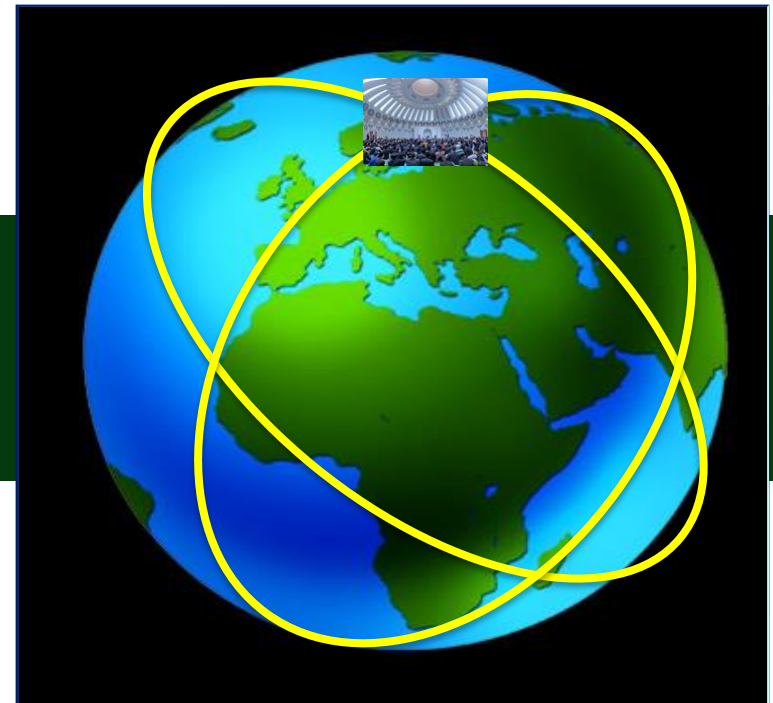


Men of Excellence



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Summary

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) continued the account of the life of Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra).

Huzoor (aba) narrated an incident of the Battle of Badr, which highlights the love and devotion of Hazrat Sa'd.

Huzoor (aba) mentioned the iconic statement of Hazrat Sa'd that we will not behave like the followers of Moses, If we must fight, we will fight to the right of you, to the left of you, in front of you and behind you.

Huzoor (aba) shared a very moving incident which highlights the love that the mother of Hazrat Sa'd had for the Holy Prophet (sa).

Huzoor (aba) mentioned the decision of the Holy Prophet (sa) to execute Ka'b bin Ashraf and the circumstances surrounding it.

Huzoor (aba) shared specific details leading up to the Battle of Banu Quraizah.

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Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Ka'b bin
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Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra)

Huzoor (aba) continued to narrate accounts from the life of Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra).

His Holiness (aba) stated that there was an incident during the Battle of Badr, which highlights the expression of love and devotion.

It was mentioned in the previous sermon but Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) has also narrated this incident in his unique way.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) said that it is natural that a person who loves someone desires that no harm should be afflicted upon their beloved and such a person does not even entertain the thought of their beloved entering the battlefield.

Battle of Badr

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

All efforts are exerted to stop their beloved from going to battle.

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Similar was the case of the Companions (ra); they were opposed to the idea of the Holy Prophet (sa) going to war.

History provides evidence of this.

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

At the time of Badr, when the Holy Prophet (sa) told his party that it was no longer the caravan they had to confront but the army from Mecca.

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The Council of Companions

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

They Holy Prophet (sa) asked everyone for their counsel.

One after another, his Meccan followers stood up. They assured the Holy Prophet (sa) of their loyalty and zeal, and of their determination to fight the Meccan enemy who had come to attack the Muslims of Medina in their homes.

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Every time the Holy Prophet (sa) heard a Meccan Muslim, he asked for further counsel and advice. The Muslims of Medina had been silent.

When the Holy Prophet (sa) insisted on more and more counsel, **Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra)** stood up and said

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

'O Prophet (sa) of Allah, you have received much counsel, but you continue to seek more. Perhaps you refer to us, the Muslims of Medina. Is that true?' 'Yes' said the Holy Prophet (sa).

