

## Friday Sermon 24 July 2020

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After Tashahhud, Ta'awwaz and the recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah Huzur-e-Anwar said:

Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra) was being discussed in the last sermon. He took part in all the battles including the battle of Badr, Uhad and Trench. He was one of the most skilled archers among the companions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

He recounted on one occasion that 'when we used to go to war with the Holy Prophet (PBUH), we would not have anything to eat. At times we had to survive by eating tree leaves'.

Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra) was the first person to shoot arrows and shed his blood in the path of Allah.

After this Huzur-e-Anwar gave details from '*Seerat Khatam un Nabiyeen*' about creating barriers in order to block attacks from the Qureish tribe, as planned by Hazrat Obaida bin Haris (ra).

Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra) was one of the few people who stood by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) during the battle of Uhad. His brother Utba bin Abi Waqas had taken part in the battle from the side of the non-believers. Utba was the cursed person who had injured and broken two front teeth of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) during the battle. Upon seeing this Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra), who was fighting from the Muslim's side, became extremely furious and started boiling with rage. He says that he never wanted anything more at that moment than to kill his brother. During the battle, when there were just a few companions left near the Holy Prophet (PBUH), it is written that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) himself would hand arrows to Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra), who would then shoot them very quickly. At one time praising Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra), the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that "may my parents sacrifice themselves on you, just keep on shooting the arrows with the same speed". Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra) would speak of this conversation till his old age very proudly. It is said that he shot almost 1000 arrows in this battle.

Hazrat Saad bin Abi Waqas (ra) was one of the witnesses during the peace treaty of Hudaibia. When he fell ill during the last pilgrimage of the Holy Prophet

(PBUH), he asked how he should distribute his substantial wealth, since he had just one daughter. Should he donate two thirds of it, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said no. Then he asked again whether he should donate half of his wealth, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) stopped him again. Then he asked about one third of his wealth, to which the Holy Prophet (PBUH) replied that although this too is a lot, I will allow it. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that it is much better to leave your relatives wealthy rather than leaving them poor and in a state that they would have to ask for help all around.

In the end Huzur-e-Anwar announced the prayer in absence for some of the deceased and he also spoke of their good qualities.