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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

**Extracts from the Friday Sermon by Hadrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* ایده اللہ تعالیٰ
delivered on 9 March 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.**

**The financial sacrifices made by Hadrat Abu Bakr رضی اللہ عنہ and the blessings
he received.**

Our Imam, Hadrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* ایده اللہ تعالیٰ, says:

Hadrat Abu Bakr رضی اللہ عنہ gave all wealth in the way of God and wore only a blanket, and what did God give him in return? He made him the king of Arabia and gave new life to Islām through him. He conquered the apostate Arabs, and was given so much that it is beyond imagination. In short, the sincerity, devotion, steadfastness of these people is an example for every Muslim to emulate. The lives of the companions were such that their example is not to be found among the Companions of any other Prophet. The truth is that until a person gives up his own aims and desires and submits himself to God, he receives nothing and only harms himself. But once he has divested himself of his selfish desires and turns to God empty-handed, God rewards and helps him. But the condition is that man should be ready to die and be ready to accept death and humiliation in his path.

God spreads the acceptance of his beloved people in the world

Look, the word is a transitory abode (no one lives forever), but its true pleasure is only experienced by those who sacrifice it for his sake. This is why God spreads in the world the acceptance for those who are close to Him. This is the same acceptance for which worldly people make every effort and crave for any title or place of honour or office. In short, all worldly honour is given to those who are willing to abandon everything for the sake of God and their honour and acceptance is instilled in people’s hearts. They are not only willing to abandon everything, but actually do give up everything for His sake. Those who give up for the sake of God are given everything.

The worship and tilawat of Hadrat Abad bin Bashir رضی اللہ عنہ

Hadrat Abad bin Bashir رضی اللہ عنہ was a Companion from among the Ansaar. He was blessed with martyrdom at the age of 35. Relating an event regarding his worship and tilawat, Hadrat Ayesha رضی اللہ عنہا says: One night when the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم woke up for Tahajjud, he heard someone reciting the Holy Quran in the mosque. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم used to wake up for Tahajjud at a very early hour. He said, “This is the voice of Abad.” I also said that it seemed to be his voice. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم then prayed for him: “O Allāh, have mercy on him.” How fortunate were the people who spent their nights in worship and recitation of the Holy Qur’ān and received the direct prayers of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.

Hadrat Abad رضي الله عنه believed, on account of a dream he had, that he would attain martyrdom. Hadrat Abu Saeed Khudri رضي الله عنه relates: Hadrat Abad رضي الله عنه once told me that he had seen a dream that the heaven had been rent asunder and that he had entered therein, after which it came back together in its original state. He said that he believed on the basis of this dream that God will grant him martyrdom. This dream came true during the Battle of Yamama where he fought bravely and attained martyrdom, but the group he was part of was victorious. Hadrat Abu Saeed رضي الله عنه says that his face was so riddled with sword wounds that it was not recognizable and that his body was distinguished by some mark he had on his body.

Hadrat Abdullah bin Amr رضي الله عنه

Hadrat Abdullah bin Amr رضي الله عنه was a Companion from among the Ansaar. It is related that before embarking on the Battle of Uhad he said to his son: I will be the first to attain martyrdom. Perhaps he had had some dream to this effect or Allāh had told him. He said, “After my death, take care of your sisters. And I have taken a loan from a certain Jew, return it to him from the harvest of my date palm orchard.” This was their love for Allāh and their level of piety in fulfilling the rights of others. He was going to war, but did not care for his life, rather he was happy that he would be the first to attain martyrdom. He had no fear that he would leave behind young daughters and trusted Allāh to take care of them. He advised his son that, as the elder of the household, he had to fulfil his obligations and take care of his sisters. Then he instructed him to pay the debt he owed to some Jew, but he did not put the burden on his son, rather he said that it should be paid from the harvest that would come from his date palm orchard, and that he was only informing him of an obligation and an Islamic injunction that obligates the paying back of one’s loan. Only after paying the loan would he inherit his blessings.

Hadrat Amr bin Jamuh رضي الله عنه

Similarly, regarding the passion to offer sacrifice and martyrdom of Hadrat Amr bin Jamuh رضي الله عنه it is stated that he would walk with a limp due to a leg injury. He was in a lot of discomfort. His sons did not let him partake in the Battle of Badr due to this handicap. When the disbelievers marched to fight in the Battle of Uhud he said to his sons: “You can do whatever you like but I will not listen to you and I will most definitely take part in this battle.” Therefore, he met the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and requested: “My sons keep me from partaking in the battle due to an issue in my leg. However, I would like to join you in doing this Jihad. And he stated: “By God, I wish that Allāh Almighty fulfils what my heart desires and grants me martyrdom. I will enter heaven due to my injured leg.” The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Jihad is not obligatory for you due to this handicap. However, if this is your desire, then you may join.” His desire was surely fulfilled, and he was martyred in the battlefield of Uhud.

Hadrat Abu Talha رضي الله عنه

Hadrat Abu Talha رضي الله عنه was a companion from amongst the Ansaar and was famed for his archery. He displayed great skill of archery during the Battle of Badr. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم would say that “place arrows in front of Abu Talha” as he would use arrows quickly and would also hit the intended targets. He also had the opportunity to shield the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم during the Battle of Uhud. Hadrat Talha رضي الله عنه kept his hand in front of the Holy Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم face. Thus Hadrat Abu Talha رضي الله عنه also had the opportunity to stand bravely in front of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and prove his valour. He fought

fearlessly and would seek out the most dangerous places on the battleground. His purpose was to fight the enemies who wanted to destroy Islām so that the world would be filled with peace. He did not show cowardice, rather he manifested the utmost valour. He used all his abilities to attain Allah's pleasure.

Hadrat Ubayy bin Kaab's رضى الله عنه relationship with Allāh

Hadrat Ubayy bin Kaab رضى الله عنه enjoyed a special status in terms of his relationship with Allāh. It is related in Sahih Bukhari that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said to him: Allāh has commanded me to recite the Holy Qur'ān to you. Hadrat Ubayy رضى الله عنه responded with wonder: "Has God, the Lord of all the worlds, named me personally that you should recite the Holy Qur'ān to me?" The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Yes, Allāh has mentioned your name. Thereupon Hadrat Ubayy رضى الله عنه wept with emotion. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم then recited to him surah Al-Bayinah. When someone later said to Hadrat Ubayy رضى الله عنه, you must have been overjoyed at this event, he responded, "When Allāh commands us to be happy at witnessing His grace and blessings, then why would I not be happy?"

The status of the Holy Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم Companions

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "Since all progress is gradual, the Companions also progressed gradually. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم desired that his Companions should attain perfection, but there was a time when this was destined to happen. But finally the Companions attained that and saw that which no one else ever did.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "When we look at the Companions, they were simple and straightforward people. Like a utensil that has been rubbed and polished, their hearts shone with Divine light and were free of all evil of the self. Indeed they were the true manifestation of the verse

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***He indeed Surely, he prospers who augments it.**(91:10)*

The Companions showed such sincerity that not only did they turn away from idol worship and creature worship but the very love for the world died in their hearts and they began to behold the Divine. They acted with such devotion in the path of God that it seemed each one of them was an Abraham. It seemed like the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was the body the companions were his limbs.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor ايداه الله تعالى to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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