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Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK.**

In the context of the events that followed the Battle of *Badr*, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: *Jannatul Baqī‘* was established in 2<sup>nd</sup> *Hijri*. The Jews and every other tribe had their respective cemeteries in Madinah. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) arrived in the city, it became evident that a separate cemetery was required for Muslims. The *Baqī‘ul Gharqad* cemetery was chosen for this purpose, and Ḥaḍrat ‘*Uthmān bin Maz‘ūn* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was the first to be buried in it. *Baqī‘* in Arabic refers to a place with many trees, and this cemetery is also known as *Jannatul Baqī‘*.

**The Expedition of Banī Ghatfān:** When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) received information that the *Banu Tha‘labah*, branch of the *Quraish*, and the *Banu Muḥārib* were gathering against the Muslims at a certain location, he, accompanied by approximately four hundred Companions, embarked on this expedition in the month of *Rabī‘ul Awwal* in 3<sup>rd</sup> *Hijri*.

As the Holy Prophet was advancing against the coalition of polytheists, the Companions detained a man from the *Banī Ghatfān* and brought him before the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). He provided valuable information about the movements and plans of his tribe. Upon the Holy Prophet's invitation to embrace Islām, he promptly accepted. He disclosed that, upon hearing of the approach of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and the Muslim army, his people had chosen to avoid confrontation and had retreated to the mountain. As the Muslims advanced, they found this to be true.

It was on this occasion that the following well-known event took place:

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was resting in the shade of a tree, while the Companions were occupied with their chores, when a man came up surreptitiously and, raising his sword, said, "O Muḥammad! Who will save you now?" The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) calmly responded, "Allāh". Instantly, the sword slipped from the man's grasp.

Another event connected to this expedition is the demise of Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* (May Allāh be pleased with her) and the marriage of Ḥaḍrat *Umme Kulthūm* (May Allāh be pleased with her). It is narrated that at the time of the Holy Prophet's departure for the Battle of *Badr*, Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* was unwell. Consequently, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had left Ḥaḍrat *Uthmān* in Madinah to look after her. Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* breathed her last on the day when Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Hāritha* came to Madinah with the news of the victory in Battle of *Badr*.

After the demise of Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah*, when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) met Ḥaḍrat *Uthmān*, he conveyed to him that Allāh had destined for him to marry Ḥaḍrat *Umme Kulthūm* for the same dowry as Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah*. Three days following the wedding, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) visited Ḥaḍrat *Umme Kulthūm* and asked about *Uthmān*, and she said that *Uthmān* was an excellent husband. Ḥaḍrat *Umme Kulthūm* fell ill and passed away in the ninth *Hijri*. Upon her demise, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said that if he had another daughter, he would have married her as well to *Uthmān*.

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Aḥmad* (May Allāh be pleased with him), while discussing the marriage of Ḥaḍrat *Umme Kulthūm* writes that it took place in the month of *Rabī‘ul Awwal*, 3<sup>rd</sup> *Hijri*. It was Ḥaḍrat *Umme Kulthūm*'s second marriage. Before this, both Ḥaḍrat *Ruqayyah* and Ḥaḍrat *Umme Kulthūm* had been betrothed to two sons of the Holy Prophet's uncle, *Abu Lahab*. However, due to religious opposition, these marriages were not formalised.

**The Expedition of Banu Sulaim:** The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) received intelligence that a considerable number of *Banu Sulaim* had assembled against the Muslims. In response, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) designated Ḥaḍrat

'Abdullah bin Umme Maktūm (May Allāh be pleased with him) as his deputy in Madinah and, accompanied by three hundred Companions, embarked on this expedition on the 6<sup>th</sup> of *Jumādiyul Awwal*. According to another account, Ḥaḍrat 'Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) was appointed deputy by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

**The Expedition of Zaid bin Hāritha:** It took place in the month of *Jumādiyul Awwal*, 3<sup>rd</sup> *Hijrī*. It is related that, one day, when *Ṣafwān bin Umaiyyah* informed his cohorts that the Muslims had blocked their trade route to Syria, one of them suggested that they could take an alternative route along the coast and reach Syria via Iraq. Subsequently, with the assistance of a guide, *Ṣafwān bin Umaiyyah* decided to undertake this journey and started making preparations. The members of the caravan made every effort to prevent the news of the caravan from reaching the people of Madinah. However, Allāh had a different plan, and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was informed of it. He sent a hundred cavalymen under the leadership of Ḥaḍrat *Zaid bin Hāritha*. This marked the first expedition led by Ḥaḍrat *Zaid*, from which he returned successful.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These trade caravans were intercepted because the profits gained from them were to be utilised against the Muslims. Restricting such caravans was essential at that time, just as some countries impose economic sanctions these days. Today, some of these nations impose unjust and oppressive sanctions. In any case, they have no right to object to Islām in this regard.

In the second part of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) once again appealed for prayers for the people of Palestine. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that now, at least, some people are beginning to speak out against this oppression. Moreover, some Jews have also raised their voices against this injustice and questioned their government about why they are tarnishing their image. They now suggest a daily, four-hour ceasefire to allow aid to reach the Palestinians. Only Allāh knows how effective this will be and how much cruelty they have to endure in the remaining twenty hours. Many governments and politicians are not paying heed to the losses suffered by the Palestinians and are prioritising their own interests. They should remember that Allāh gives respite only for a limited time. Then, accountability awaits not only in this world but also in the hereafter. In any case, we should pray a lot for the oppressed Palestinians. May Allāh grant them relief from these atrocities. *Āmīn*

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the following recently deceased members of the Jamā'at and announced to lead their funeral prayer after the Friday prayer. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also prayed for their lofty station in *Jannah*.

- (1) *Manṣoorā Bāsma Ṣāhibā*, wife of *Hamīdur Raḥmān Khan Ṣāhib*: She was the paternal granddaughter of Ḥaḍrat *Nawāb 'Abdullah Khan Ṣāhib* and Ḥaḍrat *Amatul Ḥafīẓ Begum Ṣāhibā* (May Allāh be pleased with them), and the maternal granddaughter of Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Sharīf Aḥmad Ṣāhib* and Ḥaḍrat *Bū Zainab Begum Ṣāhibā* (May Allāh be pleased with them). She was the daughter of *Mian 'Abbas Aḥmad Khan Ṣāhib* and *Amatul Bāri Begum Ṣāhibā*. While solemnizing her Nikah, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh III* (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) said: Through marriage, both the young man and young woman assume responsibilities that they did not have before. Firstly, there are obligations that the husband and wife have towards each other, and secondly, there are the responsibilities they together have towards others. The verses recited during the Nikah ceremony indicate that now that you have these responsibilities, you should fulfil them with piety and an understanding of the Divine attribute, Rabb (the Sustainer).
- *Chaudhry Rashīd Aḥmad Ṣāhib*, former registrar at Agriculture University Faisalabad, passed away in the United States. He was, by the grace of Allāh, a *Mūṣī*. He was righteous, honest, had great love for Khilāfat, and actively participated in making financial sacrifices.

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