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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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) continued with the series of sermons regarding *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

In the beginning of Friday Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 40 of *Surah At-Taubah*:

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللّٰهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِي اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللّٰهَ مَعَنَا ۗ فَأَنْزَلَ اللّٰهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا وَجَعَلَ كَلِمَةَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَىٰ وَاللّٰهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

*If you help him not, then know that Allāh helped him even when the disbelievers drove him forth while he was one of the two when they were both in the cave, when he said to his companion, ‘Grieve not, for Allāh is with us.’ Then Allāh sent down His peace on him, and strengthened him with hosts which you did not see, and humbled the word of those who disbelieved, and it is the word of Allāh alone which is supreme. And Allāh is Mighty, Wise. (9:40)*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the previous sermon, I mentioned the incident of *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) with regards to the Cave of *Thawr*.

When the disbelievers of Mecca were talking at the entrance of the cave, *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) became greatly anxious lest the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) should be captured, but the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said, “Don't worry, our God is with us.” Arriving at the Cave of *Thawr*, the man who was following their tracks said that they could not have gone any further. When someone tried to peek inside the cave, *Umayyah bin Khalf* said harshly and dismissively, "I have seen this spider’s net and this tree here even before Muhammad was born. How can he be here? Have you lost your mind?"

*Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib* says that *Quraish* of Mecca had announced a reward of one hundred camels for anyone who could capture Muhammad alive or dead. When the chiefs of Mecca arrived at the cave, they saw that a spider had spun a web at the entrance of the cave, and a pigeon had made a nest and laid eggs on the branch of a tree at the opening of the cave. This tradition might seem weak, but it wouldn’t be surprising if this indeed happened. When *Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) became fearful at seeing the infidels so close, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) said:

“O *Abu Bakr*! What do you think about the two persons with whom the third is their God?” Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said, “If I am killed, then I am but one person, but if—God forbid—anything happens to you, it is as if a whole nation has perished.”

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau ‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that one aspect of this incident is that whereas the Companions of Moses had said in terror, “O Moses! We are caught!”, but Muhammad's faith in God had such an effect on his companion that even the words, “We are caught,” were not uttered by Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him). All he said was that the enemies had come so close that they could see them if they wanted to.

It is narrated that, according to the plan, Ḥaḍrat *‘Abdullah*, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*'s (May Allāh be pleased with him) astute son, would come to the Cave of *Thawr* at night, give news of the day, receive instructions, and return to Mecca in the morning pretending that he had spent the night in Mecca. *‘Āmir bin Fuhaira*'s wisdom was evident from the fact that after milking the goats at night, he would bring them back in such a way that they would erase the footprints left by Ḥaḍrat *‘Abdullah bin Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

According to the narration of *Sahih Bukhari*, it was settled with *‘Abdullah bin Uraiqit* that he would arrive with camels three days later, and this is what he did. Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) mounted a camel along with *‘Āmir bin Fuhaira*, while *Uraiqit* mounted a camel of his own.

When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) reached *Juhfa*, which is situated approximately 82 miles from Mecca, the following verse was revealed to him:

إِنَّ الَّذِي فَرَضَ عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لَرَأْدُكَ إِلَى مَعَادٍ

“Most surely, He Who had made the teaching of the *Qur’ān* binding on thee will bring thee back to thy place of return.” (28:86)

*Uraiqit*, who was an exceptionally skilful guide, led the journey towards Madinah along the coastline. One of the people following them in the hope of receiving the bounty was *Suraqa* who later converted to Islām. He describes that he continued to pursue the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and his companions even though whenever he drew lots, they came out against his pursuit. At last, when his camel stumbled and its feet sank into the sand, he realized that it was not right for him to pursue the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) anymore. He then came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and said, “I am sure that someday you will become a king. Please give me a written amnesty so that when I come in your presence, I am treated with respect.” This written undertaking was made at the behest of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). *Huzoor* (May Allāh be his Helper) said he would continue with these narrations in future, *Inshā’Allāh*.

*Huzoor* (May Allāh be his Helper) then drew the attention of the worldwide Aḥmadiyya community to prayers, Nawafil, and individual and collective Tahajjud, as it was the eve of new year. In addition to *Durūd* and *Istighfār*, *Huzoor* (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the following prayers should also be recited as much as possible:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

“Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after Thou hast guided us; and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely, Thou alone art the Bestower.” (3:9)

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

“Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people.” (3:148)

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about some members of the Jamā‘at who passed away recently, and led their funeral prayers in absentia after the Friday prayer.

1. *Malik Farooq Ahmad Khokhar Sahib*, who had served as Amīr Jamā‘at for Multan, passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> December at the age of 80. For a long time, he also served as Qā’id Majlis Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya for Multan. He was married to *Durdanah Sahiba*, the daughter of Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Aziz Ahmad Sahib*. Allāh had blessed them with one son and five daughters. By the grace of Allāh, he was a part of the convoy during the migration of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masih IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him), and on one occasion he even led the caravan. He was regular in his worship, loved to recite the Holy Qur’ān, and was punctual in offering Tahajjud and had great reverence for Khilāfat and the Jamā‘at.
2. *Rahmatullah Sahib* of Indonesia passed away at the age of 66. He was born in East Java and pledged Bai’at in 1980. He also became part of Waṣiyyat in 1993. He had great reverence for Khilāfat. He is survived by his wife, three children, and six grandchildren.
3. *Al-Hāj Abdul Hameed Taak Sahib* of Yaripora Kashmir passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> December at the age of 94. Aside from serving as Provincial Amīr of Jammu and Kashmir, he also served as District Amīr and Nāzim Anṣārullah. During his time as Provincial Amīr, in 1987, five Jamā‘at schools were established. He made great efforts for the establishment of various mosques and mission houses. He was an honorary member of Anjuman Tahrīk-i-Jadīd India for many years.

In the end Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed for the forgiveness of the deceased and the elevation of their spiritual status.

Jazākumullāh  
Wassalām,

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