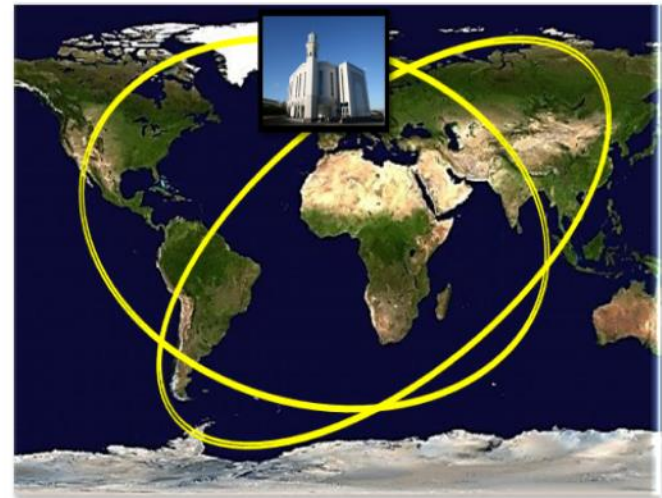


# 'Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Umar (ra)'



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# Summary

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Any sort of small hardship should not make one despair, but one should see all the great victories being afforded to Islam.

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## Helping Those in Need

Hazrat Umar (ra) once came across some travellers. Upon approaching, he found them to be a woman and her children, who were crying out of hunger.

Hazrat Umar (ra) asked if they had anything, to which she replied that she only had water which she was boiling. Then, the woman said that God would judge between them and Hazrat Umar (ra), as he was to watch over them and was unaware of their condition.

Then Hazrat Umar (ra) went and brought some food which he carried himself. Another person accompanying him requested that he should carry it instead of Hazrat Umar (ra), but Hazrat Umar (ra) insisted upon carrying it himself.

Hazrat Umar (ra) then delivered that food to the woman and her children. Thus, the children and their mother were able to eat to their fill.

# Helping Those in Need

Hazrat Umar (ra) then left and stopped at some distance and looked towards the children, who were playing. He then said that after finding that woman and her children in a state of hunger, he could not leave before seeing them happy and satisfied.

Then, the woman expressed her thanks, and said that he was more worthy of praise than Hazrat Umar (ra).

Hazrat Umar (ra) told the woman that when she went to see the leader of the believers, she would find him there as well.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Umar (ra) would help those in need, but also did not promote laziness through this help.

In other words, if someone was young and able, then he would advise them against seeking from others.

# Stipend for children

Hazrat Umar (ra) had established a stipend for children who were no longer suckling.

Once, Hazrat Umar (ra) came across a mother with her child who was crying. Upon asking why the child was crying, the woman told Hazrat Umar (ra) that the child wanted milk, while she was trying to satiate him with something else.

She was doing so because Hazrat Umar (ra) had only established a stipend for children who were no longer suckling. Hazrat Umar (ra) asked what the age of the children was. When the woman told him, he told her that she should not stop suckling the child prematurely.

Thus, Hazrat Umar (ra) had the announcement made that no one should stop suckling their children prematurely and also announced that a stipend would be established for children from the day they were born.

# Aversion to Laziness

The Promised Messiah (as) quoted a narration in which it is stated that once, Hazrat Umar (ra) asked a man why he was no longer planting trees in his land.



The man said that he was no longer doing so because he was growing old. Hazrat Umar (ra) said that this was no excuse, and then helped that man himself in planting trees.

The Promised Messiah (as) quoted this incident to show that one should not be lazy. Similarly, one should not merely benefit from the fruits planted by the previous generation, but should leave something for the next generation as well.

# Care for Those in Need

## Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Umar (ra)

His Holiness (aba) said that once, Hazrat Umar (ra) was passing by a tent wherein a woman could be heard going through the pains of labour. Hazrat Umar (ra) then rushed home, and told his wife,

Hazrat Umm Kulthoom bint Ali (ra) the situation. Hazrat Umar (ra) took some food and Hazrat Umm Kulthoom (ra) took the necessary materials, and they both went to the tent.

Hazrat Umm Kulthoom (ra) went into the tent to help the woman, and Hazrat Umar (ra) sat outside with her husband, who did not recognise him. The woman gave birth to a son.

Later when the man realised who had been sitting next to him, he felt embarrassed. Hazrat Umar (ra) told him that it didn't matter, and gave him some money to help him and his family.

## Attention for the Success of Islam

**His Holiness (aba) said that once Hazrat Umar (ra) saw a man who was walking with his head down.**

**Hazrat Umar (ra) said to him that it was the era of victories for Islam.**

**Any sort of small hardship should not make one despair, but one should see all the great victories being afforded to Islam.**

**The Second Caliph (ra) cited this example after the migration from Qadian to Rabwah to show that one should not despair over hardships, rather one should consider the reason for which those hardships were endured.**



# Equality Established by Islam

Hazrat Umar (ra) had to endure hardship, but did not care about it because it was for the sake of Islam. Once, there was a very wealthy chief named Jabalah who used to be a leader of Christian tribe which later became Muslim. Once, he had gone for Hajj, when a barefooted Muslim accidentally stepped on the hem of Jabalah's clothes. Upon this, Jabalah turned around and slapped that man asking whether he knew who he was.

**Another Muslim man spoke up and said that he had entered the religion of Islam, wherein there is no distinction between the rich and the poor. Jabalah said that he did not care for this. The Muslims man said that if Hazrat Umar (ra) was to learn of this he would not tolerate this. Jabalah later went to Hazrat Umar (ra) and asked what he would do if a prominent person was to slap an ordinary man.**

**Hazrat Umar (ra) said that he would have the ordinary man slap the chief, as Islam does not distinguish between the prominent and ordinary. His Holiness (aba) said that this was the equality established by Islam.**