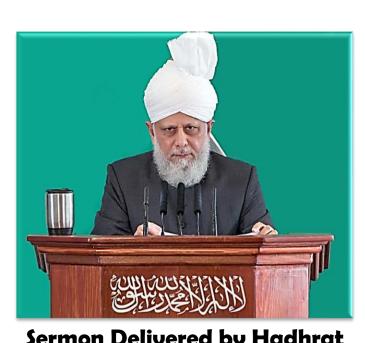
# Men of Excellence



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# **Summary Men of Excellence**

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#### Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) stated:

The account of the companion that I will mention today is Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha (ra).

The name of Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha's father was Rawahah Bin Tha'labah. Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha (ra) participated in the bai'at at Aqabah and was the leader of Bani Harith bin Khazraj. His title was Abu Muhammad.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha participated in all the battles alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) including the Battles of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Treaty of Hudaibiyah, Khaybar and 'Umratul Qadaa.

He was martyred during the Battle of Mautah and was one of the commanders during this battle.

It is mentioned in one of the narrations that Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha (ra) came to the Holy Prophet (sa), while he was delivering a sermon.

During the sermon, he said to the people [inside the mosque], "Sit down!". When Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha (ra) heard these words, he was still standing outside the mosque, but he sat down immediately.

When the Holy Prophet (sa) finished his sermon and he came to know about this incident, he said to him, "May Allah increase you further in your obedience to Allah and His Messenger."

A similar incident is also found in the books of hadith, regarding Hazrat 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood.

Hazrat Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet (sa) said, 'what an excellent man Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha is!' Following the conquest of Khaybar, the Holy Prophet (sa) sent Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha (ra) in order to make an estimate of the fruit yield and land etc.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha (ra) was fond of gatherings to discuss and revive faith and the Holy Prophet (sa) said:

"May Allah have mercy on Abdullah bin Rawaha. He loves such gatherings, of which even the angels are envious."

He was also a poet and was among those poets who used to respond to the insults of the opponents on behalf of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Ubadah bin
Samit (ra) relates
that when the Holy
Prophet (sa) went
to visit Hazrat
Abdullah bin
Rawaha (ra) whilst
he was sick, he was
unable to get up
from his bed.

The Holy Prophet
(sa) asked, "Do you
know who the
martyrs of my
ummah are?" The
people answered,
"The martyrs are
those Muslims who
are killed."

The Holy Prophet (sa) said, "The Muslim who is killed by a martyr, the one who dies due to an ailment of the stomach is a martyr, the one who drowns is a martyr and the woman who dies during childbirth is a martyr, all these are various types of martyrdom."

Hazrat 'Urwah bin Zaid (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (sa) appointed **Hazrat Zaid bin Harithah (ra)** as the commander of the army on the occasion of the battle of Mu'tah and stated that if Hazrat Zaid (ra) is martyred then Hazrat Ja'far bin Abi Talib (ra) will be the commander. If he too is martyred, then Hazrat Abdullah bin Rawaha (ra) will assume control.

If Abdullah (ra) too is martyred, then the Muslims should appoint whoever they desire as commander. Then the Holy Prophet (sa) sent the army. When the army was away, the Holy Prophet (sa) announced to the people the news of the martyrdom of Hazrat Zaid (ra), Hazrat Jafar (ra) and Hazrat Abdullah (ra) bin Rawaha before receiving any direct news of their martyrdom.

The Holy Prophet (sa) stated the events of martyrdom exactly how these happened and when the actual news of the martyrdom of Hazrat Zaid (ra) bin Haritha, Hazrat Jafar (ra) and Hazrat Abdullah (ra) bin Rawaha, he stood up to pay tribute.

Hazrat Ibn Abbas (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (sa) once sent some of his Companions (ra) on an expedition and Hazrat Abdullah (ra) bin Rawahah was also a part of this delegation.

It was a Friday and the rest of the companions (ra) who were part of the delegation had left, however Hazrat Abdullah (ra) bin Rawaha said that he will remain behind and offer his Friday prayers behind the Holy Prophet (sa) and will then join the others.

When the Holy Prophet (sa) saw Hazrat Abdullah (ra) bin Rawaha, he stated, that the delegation he sent for this expedition was more important at the time than the Friday prayers and they could have performed their Friday prayers whilst travelling.

Hazrat Abu Darda (ra) relates that once Hazrat Abdullah (ra) bin Rawaha left with the Holy Prophet (sa) on an extremely hot day in the month Ramadan. He states that none of them were fasting at the time apart from the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abdullah (ra) bin Rawaha.

#### Dr Latif Ahmad Qureshi Sahib:

He passed away on 19th January 2020 at around 1pm in the afternoon at the age of approximately 80. By the grace of Allah the Almighty, the deceased was a Moosi.

After graduation
from the King
Edwards Medical
College, he
travelled to the UK
in 1961. After MRCP,
he then worked as
consultant in a
hospital and
specialised in
diseases and illnesses
related to the heart.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (rh) asked him to come back to Pakistan. Dr Sahib was appointed to serve in the Fazle Umar **Hospital in Rabwah** and continued to work there for a long period of time. His total service was approximately 30 years.

May Allah the Almighty shower His mercy and forgiveness upon him. May Allah grant his children patience and steadfastness.