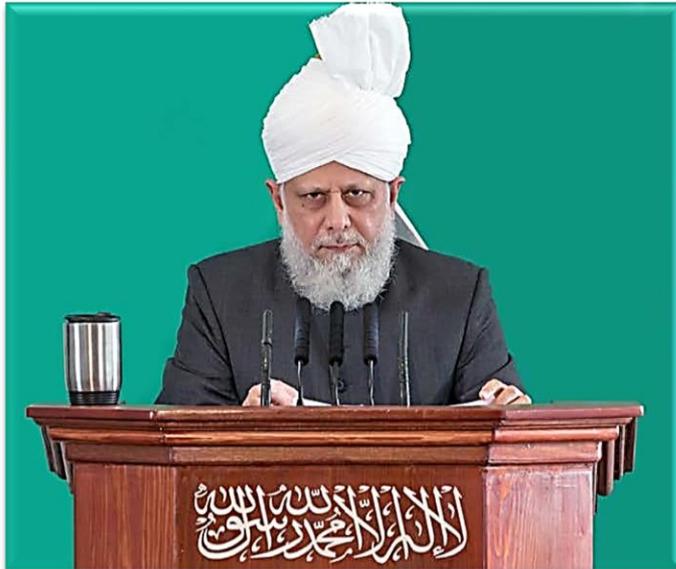
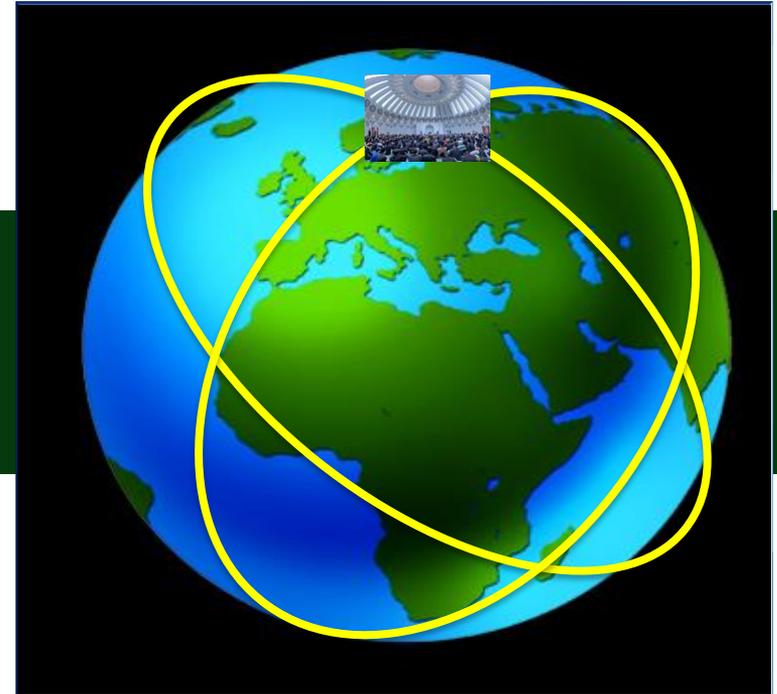


# Men of Excellence : Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)



**Sermon Delivered by Hadhrat  
Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba);  
Head of the Ahmadiyya  
Muslim Community**

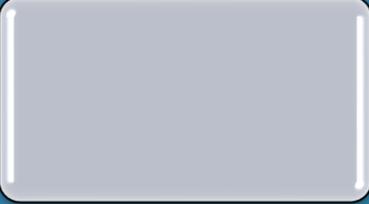


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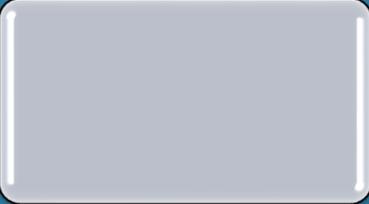
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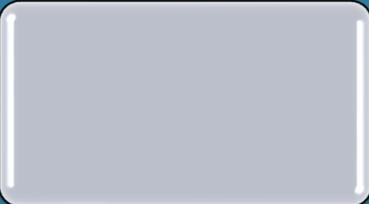
## Summary



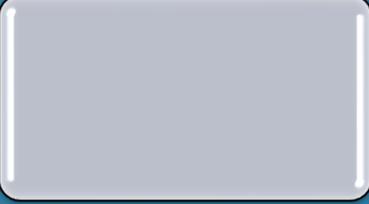
Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) continued the account of the Battle of Yamamah which took place during the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra).



When the Banu Hanifah came to Madinah to meet with the Holy Prophet (sa) to accept Islam, they told the Holy Prophet (sa) that they had left Musailimah behind to look after their belongings.



The Holy Prophet (sa) went to meet Musailimah, he had a branch in his hand. Musailimah demanded that he should appoint him to be the prophet after his demise. In response, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that he would not give him so much as the branch in his hand.



Musailimah went on to falsely claim himself to be equal in prophethood of the Holy Prophet (sa) and attempted to make changes to the Islamic law. Musailimah become an apostate, he had also adopted cruelty.

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## Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra)

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) continued to mention the Battle of Yamamah which took place during the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr(ra).

Men of  
Excellence :  
Hazrat Abu  
Bakr (ra)

## Letter of the Holy Prophet (sa) to the King of Yamamah

Yamamah was a prominent city in Yemen and is now located in present day Saudi Arabia. It was a lush green area and known as one of the most beautiful cities. The Banu Hanifah used to reside in Yamamah who were known as fierce fighters.

