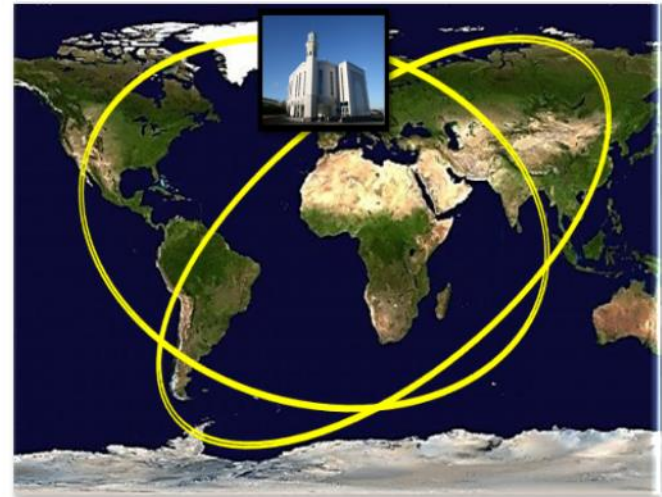


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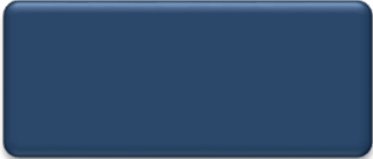
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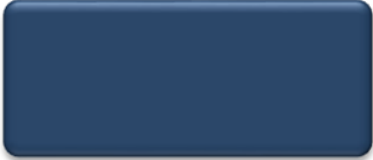
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Hazrat Khabbab bin Al-Aratt (ra); Moaz Bin Jabal (ra)



Hazrat Shammaas (ra); Saeed Bin Zaid (ra)



Hazrat Suhaib bin Sanaan Rumi (ra); Hazrat Usama (ra)

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With reference to the Spiritual Influence of the Holy Prophet (sa), the Promised Messiah (as) states:

“It is my belief that the Spiritual Influences of the Holy Prophet (sa) was so magnificent, that it was not granted to any other prophet in the world. This is the secret behind the progress of Islam that the Noble Prophet (sa) possessed an immense power of attraction. Moreover, his worlds bore such an impact that whoever would listen to them, would become captivated.” He further states: “Those that were entranced by him became completely purified.” At another occasion the Promised Messiah (as) stated, “This miracle of the Holy Prophet (sa) is so great that it is sufficient to open the eyes of the world.”

The Promised Messiah (as) further states: “Reforming an individual is difficult. However, in this case, an [entire] nation was prepared, who showed such an example of their faith and sincerity that they readily let themselves be slaughtered like sheep for the sake of the Truth they had chosen... It was only due to this reformation and guidance that Allah the Exalted, by way of a prophecy, named the Holy Prophet (as) ‘Muhammad’

With regards to the companions, their extraordinary status and extraordinary reformations, which were brought about within them, the Promised Messiah (as) states on occasion:

The Promised Messiah (as) states, ‘When [a person is endowed with] conviction, he gradually desires to sacrifice his wealth in the initial stages. Following this, when his certainty increases, that person filled with conviction becomes willing to sacrifice his life for the sake of God.’

The Promised Messiah (as) further states, ‘Remember that the true servant of Allah the Exalted are those, with regards to whom Allah has said: “[Arabic] [whom neither merchandise nor traffic diverts from the remembrance of Allah].’

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The noble companions, may Allah be pleased with them all, had developed such a true loving relationship with God the Exalted, that it was completely out of the question that they would become neglectful of God or that they would hesitate to make any form of sacrifice. There are many examples in relation to the companions.

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It is narrated with regards to Hazrat Khabbab bin Al-Aratt that when the time of demise approached, he was so fearful of Allah the Exalted.

Despite making immense sacrifice for the cause of faith and enduring extreme hardship, he was fearful for his good ending.

His funeral prayers were led by Hazrat 'Ali, may Allah be pleased with him, who paid tribute to him in these words, "May Allah the Exalted have mercy on Khabbab.

He accepted Islam with utmost love and eagerness and was then enabled to migrate [to Medina].

Following this, the life he lived was that of a Mujahid [servant of God]. He passed through severe trials and demonstrated examples of utmost patience and steadfastness."