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Determination to Fight the Enemy

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

'You ask for our counsel,' he said, 'because you think that when you came to us, we agreed to fight on your side only in case you and your fellow emigrants from Mecca were attacked in Medina. But now we seem to have come out of Medina, and you feel that our agreement does not cover the conditions under which we find ourselves today.'

But O Messenger (sa) of Allah, when we entered into that agreement, we did not know you as well as we do now. We know now what high spiritual station you hold. We care not for what we agreed to. We now stand by you, whatever you ask us to do.

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Determination to Fight the Enemy

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

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We will not behave
like the followers of
Moses, who said,
“Go you and your
God and fight the
enemy, we remain
here behind.”

If we must fight, we will, and we
will fight to the right of you, to
the left of you, in front of you
and behind you. True, the
enemy wants to get at you. But
we assure you that he will not
do so without stepping over our
dead bodies.’

Loyalty and Devotion of Hazrat Sa'd (ra)

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

At the time of Badr a tent was pitched for the Holy Prophet (sa) upon the proposal of Hazrat Sa'd bin

Then Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra) said to the Holy Prophet (sa):

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

O Messenger (sa) of Allah!
Take a seat in this tent, and
we shall fight the enemy in
the name of Allah.

If Allah grants us victory,
then this is our very desire.
But if God-forbid, the matter
takes a turn for the worse,
then take your mount and
reach Madinah in any way
possible.

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

There you shall find our
brethren and kindred, who
are no less than us in love
and sincerity. However,
since they were unaware
that they would be
confronted by war in this
campaign, they have not
come along.

Otherwise, they would never
have remained behind.
When they become aware of
the state of affairs, they shall
not desist in laying down
their lives to protect you.'

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Loyalty and Devotion of Hazrat Sa'd (ra)


Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)


Ka'b bin
Ashraf

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Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (ra) states:
'This was the passionate sincerity of
Hazrat Sa'd (ra), which is worthy of
praise in any case



But can it be fathomed that the
Messenger (sa) of Allah would ever flee
from the field of battle?



As such, in the field of Hunain, an army of
12,000 turned their backs, but this centre
of divine unity did not shake an inch.'

Mother of Hazrat Sa'd (ra)

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

An incident highlights the love that the mother of Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra) had for the Holy Prophet (sa).

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) states: 'After the Battle of Badr when the Holy Prophet (sa) was returning to Medina.

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

The cord of his dromedary was held by Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra), a chief of Medina. As he was advancing he saw his elderly mother who was partially sighted.

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Mother of Hazrat Sa'd (ra)

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Sa'd, turning to the Holy Prophet (sa), said, "Here, O Prophet (sa), is my mother." 'Let her come forward,' replied the Holy Prophet (sa).

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

The woman came forward and with a vacant look tried to spot the Holy Prophet's (sa) face. At last, she was able to spot it and was glad.

The Holy Prophet (sa) seeing her said, 'Woman, I grieve over the loss of thy son.'

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Ashraf

"But," replied the devoted woman, 'After I have seen you alive, I have swallowed all my misfortunes.'

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The Arabic expression

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

The Arabic expression she used was 'I have roasted my misfortune and swallowed it.'

What depth of emotion does this expression indicate!

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Normally, grief eats up a human being, and here was an aged woman who had lost her son, a staff for her old age.

But she said that, instead of letting her grief eat her up, she had eaten up her grief.

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

The fact that her son had died for the Holy Prophet (sa) would sustain her during the rest of her days.'

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Execution of Ka'b bin Ashraf

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

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His Holiness (aba) then mentioned the decision of the Holy Prophet (sa) to execute Ka'b bin Ashraf.

Ka'b bin Ashraf was an enemy of Islam who had schemed against the Muslims to the extent that he had also plotted to assassinate the Holy Prophet (sa).

His Holiness (aba) mentioned that this incident had been mentioned previously in great detail.

Nevertheless, he shared certain details of this decision, mentioned specifically that the companions should not undertake this task without first taking counsel from Hazrat Sa'd bin Mu'adh (ra).

Battle of Banu Quraizah

Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

His Holiness (aba) then shared specific details leading up to the Battle of Banu Quraizah.

Mother of
Hazrat Sa'd
(ra)

Ka'b bin
Ashraf

He stated that due to the lengthy details of this incident, he will relate them in future.

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