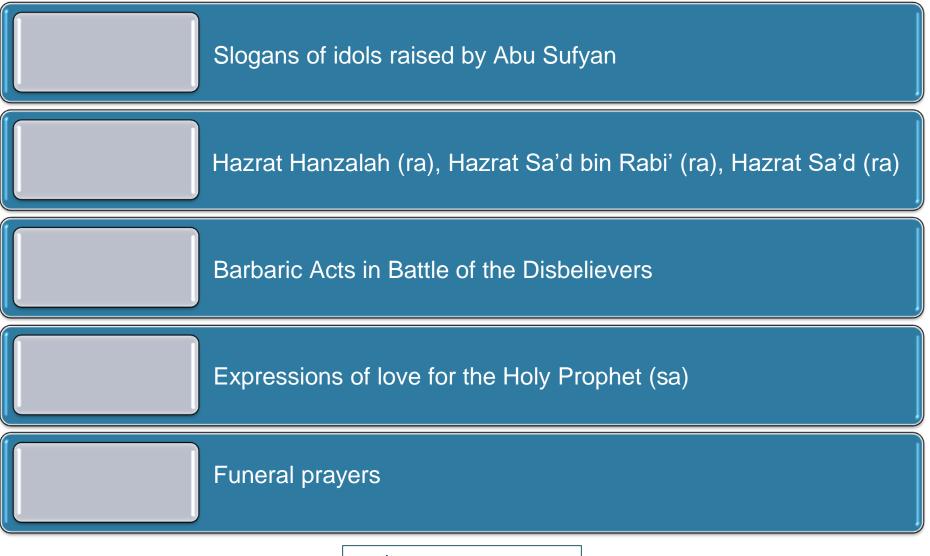


Sermon Delivered by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba); Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

relayed live all across the globe

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His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that he had been mentioning the slogans of idols raised by Abu Sufyan on the occasion of the Battle of Uhud,

and the Holy Prophet's (sa) response and instruction to raise slogans of God's glory



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Hazrat Hanzalah (ra) was martyred in the Battle of Uhud after having gotten married just the day before the battle started. The Holy Prophet (sa) had seen angels washing his body on the battlefield. Hazrat Sa'd bin Rabi' (ra) was also martyred in the Battle of Uhud. The Holy Prophet (sa) asked for someone to go and find out about Sa'd (ra) from the battlefield. A companion went looking for him and upon finding Sa'd (ra), the companion told him that the Holy Prophet (sa) was asking about him. Hazrat Sa'd (ra) asked for his greeting of 'Salam' to be conveyed to the Holy Prophet (sa).

He asked for the Holy Prophet (sa) to be informed that he had endured 12 spear wounds, but that anyone who had come face to face with him in battle was killed. He said that his people should be told that if the Holy Prophet (sa) was martyred while they remained alive, then there would be no excuse for them. In other words, they should give up their lives to protect the Holy Prophet (sa) and Islam. This was the passion of Companions even in their dying breaths. After this, Hazrat Sa'd (ra) passed away and became a martyr.

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#### Barbaric Acts in Battle of the Disbelievers

His Holiness (aba) quoted Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (ra) who writes: 'Now the Holy Prophet (sa) had also descended into the battlefield and the work of tending to the bodies of the martyrs was underway. At the time, the sight that was before the Muslims was one to bring forth tears of blood. Seventy Muslims were laying in the field of battle smothered in dust and blood, and they displayed a horrific scene of the barbaric Arab tradition known as Muthlah.

Among the casualties, there were only six Muhajirin and the rest were all from the Ansar. The number of men slain from among the Quraish was twenty-three. When the Holy Prophet (sa) came to the body of his paternal uncle and foster brother, Hamzah bin 'Abdil-Muttalib (ra), he was stunned because Hind, the barbaric wife of Abu Sufyan had severely spoiled his dead body.

For some time, the Holy Prophet (sa) stood there silently, & signs of grief and anger were evident upon his countenance. For a moment's time, the Holy Prophet (sa) even thought to himself that until these bloodthirsty beasts of Makkah were not given a taste of their own medicine,

perhaps they would never come to their senses, but then the Holy Prophet (sa) refrained from this idea and exhibited patience. As a matter of fact, after this, the Holy Prophet (sa) prohibited the custom of *Muthlah* in Islam forever,

and said that the enemy may do as it pleases, but the Muslims should in any case refrain from such a barbaric practice, and follow a course of virtue and benevolence.'

(<u>The Life and Character of the Seal of Prophets</u> (<u>sa)</u>, Vol. 2, pp. 344-345)

Muhammad (sa): The Great Exemplar

His Holiness (aba) said that one marvels at these sorts of expressions of love for the Holy Prophet (sa). His Holiness (aba) prayed that Allah the Almighty establishes this spirit of love for the Holy Prophet (sa) within us as well. When we establish such ways of thinking,

then we will also increase in our connection with God and will truly strive to remove our weaknesses so that the true Islamic spirit is established in our worship, our moral conduct & our habits

### His Holiness (aba) said that he would lead the funeral prayers of the following deceased members:

Dr Mansoor Shabooti of Yemen. He was a prisoner in the way of Allah in Yemen, and had been imprisoned due to his Ahmadi beliefs. It was during his time in prison that he passed away. In this manner, since he was imprisoned because of his faith, he is considered a martyr.

Muhammad (sa): The Great Exemplar

Salahuddin Muhammad Saleh Abdul Qadir Odeh who was the father of Sharif Odeh, the National President of the Community in Kababir.

Rehana Farhat wife of Karamatullah Khadim, a missionary from Rabwah. She is survived by her husband, a son and three daughters. Her son is serving as a missionary in Spain and he was unable to attend the funeral.