

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

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 04th September 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 173 of *Sūrah Āl-e-‘Imrān*, which is as follows:

الَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَالرُّسُولِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا أَصَابَهُمُ الْقَرْحُ الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا مِنْهُمْ وَاتَّقُوا أُولَٰئِكَ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ۔

‘As to those who answered the call of Allāh and the Messenger after they had received an injury — such of them as do good and act righteously shall have a great reward.’ (3:173)

Continuing with the accounts regarding Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* (May Allāh be pleased with him), Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: With reference to verse 173 of *Sūrah Āl-e-‘Imrān*, Ḥaḍrat *Ayesha* (May Allāh be pleased with her) said to her nephew *‘Urwah* that your ancestors, i.e., Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with them), were among the Companions mentioned in this verse. In the Battle of *Uhud*, they had pursued the enemy at the command of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) after he was wounded and the enemy was leaving, even though they were themselves injured.

Ḥaḍrat *‘Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said that *Talha* and *Zubair* would be among his companions in paradise.

Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* was among the ten Companions who had been promised Paradise by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) during their lifetime. He was among the eminent Companions who stood in front of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) in battle and behind him in prayers. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) counted him among the fifteen scribes of the Holy Qur‘ān.

When Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) fell seriously ill due to haemorrhage during his *Khilāfat*, people asked him to nominate a *Khalīfa* after him. When Ḥaḍrat *Zubair*’s name came up on this occasion, Ḥaḍrat *‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with him) swore that, as far as he knew, *Zubair* was the best of them all and that he was also most beloved of the Messenger of Allāh.

Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* once had a dispute with an *Ansāri Badri* Companion regarding irrigation of the fields. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said, "O *Zubair*! irrigate your land and then let the water pass to your neighbour." Upon this, the *Ansāri* got angry

and said to the Prophet, "Is it because he (i.e. Zubair) is your aunt's son?" Hearing this, the colour of the face of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) changed and he said, "O *Zubair!* irrigate your land and then withhold the water till it reaches the edges of the fields." Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* said, by Allāh, I think that the following verse was revealed for this occasion: "But no, by thy Lord, they are not believers until they make thee judge in all that is in dispute between them and then find not in their hearts any demur concerning that which thou decidest and submit with full submission." (4:66)

Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that *Zubair* is one of the pillars of religion.

On the day of the battle of *Jamal*, Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* told his son Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin *Zubair* that I would be killed in a state of oppression today, and gave instructions regarding payment of his debts. Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* had become indebted because whenever a person entrusted him with something, he would keep it as a loan, lest it got lost. After his death, when Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin *Zubair* calculated his debts which amounted to 220,000 dirham. Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* had instructed Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin *Zubair* that "If you are unable to repay the loan, then seek help from my Master (God)" Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin *Zubair* relates that whenever he faced any difficulty in paying the debt, he would pray, "O Master of *Zubair*, pay his loan on his behalf," and somehow provisions would be made and the loan would be paid. Even after all the debt had been repaid, Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin *Zubair* kept announcing on the occasion of the Hajj for four years that whoever owed a debt to Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* should come forward and he would be paid. After that, Ḥaḍrat 'Abdullah bin *Zubair* distributed his father's inheritance. According to various Traditions, it amounted to between 35 and 52 million.

Explaining the selection of Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) as Khalīfa, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that after the martyrdom of Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) the mischief-makers quickly went to Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) and forced him to take Bai'at by expressing strong fears for the collapse of the Islāmic state. Later, a group of the same mischief-makers forced Ḥaḍrat *Talha* and Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* to swear allegiance to Ḥaḍrat 'Ali, which they did on the condition that the blood of Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) would be avenged immediately. But when this did not happen, they both broke their allegiance and left Medina. The same miscreants who took part in the assassination of Ḥaḍrat 'Uthmān (May Allāh be pleased with him) later incited Ḥaḍrat *Ayesha* (May Allāh be pleased with her) to stand up against Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him). Both Ḥaḍrat *Talha* and Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* initially joined Ḥaḍrat *Ayesha*, but Ḥaḍrat *Zubair*, after hearing the Holy Prophet's prediction from Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (that you will fight 'Ali and you will be the aggressors), distanced himself from the battle before it started. Ḥaḍrat *Talha* also pledged allegiance to Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) before he died.

Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* was martyred by *Ibn-e-Jurmūz* on his return from the battle of *Jamal*. When *Ibn-e-Jurmūz* brought Ḥaḍrat *Zubair's* head and sword to Ḥaḍrat 'Ali, Ḥaḍrat 'Ali said that that it was the sword that had removed uneasiness from the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) face. Then he gave the promise of Hell to *Ibn-e-Jurmūz* and said

that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said on one occasion; "Every Prophet has a disciple, and my disciple is *Zubair*." Ḥaḍrat *Zubair* was buried in the *Sibā'* valley. At the time of his martyrdom he was 64, 66 or 67 years old. He had several wives at different times and many offspring. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) named the seven wives and eighteen children of Ḥaḍrat *Zubair*.

In the second part of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about three deceased members of the Jamā'at. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led their funeral prayers in absentia after the Friday prayer.

1. *Alhaj Ibrahim Mbowe Sahib*, Nā'ib Amīr of The Gambia. He passed away on 10th August 2020, at the age of 76. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1961 or 1962. He served as the Deputy Amīr of The Gambia for many years. He was also the Officer of Jalsa Sālāna, National Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and President of the Majlis Ansārullāh Gambia. He was regular in worship, loved reciting the Holy Qur'ān, excelled in making financial sacrifices, and was a loyal servant of Khilāfat.
2. *Naeem Ahmad Khan Sahib*, son of 'Abdul Jaleel Khan Sahib, Nā'ib Amīr of Karachi. He passed away at the end of April. In addition to various other services, he also served as Qā'id Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya Karachi, and as Nāẓim Ansārullāh Karachi. He was also a Director of Faḍl-e-'Umar Foundation. As an engineer, he helped with the instalment of Roti Plant for Jalsa Sālāna. He was regular in his prayers and in Tahajjud and was devoted to Khilāfat.
3. *Bushra Begum Sahiba*, wife of the late *Thekedar Wali Muhammad Sahib* of Germany. She passed away on 19th July at the age of 74. Her grandfather, Ḥaḍrat *Mian Nizāmuddīn Sahib* of Nābha, was a Companion of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). She was regular in Tahajjud and very hospitable. She cared for the needy and loved the Holy Qur'ān. She left behind four sons and two daughters.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that may Allāh have mercy on the deceased and accept all prayers in favour of their progeny. *Āmīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadīyya Pakistan.

Dated: 9 September 2020