim, on which side I fall for Allāh. And this is in the cause of Allāh, and if He wills, He will bestow His Blessings upon the torn pieces of my body.’

At the time of his martyrdom, Ḥaḍrat Khubaib prayed, "O Allāh! Destroy these tyrants one by one." It is narrated that within a year, all the oppressors involved in his killing met their end. This, however, is not validated by other sources. It can be said, though, that most of them were either killed or had accepted Islām by the time of the conquest of Makkah.

Among those present at the martyrdom of Ḥaḍrat Khubaib, was a man named Sa‘īd bin ‘Āmir. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) appointed him as governor of an area in Syria. Whenever the incident of Ḥaḍrat Khubaib’s martyrdom was mentioned before him, Sa‘īd bin ‘Āmir would faint. People mentioned this to Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar, saying that he had appointed a sick person as their governor. When Sa‘īd bin ‘Āmir came to meet Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar, he asked him, "O Sa‘īd! Do you have any illnesses?" He replied, "No! I have no illness. It is just that when Khubaib was being killed, I was present there, and now whenever I remember the prayer of Ḥaḍrat Khubaib, I faint."

The Quraish had left the body of Ḥaḍrat Khubaib hanging on the cross so that it would rot. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said to the Ṣaḥāba, "Who among you will take down the body of Khubaib from the cross?" Ḥaḍrat Zubair bin Awwām (May Allāh be pleased with

him) said, "Me and my friend Miqdād bin Aswad, O Messenger of Allāh." When these two reached the place where the body was, they found forty men there, but they were all sound asleep. They took Ḥaḍrat Khubaib down, and this happened forty days after his martyrdom.

There is also a mention of some other Ṣaḥāba who may have taken down the body of Ḥaḍrat Khubaib. According to one narration, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) sent Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr bin Umayyah (May Allāh be pleased with him) alone for this task. Another narration mentions Ḥaḍrat Jabbār bin Sakhr Anṣārī (May Allāh be pleased with him) accompanying Ḥaḍrat ‘Amr bin Umayyah (May Allāh be pleased with him). They narrate that they took the body down from the cross, and when the Quraish pursued them, they threw it into a river. Thus, Allāh caused the body of Ḥaḍrat Khubaib to disappear and protected it from desecration at the hands of the disbelievers. This illustrates how Allāh safeguards His loved ones in miraculous ways. There are many instances where Allāh has protected bodies from the harm of enemies. I mentioned an incident last time where Allāh protected a body from desecration through wasps and bees.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this concludes the accounts related to this Sariyyah.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I continually emphasize the importance of focusing on prayer. Let us pray for the Palestinians, as their situation has reached a dire state. Previously, the United States declared Rafaḥ as their red line, but now they claim it hasn't been crossed yet. It remains unclear what criteria they use for such a designation—how many millions must perish before they take action? May Allāh liberate the world from these oppressors and bring relief to the oppressed Palestinians. Āmīn

Similarly, let's pray for the people of Sudan, where Muslims are tragically killing each other within their own country. May Allāh grant them wisdom, save them from His punishment, and guide them to follow His commandments. Let's also remember the captives in Yemen and pray for stability in Pakistan, where the situation remains volatile. With ‘Īd approaching, the clerics have become more active. May Allāh protect every Aḥmadī from all evil and facilitate the early release of Aḥmadī prisoners of conscience. Āmīn

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the following recently deceased members of the Jamā‘at and announced to lead their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also prayed for their lofty station in Jannah:

- Chaudhry Munīr Aḥmad Ṣāhib, a missionary of the Jamā‘at and Director of MTA International Teleport America, recently passed away at the age of 73. He served in the USA Jamā‘at from 1981 to 1990 and again from 1994 until his demise. He played a significant role in the establishment of MTA Teleport America and demonstrated remarkable dedication and hard work. Through his own efforts, he acquired technical expertise and managed operations with great skill. He was devout, had a strong connection with Khilāfat, was known for his hospitality, and was an exemplary life-devotee.
- ‘Abdur Reḥmān Kathī Ṣāhib of Kerala passed away recently. He was a Mūsī. He pledged Bai‘at at the age of sixteen. He was regular in observing fasts and prayers, had a sincere relationship with the Jamā‘at, and was simple in nature, humble, and pious. His son, Shamsuddīn Malābārī Ṣāhib, is currently serving as the missionary-in-charge in Kabābīr and was unable to attend the funeral.

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