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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 26th June 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will continue with the accounts regarding Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān*’ was an extremely generous and charitable person. He made a bequest of 400 Dinār to each of the Companions who participated in the Battle of *Badr*, and there were about a hundred of these Companions living at the time. When an appeal was made for money and transportation for the Battle of *Tabūk*, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) contributed 4000 Dirham. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said: ‘*Uthmān* and ‘*Abdur Rahmān*’ (May Allāh be pleased with them) are two of God’s treasures that spend for the sake of His pleasure.

On one occasion, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ bought a land worth 40,000 Dinār and distributed it among the needy and *Ummahāt-ul-Mu‘minīn*. Ḥaḍrat Ayesha (May Allāh be pleased with her) prayed for him, “O Allāh, may ‘*Abdur Rahmān*’ drink of the *Salsabīl* fountain in paradise.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) had said, “The person who will take care of my family after me will be true and righteous.” Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ was the one who took the most care of the Holy Prophet’s family. He would take *Ummahāt-ul-Mu‘minīn* to perform the Hajj and paid great attention to their comfort and dignity.

Once when there was a serious shortage of food in Medina, a caravan belonging to Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ arrived from Syria carrying food supplies. When Ḥaḍrat Ayesha (May Allāh be pleased with her) learnt of this, she said, “‘*Abdur Rahmān*’ will enter paradise on his knees.” Hearing this, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ gave away all the provisions, including the pack-saddles on the camels that were carrying the supplies. On another occasion he freed 30 slaves in one day.

On different occasions, Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ gave away 40,000 Dirham, 40,000 Dinār, 500 horses and 500 camels in the way of Allāh. He also bequeathed an orchard that was valued at 100,000 Dirham to *Ummahāt-ul-Mu‘minīn*.

Ḥaḍrat ‘*Abdur Rahmān bin ‘Auf*’ (May Allāh be pleased with him) passed away in 21 or 22 AH at the age of 72. His funeral prayer was led by either Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān*’ or Ḥaḍrat *Zubair bin Al-‘Awām* and he was buried in *Jannat-ul-Baqi*’.

Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Mu'āz (May Allāh be pleased with him):

He belonged to *Banu Abdil Ashhal* branch of *Aus* tribe of *Ansār*. He was also the chief of *Aus* tribe. Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad accepted Islām at the hand of Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab bin Umair*. Because of him, *Banu Abdil Ashhal* became the first clan to accept Islām. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) established a bond of brotherhood between him and either Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Abi Waqas* or Ḥaḍrat *Abu Ubaidah bin Al-Jarah* (May Allāh be pleased with them).

Quoting Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him), *Huzoor* (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Even though Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* (May Allāh be pleased with him) had been unhappy with the spread of Islām, he did not vocally oppose it on account of his cousin Ḥaḍrat *As'ad bin Zurarah* who had been the first person to enter Islām in Medina. However, he sent another influential member of his tribe Ḥaḍrat *Usaid bin Huzair* to go and warn Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab bin Umair* and Ḥaḍrat *As'ad bin Zurarah* against preaching Islām. But when Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab* recited the Holy Qur'ān for Ḥaḍrat *Usaid bin Huzair* and conveyed to him the message of Islām in an affectionate manner, Ḥaḍrat *Usaid bin Huzair* immediately accepted Islām. After returning, Ḥaḍrat *Usaid* asked Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* to go himself as well. While meeting Ḥaḍrat *Asa'ad bin Zurarah* Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* told him angrily that he was taking undue advantage of their relationship. Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab* then conveyed the message of Islām to Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* and explained the principles of Islām in a beautiful manner. Consequently, Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* also accepted Islām.

Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* and Ḥaḍrat *Usaid bin Huzair* are both counted among the eminent Companions. Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes that Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* held the same position among *Ansār* of Medina as did Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) among the *Muhajirīn* of Mecca.

The Meccans incited the Jews of Medina against Islam. They were determined to wipe Islām off the face of the earth and were not going to allow Muslims to live in peace. The dangerous schemes of the Meccans are highlighted in the following account recorded in *Sahih Bukhari*. A short time after the migration, Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* went to Mecca to perform Hajj and stayed with *Umayyah bin Khalf*. He also asked *Umayyah* to accompany him in performing *tawāf* of *Ka'abah* so that no one would create any mischief. When Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was performing *tawāf*, *Abu Jahl* saw him and said angrily, "Do you think you can circuit the *Ka'abah* in peace even after giving refuge to Muhammad?" Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* wanted to avoid any conflict, but he had the honour of faith at heart and replied in an imposing voice, "If you stop us from *Ka'abah*, then remember that you will not find safety on your way to Syria either." Hearing this, *Umayyah bin Khalf* asked Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* to lower his voice as he was speaking to *Abu Jahl*. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad* said to *Umayyah*, "I cannot forget the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) prophecy that one day you will be killed at the hands of Muslims." *Umayyah* became terrified at hearing this. He returned home and said to his wife that he would never go out to fight against the Muslims. Nevertheless, the will of God could not be averted. *Umayyah* had to come out for the Battle of *Badr* and was killed at the hands of Muslims.

Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* accompanied the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in the battles of *Badr*, *Uhud* and *Khandaq*. He held the flag of *Aus* tribe in the Battle of *Badr*.

Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz*'s love and devotion to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) is revealed in the following incident. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was on his way to *Badr*, the news came that a large army of Meccans was coming to protect the trade caravan. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) gathered all the Companions and asked for their advice as to what course of action should be adopted. Most of the Companions were of the view that they should confront the caravan and avoid the army, but the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) did not like this idea. The eminent Companions also rejected this idea and made heart-warming speeches expressing their devotion and willingness to make any sacrifices. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was delighted to hear them but kept asking for more advice. Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* understood that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) wanted someone to speak on behalf of *Ansār* as well. Therefore, he stood up and made an impassioned speech saying, "It looks like you mean to seek our opinion, O Messenger of Allāh! By Allāh, we have believed in you because we know you to be true. We will, therefore, go wherever you command us. If you order us to jump into the sea, we will jump. You will find us steadfast and resolute in fighting." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was very pleased to hear the words of love and devotion.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will speak more about Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in the next sermon. *Insha'Allāh*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A'lā,

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