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Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 22 May 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will continue with the subject of humility and modesty in the life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The standard of his humility was extraordinary. He demonstrated it even through the smallest everyday actions. He said: “I eat as a servant eats, and I sit as a servant sits, for I too am only a servant.” In other words, pride, self-conceit, and ostentation—traits that are often associated with worldly leaders—had no place within him.

Ḥaḍrat Anas (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that the Holy Prophet’s she-camel, named ‘Aḍbā’, was so swift that no other camel could surpass her. Once, however, a Bedouin riding a young camel overtook ‘Aḍbā’ in a race. The Muslims were greatly perturbed that ‘Aḍbā’ had been left behind. Noticing this, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said: “It is Allāh’s way that whatever He raises in this world, He also lowers.” He thus taught them humility and detachment from worldly pride.

Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that he once sought permission from the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to perform Umrah. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) granted permission and said: “My brother, do not forget me in your prayers.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar later said that even if he had been given the entire world in exchange for those words, it would not have pleased him as much. Although Allāh has made invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) essential for the acceptance of prayers, such was the depth of his humility that he still requested prayers from one of his followers.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) never considered any work beneath him. Rather, he would personally perform even the smallest task and would teach others through practical example.

It is narrated that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) once saw a young boy skinning a goat and, noticing his inexperience, gently showed him the correct method by demonstrating it himself. In this way, he both completed the task and instructed the boy.

The daughter of Ḥaḍrat Khabbāb (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that she once brought a goat to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) for milking. He tied the goat and milked it. Then he said: “Bring me a large vessel.” When she brought one, he continued milking until it was filled and then instructed her: “Drink from it yourself and also give some to your neighbours.”

The Holy Prophet’s humility and noble character were also evident in the way he greeted people and conducted himself in gatherings. Ḥaḍrat Anas bin Mālīk (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that whenever someone approached the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), he would shake hands warmly and would not withdraw his hand until the other person withdrew first. Likewise, he would not turn his face away until the other person did. He was never seen stretching out his legs in front of his Ṣaḥāba.

Among the desert dwellers was a Ṣaḥābī named Ḥaḍrat Zāhir, who would often bring simple gifts from the countryside for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). In return, when Ḥaḍrat Zāhir prepared to leave, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) would generously provide him with provisions. He would affectionately say: “Zāhir is our friend from the desert, and we are his friends from the city.”

One day, Zāhir was selling goods in the marketplace when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) quietly approached him from behind and embraced him. Unable to see who it was, Zāhir exclaimed: "Who is this? Let me go!" But when he turned and recognised the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), he lovingly pressed himself against him. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) then playfully announced: "Who will buy this slave?" Zāhir replied: "O Messenger of Allāh, in that case you will find me to be of little value." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) immediately responded: "In the sight of Allāh, you are not of little worth; rather, you are very precious."

Ḥaḍrat Imām Ḥussain (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that he once asked his father, Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him), how the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) spent his time at home. Ḥaḍrat 'Ali said that when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) entered his home, he divided his time into three parts: one for the worship of Allāh, one for his family, and one for himself. Even from his personal time, he would devote a portion to the needs of the people. He would convey religious guidance through senior Ṣaḥāba and withhold nothing beneficial from them.

Ḥaḍrat 'Umar narrates that he once visited the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and found him resting upon a simple straw mat, with no cushion between him and the mat. Beneath his head was a leather pillow stuffed with date-palm fibres, and near his feet was a small heap of acacia leaves. Ḥaḍrat 'Umar noticed the marks left by the mat upon the body of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and began to weep. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) asked: "Why do you weep?" Ḥaḍrat 'Umar replied: "O Messenger of Allāh! The emperors of Persia and Rome live in luxury, while you, the Messenger of Allāh, live in this state." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said: "Are you not pleased that for them is this world, while for us is the Hereafter?"

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) treated even rude and ill-mannered people with gentleness and humility. Ḥaḍrat Abu Hurairah (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that a man once came demanding repayment of a debt and spoke harshly. The Ṣaḥāba became upset at his behaviour, but the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said: "Leave him alone." He then instructed the Ṣaḥāba to purchase a camel and give it to the man. When they told him that only a better camel was available, he replied: "Give him that one, for the best among you are those who are best in repaying debts."

At the time of the Victory of Makkah, Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr (May Allāh be pleased with him) brought his elderly father, Abu Quhafah, before the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Seeing the elderly man, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said: "O Abu Bakr, you should have allowed this old man to remain at home. I would have gone to him myself." Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr replied: "O Messenger of Allāh, he is more deserving of coming to you." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) seated Abu Quhafah gently before him, passed his hand over his chest, and invited him to accept Islām, whereupon Abu Quhafah embraced Islām.

Regarding his domestic life, Ḥaḍrat Ḥasan (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that the doors of the Holy Prophet's house remained open to everyone. There were no guards or doorkeepers preventing people from meeting him. Simple food was served in his home, and anyone who wished to meet him could do so easily. He sat upon the ground, wore simple and coarse clothing, rode a donkey, seated others behind him on his mount, and would lick his fingers clean after eating.

Regarding this practice, Ḥaḍrat Zainul 'Ābidīn Waliullah Shah (May Allāh be pleased with him) records on the authority of Ḥaḍrat Dr Mīr Muḥammad Ismāil (May Allāh be pleased with him), that physicians acknowledge a unique sensory quality in the fingertips. Consequently, the practice of licking the fingers after a meal aids digestion.

Ḥaḍrat Yaqub bin Zaid (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) cleaned the mosque by attaching cloth to a stick and removing dust with his own hands.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: “Allāh is Most Merciful and Compassionate. Out of His mercy, He sends His appointed Messengers to rescue mankind from lives tainted by sin. Arrogance, however, is a most dangerous spiritual malady. Whoever becomes arrogant suffers spiritual ruin. I firmly believe that arrogance is even worse than murder. An arrogant person becomes akin to Satan, for it was nothing but arrogance that led to Satan’s downfall. A true believer must remain free from pride and instead embody meekness, humility, and lowliness. These qualities are found most perfectly in the appointed servants of Allāh, and above all, they were manifested to the highest degree in the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).”

One of the servants of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was once asked how he treated those who served him. He replied: “The truth is that he served me more than I served him.”

May Allāh enable us to adopt humility by acting upon the teachings and example of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

At the conclusion of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that after the Friday prayer he would lead the funeral prayer in absentia for Malik Daud Muḥammad Ṣāhib son of Muḥammad Ishāq Ṣāhib. He served at a local level in various capacities. He was very hospitable. He had offered his home to serve as a prayer center. He would regularly recite the Holy Qur’ān. He writes about his father that he possessed good moral qualities and was passionate about spreading the message of Islām Aḥmadiyyat. He had vowed to, and ultimately did, give all his property for the service of the Community. He is survived by three daughters and four sons. One of his sons Muḥammad Akmal Ṣāhib is serving in The Gambia and could not attend the funeral prayer.

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