**Friday Sermon 21 July 2020**

**Delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis (a.b.a.)**

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

Today we are speaking of Hazrat Zubair bin Al-Awa’am (ra) who was one of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) who took part in the battle of Badr. He was the nephew of Hazrat Khadija (ra) and was married to Hazrat Asma (ra) whose sister was one of the *Ummahat u lMomineen* (mother of the believers). He was also called by the name Abdullah. Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) states that Hazrat Zubair’s (ra) uncle used to wrap him in a large mat and torture him with smoke but he would always say to him that, ‘I cannot back away after recognizing the truth’.

He took part is both migrations. His wife Hazrat Asma (ra) states that when Abdullah bin Al-Awa’am (ra) was born he was brought to the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The Holy Prophet (PBUH) chewed a date and fed it to the child. It is written in the book of Hadith, Muslim, that Hazrat Zubair’s (ra) son was named Abdullah. When Hazrat Zubair (ra) came to the Holy prophet (PBUH) to accept Islam, he was 7 years old. Hazrat Zubair (ra) named all his children after the names of martyrs.

He was the first person to draw the sword for the sake of Allah. Once when a voice was heard in the valley saying that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) had been killed (nauzubillah), Hazrat Zubair (ra) drew his sword and went out to charge. When the Holy Prophet (PBUH) saw him he stopped him and said, ‘what could you have done if they had martyred me?’ To which Hazrat Zubair (ra) replied, ‘I would kill the whole of Mekka’.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Zubair (ra) states, “I saw Hazrat Zubair (ra) riding a horse during the Battle of Ahzaab”. He states that: “the Holy Prophet (PBUH) had asked for news from Quraiza. So I went to perform this duty. To this the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said to me, may my parents be sacrificed on you”.

When a leader of the enemies threw out a challenge during a war, Hazrat Zubair (ra) accepted his challenge and went ahead. After seeing this, his mother Hazrat Safiyah (ra) said, ‘it seems that my son will be martyred today’, To which the Holy Prophet (PBUH) replied ‘no’. And indeed, that Jewish leader ‘Yasir’ was killed at the hands of Hazrat Zubair (ra).

When a woman was trying to deliver the letter of Hazrat Hatib bin Balta (ra) to the non-believers, it was Hazrat Zubair bin Al-Awa’am (ra) who went with Hazrat Ali (ra) to chase her.

Later on Huzur-e-Anwar spoke of the details of this event. Huzur-e-Anwar then said that the rest of the details about Hazrat Zubair (ra) will be told in the next sermon.

At the end, Huzur-e-Anwar spoke of some of the deceased and spoke of their good habits. He announced the funeral in absentia for them.