Friday Sermon 4 september 2020

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

After Tashahhud, Ta’awwaz and recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah, Huzur-e-Anwar recited Surah Al-e-Imran verse 173 and its translation and said:

We were discussing the Companions of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and there was still part remaining with regards to Hazrat Zubair (ra). Referring to Surah Ale-Imran verse 173, Hazrat Aisha (ra) once told her nephew Urwa that “this verse is referring to your ancestors as well, including Hazrat Zubair (ra) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)”. Hazrat Zubair (ra) was one of those great Companions who would fight infront of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and stand behind him during prayers. The writing of Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) “*fifeenkatibeen-e-wahisahabba”* also includes the name of Hazrat Zubair (ra).

When Hazrat Usman (ra) fell ill during his time of Khilafat, people asked him to nominate someone as Khalia after him and when the name of Hazrat Zubair (ra) was mention, Hazrat Usman (ra) swore upon God and said, “according to my knowledge, Hazrat Zubair (ra) is the better choice amongst other names and he was indeed beloved by the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

Hazrat Hafs bin Khalid (ra) writes that, once when Hazrat Zubair’s (ra) body was full of sword wounds, we asked him about it and he replied, “I received all these injuries while fighting alongside the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and in the name if Allah”.

Hazrat Zubair (ra) told his son Abdullah bin Zubair on the day of the Battle of Jamal that, “today I will be killed in innocence” and he then instructed his son regarding the payment of all his loans that remained. Hazrat Zubair (ra) was martyred by Ibn-e-Jarmooz while returning from the Battle of Jamal. When Ibn-e-Jarmooz brought the severed head of Hazrat Zubair (ra) along with his sward to Hazrat Ali (ra), Hazrat Ali (ra) said “this is the sword that was used to protect the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and take away his worries but now it has become a part of the slaughterhouse of injustice”. Then Hazrat Ali (ra) prophesized that Ibn-e-Jarmooz will end up in Hell and he said that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) had said that, “every prophet has his disciples and Zubair is one of mine”.

Hazrat Zubair (ra) was buried in the valley of Sawa and his age was between 64 and 67 years. He married several times at different occasions and he had a lot of children. Huzur-e-Anwar then told the names of the seven wives and eighteen children of Hazrat Zubair (ra).

At the end of the sermon Huzur-e-Anwar spoke of three deceased and their good deeds. He also announced their prayer in absentia.