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Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 18th November 2022 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

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

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The status of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in the eyes of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) has already been mentioned, and it is also shown by the fact that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) wanted to nominate him as his successor. In fact, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) clearly indicated that Allāh would appoint Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) as *Khalīfa* after him. Ḥaḍrat *‘Āisha* (May Allāh be pleased with her) narrates that the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said in his last illness that ask your father *Abu Bakr* to come to me so that I may write down something, lest someone else should say that he is more entitled; however, Allāh and the believers will reject anyone other than *Abu Bakr*.

Citing the incident of *Ifk*, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The allegation against Ḥaḍrat *‘Āisha* (May Allāh be pleased with her) was calamitous, and yet the love and reverence her parents had for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) was greater than their love for their daughter. They let her remain as the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) saw appropriate. In this context, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Maūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: We should consider that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) and Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) were the two people whose defamation would benefit the hypocrites and their elders the most. By accusing Ḥaḍrat *‘Āisha* (May Allāh be pleased with her) they could harm both of these people, because she was the wife of one and the daughter of the other. Defaming them would be a moral and political gain for the hypocrites, whereas no one could have benefitted by merely maligning Ḥaḍrat *‘Āisha* (May Allāh be pleased with her). It is wrong to think that the other wives of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) may have had a hand in this, nor is this borne out by historical facts. It is reported that when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) asked one of his other wives about Ḥaḍrat *‘Āisha* (May Allāh be pleased with her), she said that she had seen nothing but good in *‘Āisha*.

It is clearly mentioned in the *ḥadīth* that the Companions held Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in the highest regard after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). When *Abdullāh bin Ubayyī bin Salūl* saw that the possibility of his becoming king of Arabia was diminishing due to the reverence people had for Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), he sought to malign Ḥaḍrat *‘Āisha* (May Allāh be pleased with her) so that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) may become displeased with Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) who would thus lose his respect among the Muslims as well as any chance of becoming the successor after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). This is why Allāh says in the Holy Qur’ān:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا بِالْإِفْكِ عُصْبَةٌ مِّنْكُمْ لَا تَحْسَبُوهُ شَرًّا لَّكُم بَلْ هُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ۔

“Verily, those who brought forth the lie are a party from among you. Think it not to be an evil for you; nay, it is good for you.” [24:12]

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Maūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: In *Sūrah An-Nūr*, Allāh speaks about *Khilāfat* right after mentioning the calumny against Ḥaḍrat *‘Āisha* (May Allāh be

pleased with her). He says that *Khilāfat* is not a monarchy, rather it is a means of maintaining the light of God, and this is why Allāh has kept it in His own hands. The loss of *Khilāfat* is the loss of the light of Allāh and the light of Prophethood, therefore, Allāh will definitely establish this light. He will never allow monarchy to be established after Prophethood and will choose as *Khalīfa* whoever He wishes. In fact, He promises that He will prolong the age of light by establishing not one but several people from among the Muslims as *Khulafā'* after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Thus, in keeping with the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), the institution of *Khilāfat* was established after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him); and, according to Allāh's promise, the same *Khilafāt* was later re-established through the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

With regard to Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) modesty and humility, Ḥaḍrat *Sa'īd bin Musayyib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates: One day, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was with some of his Companions when a man started quarrelling with Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and said hurtful things to him, but Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) remained silent. The third time, however, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) answered back, upon which the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) stood up to leave. When asked why he was leaving, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, an angel came down from heaven and kept denying everything this man was saying; but when you answered back, the angel left and Satan took his place, and I do not sit where Satan is present. He said: O *Abu Bakr!* There are three great truths. Firstly, when a person is wronged by something and ignores it just for the sake of Allāh, Allāh then makes him honourable through His help. Secondly, when a person opens the door to bestowal with the intention of showing kindness, Allāh grants him an abundance of wealth because of it. Thirdly, when a person opens the door to begging and his intention is to acquire wealth, Allāh brings him lack and scarcity on account of it.

Describing the attributes of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that he had great temporal and spiritual knowledge, was very kind and compassionate by nature, and lived a life of humility and austerity. He was very forgiving and embodied compassion and mercy. He was recognized by the divine glow on his forehead. His spirit was united with the spirit of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). He was distinguished by his knowledge of the Holy Qur'ān and his love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). He was immersed in the attributes of Allāh. Truthfulness was his inherent quality and was evident in his every word and deed. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that Allāh Himself had apprised him of the attributes and status of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Ḥaḍrat *Alī bin Abu Tālib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, every Prophet was given seven noble companions, and I was given fourteen. When asked who these were, he said that they were Ḥaḍrat *Alī* and his two sons, Ḥaḍrat *Jāfar*, Ḥaḍrat *Ḥamza*, Ḥaḍrat *'Umar*, Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr*, Ḥaḍrat *Muṣ'ab bin 'Umair*, Ḥaḍrat *Bilāl*, Ḥaḍrat *Salmān*, Ḥaḍrat *'Ammār*, Ḥaḍrat *Miqdād*, Ḥaḍrat *Hudhaifah*, and Ḥaḍrat *Abdullāh bin Mas'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with them).

After his return from *Tabūk*, when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) learnt that the polytheists performed *Hajj* together with other people and uttered idolatrous slogans and performed the circuit (*tawāf*) of the *Ka'ba* naked, he abandoned his intention to perform *Hajj* that year. In 9 *Hijrī*, he made Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) the *Amīr* of the *Hajj* delegation that consisted of three hundred Companions. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) also sent twenty sacrificial animals which he himself marked for sacrifice. Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) also took five sacrificial animals of his own. It is narrated that Ḥaḍrat *'Alī* (May Allāh be pleased with him) recited the opening verses of *Sūrah At-Taubah* on this *Hajj*, as has already been detailed

before. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said he would continue with accounts regarding Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in future, *inshā'Allāh*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the *Jamā'at* of the sad demise of the following members of the *Jamā'at* and announced to lead their funeral prayer:

- *Muhammad Dawūd Zafar ṣāhib Murabbī Silsila*, of Raqem Press, UK.
- *Ruqayyah Shamīm Begum ṣāhiba*, wife of the late *Maulana Karam Ilāhī Zafar ṣāhib* of Spain.
- *Tāhira Ḥanīf ṣāhiba*, wife of *Mirza Ḥanīf Aḥmad ṣāhib*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about their virtues and prayed that Allāh may forgive them and grant them a lofty station in heaven.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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