Then there was a companion
Moaz Bin Jabal (ra)

He would supplicate to
God 'O my Lord, I
know that there is the
Fire of Hell and one
must do good deeds
to [save oneself] from
it, but I am much too
weak to be saved from
it.

O Allah grant me guidance
from Thyself, the guidance
which will be granted on the
Day of Resurrection, the day
on which You will do as you
have forewarned.

The Holy Prophet (sa)
stated regarding Hazrat
Shammaas (ra) that if I
were to compare Shamaas
to anything then I would
liken him to a shield,

because during the Battle
of Uhud he was like a
shield to me.

He protected me from the
front, from behind, from the
right and from the left and
fought until his last breath.

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Saeed Bin Zaid was the brother-in-law of Hazrat Umar (ra). He made his living on one of his properties, or one of his plots of land. A woman also had a plot of land adjacent to his.

She claimed ownership to his land saying that he had seized some of her land.

Hazrat Saeed (ra) replied that there is no need to fight the case, and withdrew all his rights to the land. He handed over the plot of land to that woman and said

“I heard the Holy Prophet (sa) say that if someone unlawfully takes even a hand’s-breadth of the land of another,

on the Day of Judgement, he will have to bear the burden of seven lands. Hence, I do not wish to have this allegation upon me nor do I wish to fight,

but the world should not say that I seized the land of someone else.”

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Hazrat Umar (ra) said to Hazrat Suhaib (ra), 'you are extremely generous in feeding others, however I fear that you may be too extravagant.' Hazrat Suhaib replied, 'the food I give is due to an instruction of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Suhaib bin
Sanaan Rumi (ra)

The Holy Prophet (sa) advised me that the best among you is he who feeds others and extends the greeting of Peace.' To say *Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rehmatullah Wa Barakatahu* is a good deed and described as an excellent quality of people by the Holy Prophet (sa).

[Hazrat Suhaib (ra)] states, 'I strongly adhered to this piece of advice given to me by the Holy Prophet (sa) when I arrived in Medina and I only spend what is lawfully right and do not indulge in extravagances.'

Hazrat Usama (ra) was extremely fortunate as the Holy Prophet (sa) had shown him great love. One incident of his is that during a battle, a Kafir [disbeliever] came before Hazrat Usama (ra) and he immediately recited the Kalima [Islamic declaration of faith], however he still killed him as he believed that he only did so out of fear of being killed.

Hazrat Usama (ra) relates, "I mentioned this incident to the Holy Prophet (sa). The Holy Prophet (sa) replied, 'did you kill him even after he had recited the Kalima?' I replied, 'he only recited it in order to be saved from being killed.' The Holy Prophet said,

'did you cut open his heart and see?' He further stated, 'did you kill him after he had recited the Kalima Shahada?'" Hazrat Usama (ra) narrates that "the Holy Prophet (sa) repeated this sentence so many times that I wished that I had not been a Muslim before this day." Hazrat Usama (ra) further states, "I vowed from then on to never kill anyone who recited the Kalima."

Only if the Muslims of today could understand this. Not only are they committing atrocities against non-Muslims but Muslims are killing fellow Muslims.

For instance, regarding the war in Syria it is said that in the last few years since this war started, hundreds of thousands of Muslims have been killed by other Muslims.

Those who recite the Kalima are killing their fellow Muslims, and doing so in its very name.

Similarly, in Yemen those who recite the Kalima are being attacked and are being subjected to all kinds of persecution and torture.

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May Allah guide the Muslims so that they refrain from merely raising slogans of love for the Holy Prophet (sa) and his companions (ra), and instead act according to their example. In order to establish true righteousness...

God Almighty has sent the Promised Messiah (as). Looking at the condition of the Muslims in the world, they can never reform themselves unless they believe in the Promised Messiah (as).

Seeing their condition should make us swell up with emotions of gratitude that God Almighty enabled us to accept the guide of this age, who God Almighty sent as the ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (sa).

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After the prayers, I will
lead the funeral prayer of
Mrs Amatul Majeed
Ahmad Sahiba,

wife of Chaudhry Nasir
Ahmad Sahib, who is
Naib Ameer [Vice
President] UK as well as
head of the Central
Jaidad Office. She
passed away on 9th
January 2018. To Allah
we belong and to Him
shall we return.

May Allah the Almighty elevate the status
of the deceased and may He enable her
virtuous deeds to carry on through her
daughters, ameen.