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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 23rd October 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The *Badri* Companion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) about whom I will speak today is;

Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh bin Jabal* (May Allāh be pleased with him):

He belonged to *Udai bin Sa’ad bin ‘Ali* branch of *Khazraj* tribe. He had a very fair complexion, white teeth and bright grey eyes. He was the most handsome, as well as the most generous, kind and modest young man of *Ansār*. He converted to Islām at the age of 18 on the occasion of the second *Bai’at* at *‘Aqaba* and participated in all the battles, including the Battle of *Badr*. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) established bond of brotherhood between him and Ḥaḍrat *‘Abdullah bin Mas’ūd*. After his conversion to Islām, Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh*, along with the youth of *Banu Salamah*, broke the idols of his tribe. This has already been mentioned in the context of Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh bin ‘Amr*. Some young men of *Banu Salamah* threw the idol of Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh bin ‘Amr*’s father into the garbage for three consecutive days, which led to Ḥaḍrat *‘Amr*’s conversion to Islām.

Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh*’s love and devotion for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) can be judged from the following incident: When the Muslims returned from the battle of *Uhud*, *Ansār*’s women wept over their martyrs. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) asked, “Is there no one to weep for *Hamza*?” Hearing this, Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh* and some other *Ansār* Companions gathered the women of Medina to weep for Ḥaḍrat *Hamza*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This was an expression of their love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). Even though lamentation is forbidden in Islām, the Messenger of Allāh felt the emotions of *Muhajirīn* and wished that the same feelings could be expressed for Ḥaḍrat *Hamza* as well as for *Ansār*’s martyrs. These were exceptional circumstances, otherwise lamentation is generally forbidden in Islām.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said that Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh bin Jabal* was the most knowledgeable person in his ummah with regard to *Halal* and *Harām*. On another occasion he said, “What a nice man is *Mu’ādh bin Jabal*!”

Once, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) took the hand of Ḥaḍrat *Mu’ādh bin Jabal* and said, "I surely love you, so remember to offer this supplication after every prayer and do not forget it:

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِنِّي عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ وَشُكْرِكَ وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ

“O Allāh! help me to see the beauty of Your remembrance, Your gratitude, and Your worship.”

On another occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) taught Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh bin Jabal to recite the prayer;

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

“there is no might and no power except by Allāh.”

and said that it was one of the gates of Paradise. Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh once asked the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) about the best form of faith, and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said that the best form of faith is to love and hate only for the sake of Allāh and to always busy oneself with His remembrance.

Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh bin Jabal used to offer prayers with the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) and then come to his own people and lead the prayers for them. One day he started reciting *Sūrah Al-Baqarah* in the ‘*Ishā* prayer. Due to the length of the prayers, a man separated from the congregation and left the mosque after offering his prayer separately. When this incident was reported to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), he instructed Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh not to try people’s patience with long Surahs and instead recite *Sūrah Al-Shams*, *Al-Dhuhā*, *Al-Lail* or *Al-A’la*. Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau’ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that this shows that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) considered these Surahs to be of medium length. At certain times, of course, a person may recite long *Sūrah*s, or the shorter ones if one is ill or in pain, but in general the medium-length *Sūrah* should be recited in the congregational prayers.

One day Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh bin Jabal asked the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) to tell him about a good deed that would take him to paradise and away from hell. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) urged him to abide by the pillars of Islām and then said: Let me tell you about the gates of goodness: Fasting is a shield. Charity extinguishes sins like water extinguishes fire. Offer *tahajjud* prayer in the middle of the night. The highest pillar of faith is *Jihād*. And the one thing on which all this depends is that man should restrain his tongue. He said: “O Mu’ādh! Nothing casts people headlong into the fire but their own tongues.”

When Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh bin Jabal went to Syria during the time of Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that his departure had deprived the people of Medina of the knowledge of *fiqh*. Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh used to pray in his *Tahajjud*: O Allāh! The eyes are asleep and the stars are twinkling. You are Giver and Sustainer of life. My desire for heaven is insufficient and my striving to escape from the fire is weak. O Allāh! Grant me guidance from Your own self.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said to Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh bin Jabal: Whoever testifies with sincerity of heart that “There is no God but Allāh, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allāh,” Allāh will surely forbid the fire of hell for him. Ḥaḍrat Mu’ādh asked: O Messenger of Allāh! Should I not tell people about this so that they may rejoice? He said, "If you do so, the people will be happy and will give up the rest of the good

deeds." Therefore, Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh* only told this to the learned people at the time of his death. Ḥaḍrat *Syed Zain-ul-'Abidīn Waliullah Shah Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says in his *Sharh-e-Bukhari* that at times it is necessary to limit some knowledge to specific people, otherwise people can be led astray by it. We see how some people give 'certificates' of faith to people just for professing the *Kalima* and have freed them from the obligation to abide by the commandments of the *Shariah*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This Hadith also shows that only Allāh can reward or punish. No man has the right to pass **edicts** against anyone who professes the *Kalima*. These days people think that it is enough to celebrate *Eid Milad-un-Nabi*. They don't realize that what is really required is to follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him).

Ḥaḍrat *Mu'ādh bin Jabal* relates a miracle of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) on the occasion of the conquest of *Tabūk*. There was very little water in the spring of *Tabūk*. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) washed his hands with the water of this spring in such a way that the water would fall back into the spring. As the water fell back into the spring, the spring started to flow faster. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said: "O *Mu'ādh*! If you live long enough, you will see that this place is full of orchards." Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited records of various periods which show that *Tabūk* became full of gardens and it had more water than any other place in Arabia apart from *Medina* and *Khyber*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the *Jamā'at* about the sad demise of some members of the *Jamā'at* and led their funeral prayers in absentia.

1. *Maulwi Farzand Khan Sahib*, Aḥmadiyya missionary from Odisha, India, passed away on 10th September. He was a humble, kind-hearted and devout person. He left behind a wife, a son and a daughter.
2. *Abdullah Munsiku Sahib*, a local missionary from Malaysia, passed away on 7th October at the age of 68. He attended the *Jalsa Salana* at Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia in 1973 and, after being inspired by the spiritual atmosphere, pledged the *Bai'at*. He was a very hospitable, learned and disciplined man with great zeal for *Tablīgh*. He left behind a wife and eight children.
3. *Abdul Wahid Sahib*, an Aḥmadiyya *Mu'allim* from Qādiān, passed away on 12th September at the age of 56. He was a very obedient and hardworking person. He left behind a wife, a son and two daughters.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may bestow forgiveness and mercy on all the deceased and enable their progeny to carry on their good deeds. *Amīn*

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) *Wakīl A'lā*,

Tahrīk-i-Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

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