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## Letter of the Holy Prophet (sa) to the King of Yamamah – Cont'd

When the Holy Prophet (sa) sent letters to various leaders inviting them to Islam, he also sent a letter to the King of Yamamah. In 9 AH when various tribes converged upon Madinah, there was also an envoy from Yamamah.

When the Banu Hanifah met with the Holy Prophet (sa) they left Musailimah behind to look after their belongings. After the Banu Hanifah had accepted Islam at the hands of the Holy Prophet (sa), they informed him that they had left Musailimah behind in order to look after their belongings. The Holy Prophet (sa) sent gifts for him as well, saying he was doing a noble deed by looking after his friends' belongings.

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Bakr (ra)

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## The Holy Prophet (sa) Meets Musailimah

In one narration, it is recorded that the Holy Prophet (sa) went to meet Musailimah where he was staying. The Holy Prophet (sa) had a branch in his hand. Musailimah made some demands from the Holy Prophet (sa), one of which was that he should at least appoint him to be the prophet after his demise. In response, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that he would not give him so much as the branch in his hand.

In one dream, the Holy Prophet (sa) saw that he was wearing two gold bangles, and this worried him. In the dream, it was revealed to him that he should blow on them. When he blew on them, they vanished. The Holy Prophet (sa) took this to mean that two false claimants would arise after him which turned out to be Aswad Ansi and Musailimah Kazzab.

According to the various narrations, it becomes evident that Musailimah went to Madinah on two occasions – the first occasion was when he did not meet the Holy Prophet (sa) and the other was when he did meet the Holy Prophet (sa) and demanded to be his successor in prophethood.

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Hazrat Abu  
Bakr (ra)

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# Musailimah Introduces Changes to the Shariah

Musailimah went on to falsely claim himself to be equal in prophethood of the Holy Prophet (sa) and began making changes to the Islamic law. For example, he said that the early morning prayer and the late evening prayer were no longer compulsory, and he deemed things such as fornication to be permissible.

There was a person named Rijal who was part of the Banu Hanifah and had accepted the Holy Prophet (sa). He later migrated to Madinah where he learned the Holy Qur'an. When Musailimah became an apostate, the Holy Prophet (sa) sent Rijal so as to reason with Musailimah and help him desist from his ways. However, when Rijal went he became influenced and accepted Musailimah himself, and he even made a false statement, saying that Musailimah had been included in the prophethood of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hence, when the people saw someone who had knowledge of the Holy Qur'an accepting Musailimah, others started following suit.

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## Musailimah Writes to the Holy Prophet (sa)

Musailimah once wrote a letter to the Holy Prophet (sa) saying that half the land belonged to them and the other half to the Quraish, but the Quraish were not just. The Holy Prophet (sa) responded with a letter saying that the land belonged to Allah and he would grant it to whoever He pleased, and that in the end the righteous meet a good end.

This letter was conveyed to Musailimah by Hazrat Habib (ra). Musailimah asked him whether he believed the Holy Prophet (sa) to be a true prophet, to which he replied that he did.

When Musailimah asked whether he also believed him to be a prophet, Hazrat Habib (ra) responded that he could not hear, so as to avoid answering this question. Musailimah kept asking this question and Hazrat Habib (ra) continued giving the same answer.

Every time he gave this answer, Musailimah would torture him by cutting off one of his limbs. This continued until Hazrat Habib (ra) was martyred.

Hence, not only had Musailimah become an apostate, he had also adopted cruelty.

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## Battalions Sent by Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) to Musailimah

After the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa), when Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) sent various battalions, he sent Ikrimah towards Musailimah. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) also sent Hazrat Shurahbil (ra) after him, advising Ikrimah not to fight until Shurahbil (ra) arrived. However, Ikrimah acted in haste and attacked Musailimah, due to which he and his battalion were made to face defeat. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) then instructed him to go and join other battalions to help them, and instructed Shurahbil (ra) to remain there. He instructed Shurahbil (ra) to wait until Hazrat Khalid (ra) arrived, before fighting with Musailimah. However, Shurahbil (ra) also acted in haste and attacked before Hazrat Khalid's (ra) arrival and thus faced defeat.

Finally, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) sent Hazrat Khalid (ra) towards Musailimah and sent a battalion under the command of Hazrat Thaleed (ra) as reinforcements. He also sent battalions from the Ansar and Muhajireen to support Hazrat Khalid (ra). When Hazrat Khalid (ra) advanced, Musailimah's army numbered 40,000 or according to other narrations it was as large as 100,000 while the Muslims numbered just over 10,000.

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Bakr (ra)

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## Battalions Sent by Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) to Musailimah – Cont'd

The two sides met on the battlefield. Hazrat Khalid (ra) had divided the Muslim army into five parts and strategically arranged them.

It is recorded that Hazrat Khalid (ra) was extremely meticulous in his preparation and is said that he would not sleep but would make others sleep. The battle was extremely fierce and initially the Muslims were facing difficulty. However, Hazrat Khalid's (ra) bravery did not waver. Instead, he instructed the Muslims to fight together with their individual tribes so it could be determined which tribe was the bravest. This was a wise strategy which gave rise to their pride and was a form of mutual competition as well. Thus, the Muslims began encouraging one another as well.

Hazoor (aba) said he would continue narrating these accounts in future sermons.

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## Funeral prayers (in absentia)

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Bakr (ra)

1. **Abdus Salam Sahib – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - (Martyr)**
2. **Zulfiqar Ahmad Sahib**
3. **Malik Tabassum Maqsood Sahib**

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un

[Surely To Allah do we belong and to Him do we return].

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