

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 31st October 2025 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Regarding the Battle of Tabūk, it is further related that the Muslim army continued its march and camped at various sites along the route. During this journey, the Ṣuḥr and ‘Aṣr prayers, as well as Maghrib and ‘Ishā’, were consistently combined and offered together. Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdur Raḥmān bin ‘Auf (May Allāh be pleased with him) had the honour of leading the prayers during this expedition.

As the army advanced, they passed by the ruins of the people of Thamūd in a place called Ḥijr. Today it is known as Madā’in Ṣāleḥ. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) forbade the use of water or performing ablution in that place. He said, “Do not enter the dwellings of those who wronged themselves, unless you are weeping, lest the same calamity that befell them should befall you.” In one narration, it is mentioned that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) covered his face and hastened his mount.

During this journey, an incident occurred in which the Holy Prophet’s camel, Qaṣwa, went missing. On this occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, “The objectors say that Muḥammad claims to be a prophet, yet he does not even know where his lost camel is. By Allāh! I know nothing except what Allāh has taught me.” He then added, “Allāh has informed me about the camel, and it is in such-and-such valley.”

At one stage, the provisions of the army ran out. When hunger spread among the people, they sought permission from the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to slaughter the camels that carried water. However, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) submitted, “This will lessen our mounts. Instead, gather whatever rations remain among the people and pray for blessings upon them.” The rations were gathered and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) prayed for blessings. As a result, there was such an abundance that people ate to their fill and rations were still left over.

During this expedition, several incidents occurred that provided guidance and lessons. For example, two men started fighting and one of them bit the hand of the other. When the bitten man pulled his hand away, the biter’s teeth broke. The one whose teeth had broken demanded compensation, which the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) rejected, saying, “Would he leave his hand in your mouth for you to keep biting, as if it were in the mouth of a camel?” Thus, recompense is always based upon facts and evidence.

While passing by a date orchard, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) asked Ṣaḥāba to estimate how much fruit the garden would yield. Everyone made an estimate, and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) also gave his estimate. The woman who owned the garden was told to note the weight of the fruit when it was harvested. On the return journey, when she was asked about the yield, she reported exactly the amount that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had estimated.

One day during this journey, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, “Tonight, there will be a very severe storm.” Indeed, a fierce storm broke out that night. Many other miracles were manifested during this expedition, such as rainfall, the increase of food and drink, and empty wells filling with water.

Regarding guard duty, it is recorded that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) appointed Ḥaḍrat ‘Abbās bin Bishr (May Allāh be pleased with him) for special security. He and his

companions would patrol the camp. One night they reported, “While we are on patrol, we hear the sound of Takbīr. Have you appointed anyone else for guard duty?” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) replied, “No, I have not appointed anyone besides you, but some Muslims may have gone out voluntarily.” At this, Ḥaḍrat Salkān bin Salamah (May Allāh be pleased with him), who had not been assigned but had kept guard out of his own devotion, stood up and said, “I go out with my ten horsemen and protect those on duty.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) prayed for him, “May Allāh have mercy on those who protect others in the way of Allāh. For every soul and animal you have protected, you will receive a Qirāt of reward for each.”

As the army advanced towards Tabūk, some men would lag behind at halting places. The Ṣaḥāba would inform the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), and he would say, “Leave him. If there is any good in him, Allāh will join him with you; otherwise, Allāh will relieve you of him.” The same was said regarding Ḥaḍrat Abu Dharr (May Allāh be pleased with him) when his camel became exhausted. Eventually, he left his camel and carried his belongings on his head and followed the army. After some days, the people saw a lone figure approaching. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, “I hope it is Abu Dharr.” When the man drew closer, it was confirmed to be him. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said, “May Allāh have mercy on Abu Dharr; he walks alone, he will die alone, and he will be raised alone.”

This statement came true word for word in this manner: During the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat Abu Dharr was relocated with his family to a remote area outside Madinah. When his death approached, his wife became anxious. Ḥaḍrat Abu Dharr said, “Do not worry. I heard the Messenger of Allāh say that one of you will die in a wilderness, and a group of believers will perform his funeral prayer.” He added that all those who were present when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said this had already passed away and none of them had died in a wilderness. “I am that person.” he said, “So do not worry. When I die, wash me and place me on the road to Madinah.” This was done. Shortly afterwards, Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdullah bin Mas‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) passed by with his companions while travelling from Iraq for ‘Umrah. When they learnt that it was Ḥaḍrat Abu Dharr’s body, they wept and said, “The Messenger of Allāh spoke the truth: Abu Dharr walks alone and will die alone.” Then, along with his companions, he performed Ḥaḍrat Abu Dharr’s funeral prayer and buried him.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Pray for those injured in the attack on the mosque in Rabwah that Allāh may protect them and grant them complete recovery. May He foil every plan of the opponents in Pakistan. A rally of the opponents is being held in Rabwah in the name of Khatam-e-Nubuwwat, and the clerics are uttering whatever filth and obscenity they wish. May Allāh protect us from their evil. Pray also for the Aḥmadīs of Bangladesh, where opponents are showing deep malice. May Allāh keep every Aḥmadī safe. Pray for the Palestinians, that Allāh may have mercy on them and grant them deliverance from oppression. The ceasefire spoken of is only in name, as has been shown by the events of recent days. May Allāh save these people from oppression and bring the tyrants to account. Āmīn

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