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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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will continue to speak about Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin Mu’āz* (May Allāh be pleased with him). In the context of Battle of *Ahzāb*, Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes: In this battle there were not many casualties. Only five or six Muslims were martyred and three non-believers were killed. Nevertheless, it proved to be a great shock for *Quraish* and they never again attempted to raise an army to attack the Muslims.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the battle of Trench (*Khandaq*), Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin Mu’āz* received an injury on his wrist which resulted in his martyrdom. *Sa’ad* was a tall and bulky man. When *Sa’ad* was injured, he prayed, “O Allāh, do not give me death until I am done with *Banu Qurayza*.” When Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad*’s arm was pierced by an arrow, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) removed it with his own hands and then cauterized the wound. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) had a tent erected for him in the mosque so that he could be close to him. A lady by the name of *Rufaida*, who had experience in nursing, was appointed to look after Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad*. When the wound showed signs of healing, Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad* prayed, “O Allāh, if there are to be more wars with *Quraish*, then let me live to fight against them; but if there are to be no more wars with them then let this wound be the cause of my martyrdom.” That night the wound opened up once again and started bleeding. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) held *Sa’ad*’s head close to him and prayed, “O Allāh, accept the soul of *Sa’ad* with goodly acceptance.” *Sa’ad* was 37 years old at the time of his martyrdom.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* writes: *Sa’ad*’s martyrdom was a terrible shock to the Muslims because he had the same position among *Ansār* as Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) did among the *Muhajirīn*. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) was greatly shaken at his demise but endured it with great patience. He led his funeral prayer and attended the burial. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said, “The Divine throne has been moved by the death of *Sa’ad*.” He said to *Sa’ad*’s mother, “Your son is the first person for whom God has smiled.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) also said, “*Sa’ad*’s funeral was attended by seventy thousand angels who have never descended on earth before.” When returning from *Sa’ad*’s funeral, the Holy Prophet’s beard was wet with tears.

It is related that at one time the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was once gifted with some silk sheets which were so fine that the Companions could not help but marvel at them. However, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, "The sheets *Sa'ad* has in paradise are far more soft and beautiful."

**Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās (May Allāh be pleased with him):**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The next Companion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) about whom I will speak is Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās (May Allāh be pleased with him). He was known by the epithet *Abu Ishāq*. He belonged to *Quraish's* tribe *Banu Zuhra*. Since the Holy Prophet's mother had also belonged to this tribe, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) would address Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās as his maternal uncle. Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās was among the ten Companions who were given the glad-tiding of paradise by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Before Islām, he saw in a dream that he was in darkness when suddenly the moon rose and he started walking towards it. He saw that Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* and Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Haritha* (May Allāh be pleased with them) were also walking in the same direction. Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad accepted Islām through the preaching of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) at the age of 17 or 19.

After he accepted Islām, his mother swore that she would not eat or drink or talk to him until he recanted his faith in Islām. When her condition deteriorated, Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās said to her, "Even if you have a thousand lives and you lose them one by one, I will not turn back from my faith."

One day during the early days of Islām in Mecca, some Muslims were praying secretly when people saw them and started taunting and ridiculing them. This resulted in a fight during which Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās hit an idolater with a camel's bone which caused his death. This was the first blood that was shed in the history of Islām.

Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās was also among the Muslims who were held captive at *She'b Abi Tālib* and suffered great hardship. One night he felt something soft under his feet and was so hungry that he took it and ate it without even knowing what it was. One day he found a piece of leather which he cleaned and roasted and it sustained him for three days.

Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās was among the first migrants to Medina. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) established a bond of brotherhood between him and Ḥaḍrat *Mus'ab bin Umair* or Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Mu'āz* (May Allāh be pleased with them).

Ḥaḍrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās was a great fighter and was among the Companions who were responsible for protecting the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) during the battles. According to one account, there were four great fighters among the Companions of the Holy Prophet viz. Ḥaḍrat *'Umar*, Ḥaḍrat *'Ali*, Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* and Ḥaḍrat *Sa'ad bin Abi Waqās* (May Allāh be pleased with them).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: After the migration to Medina, the Muslims were always fearful of being attacked by the disbelievers and would often stay awake at nights. On one such night, when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was unable to sleep, he said to Ḥaḍrat *Ayesha* (May Allāh be pleased with her), "If only one of

my Companions could watch for us tonight.” As he said this, there came the sound of armour from outside. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) asked who it was and the answer was, “I am *Sa’ad bin Abi Waqās*.” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) asked what he wanted, and he said that he had come to stand guard. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) was pleased and prayed, “O Allāh, when *Sa’ad* prays to you, listen to his prayers.”

As a result of this, *Sa’ad*’s prayers were often heard. One day someone was speaking ill of Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) when Ḥaḍrat *Sa’ad bin Abi Waqās* stopped him and spoke about the great qualities of Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali*. He then prayed to God to show a sign of His power with regard to the person who had been abusive towards Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali*. A little while later, the man was thrown down by his ride and his head hit a stone which caused his death.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about two recently deceased members of the Jamā‘at.

1. *Master Abdus Sami Khan Sahib* passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. He was born in 1937. His grandfather Ḥaḍrat *Chaudhry Abdus Salām Khan Kathgarhi Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was a Companion of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). *Abdus Sami Khan Sahib* served as headmaster of Ta’limul Islām High School Rabwah. He also served as *Zaeem Ansārullāh* and President of *Darul Rahmat Sharqi*. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that *Abdus Sami Khan Sahib* had been one of his teachers. He had a very good style of teaching and was always very kind. He left behind a son and a daughter.
2. *Syed Mujeebullah Sādiq Sahib* passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020, at the age of 83. He served as a volunteer in the office of the National Amir UK for sixteen years. He was regular in his prayers and in *Tahajjud*. He was deeply devoted to the Jamā‘at and to Khilāfat and possessed many great qualities. He has left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have already spoken about the veteran servant of the Jamā‘at *Rana Naeem-ud-Dīn Sahib*. Today I will include him also in the funeral prayer. May Allāh have mercy on all the deceased. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk-i-Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020