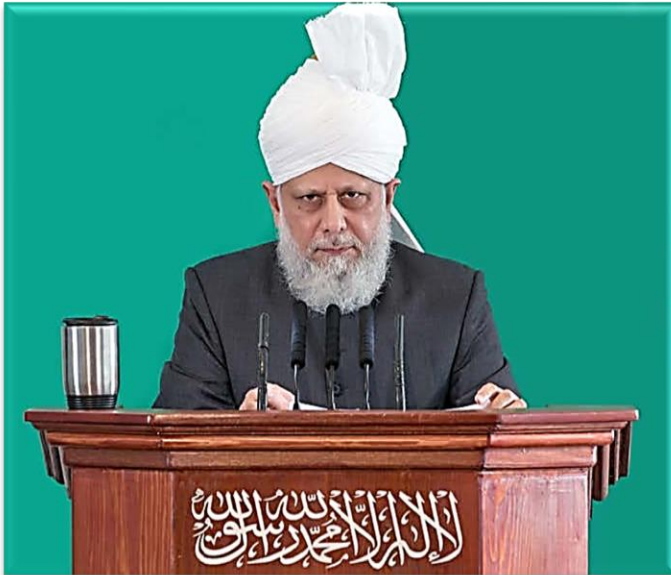
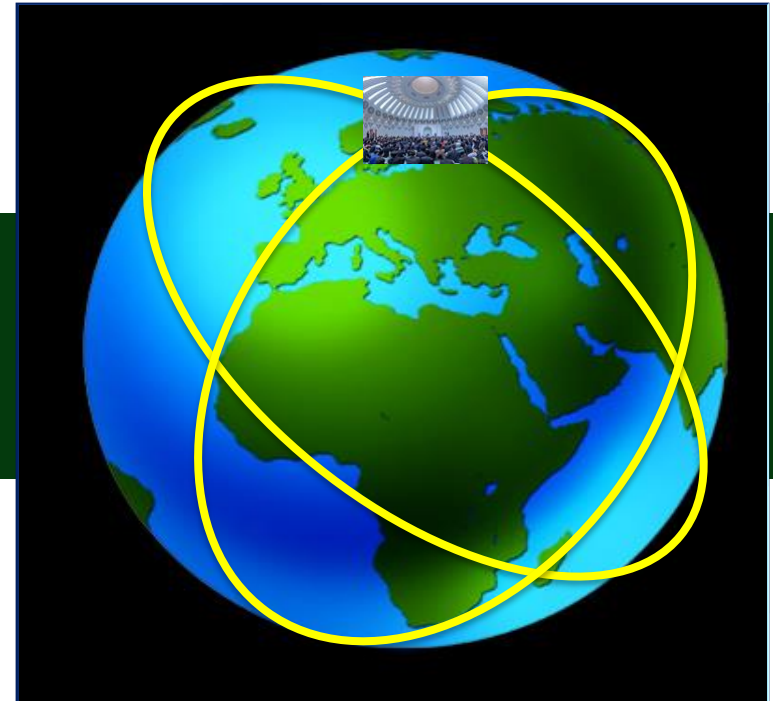


Men of Excellence



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Summary

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) highlighted incidents from the life of the companion, Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarah (ra).

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) was the ninth person to accept Islam and among those given glad tidings of paradise.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that every nation has an Amin (trustee) and the Amin of his nation was Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra).

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) participated in all battles alongside the Holy Prophet (sa).

Huzoor (aba) narrated the incidents of various expeditions led by Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra).

In the end, His Holiness (aba) urged everyone to particularly pray for Ahmadis in Pakistan, as opposition is on the rise once again.

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Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarah (ra)

His name was Amir bin Abdullah, and his father's name was Abdullah bin Jarah.

The Amin

His mother's name was Umaimah bint Ghanam.

Expeditions

He was from the Banu Harith bin Fihri family of the Quraish tribe.

Prayers

He was the ninth person to accept Islam and among those given glad tidings of paradise.

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Amin of the Muslim Ummah

Hazrat Abu
Ubaidah (ra)

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that every nation has an Amin (trustee) and the Amin of his nation was Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra).

The Amin

Hazrat Aishah (ra) was asked which of the companions were dearest to the Holy Prophet (sa).

Expeditions

She replied saying Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), then Hazrat Umar (ra) and thirdly Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra).

Prayers

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Opposition From his Father

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) participated in all battles alongside the Holy Prophet (sa).

The Amin

On the day of the Battle of Badr, he was fighting alongside the Muslims, while his own father was fighting on the Makkan side.

Expeditions

His father was targeting him throughout the battle due to his belief in the unity of God, but Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) did his best to evade him.

Prayers

Thus, his devotion to the unity of God overcame him, and eventually he overcame and killed his father in battle.

