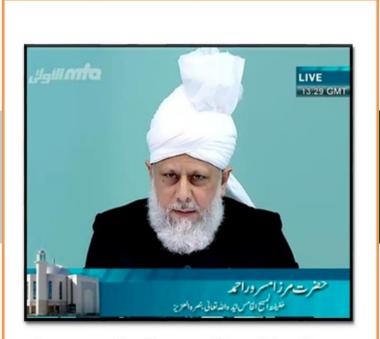
Exemplary Companions of The Prophet (saw)



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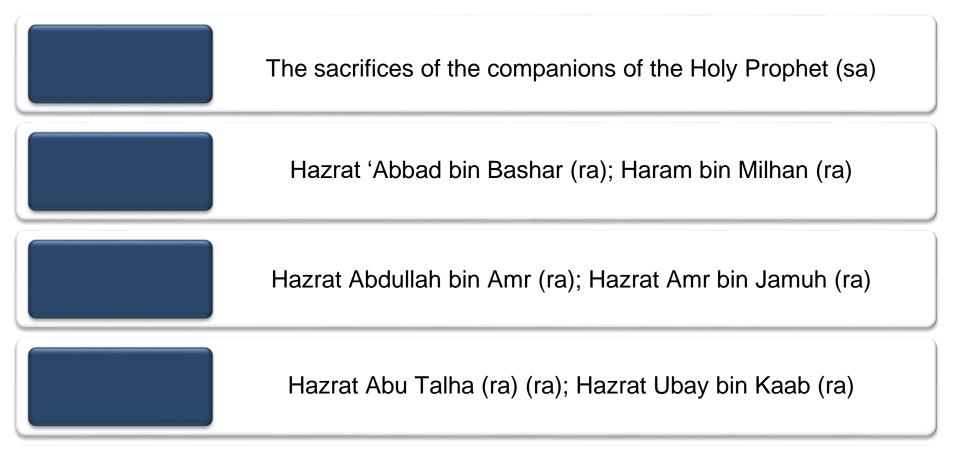
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Summary

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March 9th 2018 While mentioning the sacrifices of the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa), their status and the favours which Allah the Exalted bestowed upon them, the Promised Messiah (as), said on one occasion: "Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) sacrificed all of his belongings in the way of God the Exalted... what did Allah the Exalted grant him in exchange? He made him the king of the whole of Arabia... However, once they abandon all their selfish desires and aims, and come to the threshold of God the Exalted, empty-handed and with pure hearts, then Allah grants them and supports them. To sum up, those who abandon everything for the sake of God the Exalted are bestowed everything."

Hazrat 'Abbad bin Bashar (ra) was a companion from among the Ansar [Muslims local to Medina]. He (ra) used to recite the Holy Quran in the early hours of the morning, seeking the pleasure of God.

Hazrat Abu Sa'eed Khudri relates: "Hazrat 'Abbad once said to me 'I saw in a dream that the sky has been rent asunder and that I entered it, after which it closed again and returned to its original form.'

Due to this dream he used to say that he is certain Allah the Exalted will grant him the status of martyrdom. This dream of his was fulfilled during the battle of Yamama.

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Haram bin Milhan (ra), He was sent as a head of 70 strong delegation to teach the teachings of Islam to Bani 'Amir

When Haram bin Milhan and his companion approached these people,

the leader of Bani 'Amir indicated to a person, who attacked Haram bin Milhan from behind with a spear.

A fountain of blood gushed forth from his neck.

He rubbed this blood on his hands and said, 'By the Lord of the Ka'ba, I have succeeded.

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When these people were being brutally killed, they prayed that 'O Allah! Accept these sacrifices of ours and inform the Holy Prophet (sa) of this state of ours, as there are no means of doing so here.' Hence, Hazrat Gabriel conveyed to the Holy Prophet (sa) the Salam [salutation of peace] of these companions and informed him of their situation and the martyrdoms.

The Promised Messiah (as) states, 'Observe the state of the esteemed companions, may Allah be pleased with them. What atrocities were meted out to them in Mecca? Some of them were captured and were tortured and punished in various forms. .. However, what enabled them to remain firmly established upon the truth even during the storm of difficulties and hardships? It was that very delight and the fountain of happiness, which gushed forth from their chests due [their] love for the truth.' The Promised Messiah (as) says, 'The most excruciating afflictions are made easy for a believer to experience. The truth is that it is a sign of a true believer that they are ever ready to be slain. ..Just think about this, if there was no delight in experiencing such trials then how did the prophets (on whom be peace) go through such hardships for such a long time?"

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Then there was a companion Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr

who was a companion from amongst the Ansar, it has been mentioned about him that when he was leaving for the Battle of Uhud he said: "I will be the first one to achieve martyrdom".

He said to his son "Take care of your sisters after my demise He also said "And I have taken a loan from a Jewish man. Pay him back from my date gardens when you receive the earnings." This was the level of their love for Allah, righteousness, chastity and the standard of offering due rights [of others]. [He said] I do not expect that you should pay this off from your own pocket.

Rather, it will be paid off from the profit gained from our date gardens. I am not putting any financial burden on you. I am simply informing you about this obligation.

I am informing you about an integral Islamic commandment, which is to pay off this debt. You will inherit my property only after paying off this debt.



It is stated that he would walk with a limp due to a leg injury. He was in a lot of discomfort. His sons did not let him partake in the Battle of Badr due to this handicap. When the disbelievers marched to fight in the Battle of Uhud he said to his sons:

Hazrat Amr bin Jamuh (ra)

"You can do whatever you like but I will not listen to you and I will most definitely take part in this battle." Therefore, he met the Holy Prophet (sa) and requested: "My sons keep me from partaking in the battle due to an issue in my leg.

However, I would like to join you in doing this Jihad. And he stated: "By God, I wish that Allah Almighty fulfills what my heartfelt desires and grants me martyrdom. I will enter heaven due to my injured leg."

The Holy Prophet (sa) said: Jihad is not obligatory for you due to this disability. However, if this is your wish, then you may join." His desire was surely fulfilled, and he was martyred in the battlefield of Uhud.

Hazrat Abu Talha (ra) was a companion (ra) from amongst the Ansar and was famed for his archery. The Holy Prophet (sa) would say that "place arrows in front of Abu Talha" as he would use arrows quickly and would also hit the intended targets.

He also had the opportunity to shield the Holy Prophet (sa) during the Battle of Uhud. Hazrat Talha (ra) kept his hand in front of the Holy Prophet (sa)'s face.

Hazrat Ubay bin Kaab (ra) was well versed in the Holy Qur'an... The Holy Prophet (sa) asked him: Which verse of the Qur'an should be declared to be the greatest verse? He said "Ayatul Kursi." The Holy Prophet (sa) was pleased to hear this and said: "O Ubay! May Allah bless your level of knowledge.

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With regards to the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa), on one occasion the Promised Messiah (as) said: "If one ponders about the [lives of the] companions of the Holy Prophet (sa), one would discover that they were simple people. Just like a vessel becomes clean after polishing, their hearts were the same in that they were filled with divine light and free from the filth of carnal passions. In essence, they were the true embodiment of the statement: [Arabic] He indeed truly prospers who purifies it."

May Allah the Almighty enable us to truly understand the status of the companions and whilst acting on their example, may Allah enable us to increase in our loyalty and sincerity.