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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: When the time of the demise of *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) approached, he summoned *Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdul Rahmān bin Auf* and *Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) separately and asked them about *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him). *Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdul Rahmān bin Auf* described *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) as the best person but also expressed some reservations about his temper, to which *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “*‘Umar* exhibits temper because he sees tenderness in me. However, when the responsibility of Amārat will rest on him, he will give up many of his traits.” *Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) expressed a positive opinion about *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and said that *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar’s* inner self was better than his outward character.

Also in those days, *Ḥaḍrat Talha bin ‘Ubaidullah* came to *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and expressed his reservations about *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar’s* (May Allāh be pleased with him) temper and said that God would hold him [*Abu Bakr*] answerable regarding his subjects. *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) replied, “When Allāh asks me about *‘Umar*, I will say to Him that I have made the best of Your servants the Khalīfa over your servants.”

*Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) then summoned *Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) and dictated a will in favour of *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him). *Ḥaḍrat ‘Ayesha* (May Allāh be pleased with her) relates that as *Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) was writing the will, *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) fainted. Meanwhile, *Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) wrote the name of *Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him). When *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) regained consciousness, he asked, "What have you written?" *Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) replied, "I have written the name of *‘Umar*." *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "You have written as I had intended."

When the will had been written, *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) commanded that it be read out to the people. *Ḥaḍrat ‘Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) gathered the people and the will was read out. *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, "Do you agree with the one whom I have appointed as your Khalīfa? I have

not appointed any relative of mine. By Allāh! I have reflected deeply on this matter, so listen to him and obey him.” To this, the people said, "We hear and we obey." Then Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) called Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and exhorted him to fear Allāh and to deal kindly with the people.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that someone once asked Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) as to why he did not have the same temper as he did in the time of *Jahiliyyah*? Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) replied that his temper was the same, but now it was focused on the infidels. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) replied, “I have the same temper, but at that time it was unbridled whereas now it is used appropriately.”

There are various traditions regarding the first address delivered by Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) after he became Khalīfa. He said: Allāh has tested you through me and me through you. No matter which of your affairs is brought before me, I will look into it myself. And if it is beyond my power to do so, I will appoint strong and honest people to deal with it. The example of the Arab is like a haltered camel that follows its leader. The leader should be mindful of where he is leading his subjects. As far as I am concerned, I will certainly keep them on the right path.

Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) delivered a lengthy speech on the third day after being elected Khalīfa in which, after reciting the praises of Allāh and Durūd on the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), he said: I have been informed that people are afraid of my temper. In the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), I was certainly like a drawn sword in their hands. If they wanted, they kept me in the sheath, and if they wanted they left me open so that I would cut down. O people! Now that I have become the guardian of your affairs, my temper has abated, and from now on it will only be expressed against those who oppress Muslims. Those who are virtuous, pious and honourable, I will be even more gentle with them than they are to one another. O people! I have an obligation that I will not conceal any of the spoils and wealth that I have to spend on you. I will give you your allowances and stipends and will not allow you to perish. I will be the father of your children when you join the army and are away from home.

Speaking of the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him), Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) made such sacrifices for the progress of Islām that even the European writers, who keep on criticizing the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), acknowledge that the hard work and sacrifices made by Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* and Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with them) are without parallel among the rulers of the world.

While proving that the righteousness and foresight of Ḥaḍrat *‘Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was due to his obedience to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) and his fear of God, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: This man who lived in the company of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) all the times, at the time of his death longed that he may find a place in the Holy Prophet’s (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) feet. Now, if any action of the Holy

Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) had shown that he did not work for the pleasure of God, would a person like Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) ever have wished to find a place at his feet at the time of his death?

Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) had great respect for *Imām Hasan* and *Imām Husain* and would give them gifts. When he fixed stipends for the people, he would start with the closest relative of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). He would first appoint the share of Ḥaḍrat ‘Abbās and then of Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him).

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of some members of the Jamā‘at and led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

1. *Sohaila Mehboob Sahiba*, wife of *Faiz Ahmed Sahib Gujrati Darvesh Qādiān*, passed away at the age of 90 years. She dedicated her life in 1964 and served as the Head Mistress of Nusrat Girls High School Qādiān for almost thirty years.

2. *Raja Khurshid Ahmed Munir Sahib*, Missionary, who was currently living in Australia, has passed away. He joined the Furqan Battalion in 1948 and his house was attacked in 1974. On one occasion, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) described him as a “brave missionary”.

3. *Zameer Ahmad Nadeem Sahib*, Missionary, passed away at the age of 56 years. He had been serving as Assistant Director of Reception at Waṣiyyat office Rabwah since 2005. He offered *Tahajjud* prayer regularly and was deeply attached to Khilāfat.

4. *Issa Moki Talima Sahib*, National Deputy Amīr of Tanzania, passed away recently. He pledged bai'at in 1992 at the age of 19.

5. *Sheikh Mubashir Ahmed Sahib*, Supervisor at Nazārat Ta’mīrāt Qādiān, passed away at the age of 33 due to coronavirus.

6. *Saif Ali Sahib* of Sydney Australia passed away recently. He was the brother of *Haider Ali Zafar Sahib*, Missionary and Deputy Amīr of Germany. He served as Amīr of District Mirpur Khas, Pakistan, member of Qadā’ Board Australia, and Vice President Ansārullāh Australia.

7. *Masood Ahmad Hayat Sahib* passed away at the age of 80 years. He performed driving and security duties with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in his tour of different countries.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may have mercy on all the deceased and elevate their spiritual station in heaven. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

Abdul Majid Tahir

Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

ISLĀMABAD (UK)

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