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Tending to the Injuries of the Holy Prophet (sa)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

During the battle of Uhud, the Holy Prophet (sa) was struck with rocks which broke his front teeth.

The rocks struck him with such force, that the hooks of his armour became lodged in his face.

The Amin

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) narrates that when the Holy Prophet (sa) was struck, he ran towards the Holy Prophet (sa).

At the same time, he saw another person running towards the Holy Prophet (sa) with such speed that it seemed as if he was flying.

Expeditions

Upon reaching the Holy Prophet (sa), Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) realised that this person was Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra).

Prayers

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Tending to the Injuries of the Holy Prophet (sa)

Hazrat Abu
Ubaidah (ra)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) took hold of one of the hooks stuck in the blessed face of the Holy Prophet (sa) with his teeth and pulled it.

The Amin

He had to pull so hard, that when the first hook came out, he fell back and one of his teeth broke. Then when he pulled the second hook out, another one of his teeth broke.

Expeditions

His Holiness (aba) commented that this was how deep those hooks had lodged themselves in the blessed face of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Prayers

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Expedition of Dhul-Qassah

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

An expedition of companions led by Hazrat Muhammad bin Maslamah (ra) which consisted of ten companions to Dhul-Qassah.

The Amin

Though they had not set out for war, they were encountered by the disbelievers, and all except Muhammad bin Maslamah (ra) were martyred.

Expeditions

When the Holy Prophet (sa) learned of this, he called upon one of his senior companions, Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra), to lead forty men for retribution of this grave act committed against the companions.

Prayers

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) was successful in this expedition as the people of Dhul-Qassah surrendered and he returned to Madinah with spoils.

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Expedition of Dhat-us-Salasil (that of chains)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

It was known as this because it is narrated that the Muslims chained themselves together so that they may fight in unified ranks and no one would retreat.

The Amin

This took place in Banu Qudah, which was at a distance from Madinah which took ten days to reach.

Expeditions

The Holy Prophet (sa) received word that the opponents greatly outnumbered the Muslims.

Thus, the Holy Prophet (sa) sent 200 Muslims under the leadership of Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra).

Prayers

Upon reaching there, the question arose as to who would lead the entire army, as the initial convoy was being led by Hazrat 'Amr bin al-'Aas (ra).

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Hazrat Abu
Ubaidah (ra)

Expedition of Dhat-us-Salasil (that of chains)

Though Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) was much senior in rank, he conceded command of the army to Hazrat 'Amr bin al-'Aas (ra).

The Amin

When they returned to Madinah, and the Holy Prophet (sa) learnt of Hazrat Abu Ubaidah's (ra) great display of obedience, he prayed:

Expeditions

'May God have mercy on Abu Ubaidah' on account of his obedience.'

Prayers

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Expedition of Seef al-Bahr

Hazrat Abu
Ubaidah (ra)

Another expedition called Seef al-Bahr, under the command of Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) set off with the purpose of establishing a fortress to ensure the protection of a caravan of the Quraish as this was during the era of the Treaty of Hudaibiyah.

The Amin

During this expedition, the companions were stricken with great hunger and at a certain point only found leaves to eat.

Expeditions

Then they came across what is described as a whale, which was already dead and had ended up on shore.

Prayers

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Expedition of Seef al-Bahr

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) instructed that though it was already dead, it's meat should be used as sustenance.

The Amin

Upon returning to Madinah, when this was mentioned to the Holy Prophet (sa), he said that they were right in using the whale meat.

Expeditions

As God had seen their condition and sent them sustenance.

Prayers

The Holy Prophet (sa) further said that if there was any remaining meat, it should also be presented to him.

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A Prophecy Fulfilled

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) was sent to Bahrain to collect Jizyah (tax). When he returned, the Holy Prophet (sa) saw the companions smiling.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that he feared less for his companions to fall into poverty, and more that they would be bestowed with wealth and become greedy as a result.

His Holiness (aba) commented that this is exactly what we see today as the condition of the Muslims world. Thus, we should always beware of this, lest our financial prosperity makes us forget our faith.

Esteemed Rank of Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) was suggested by Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) to be the first Khalifa, before he himself was unanimously chosen.

The Amin

This showed the esteemed rank which Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) had.

Expeditions

His Holiness (aba) highlighted further expeditions and conquests led by Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) after the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Prayers

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Prayer for Ahmadis in Pakistan

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra)

In the end, His Holiness (aba) urged everyone to particularly pray for Ahmadis in Pakistan

As opposition is on the rise once again.

The Amin

His Holiness (aba) said that if these clerics do not cease in their ways, then their destruction is certain.

Those who should be upholding justice have done nothing of the sort, and seem to be afraid and conforming to what the clerics want.

Expeditions

In any case, Ahmadis have always endured hardships and will continue to do so.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may the Ahmadis remain safe from the evils of such people and be freed from this oppression and opposition.

Prayers

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