**Friday Sermon 2 October 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:

The next badri sahabbi (companion of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)) that I will speak of is Hazrat Abu Obaida bin Jarrah (ra). His name was Amir bin Abdullah and his father's name was Abdullah bin Jarrah. His mother's name was Amaima bint Ghanam. Hazrat Obaida (ra) was a member of a family within the Quraish tribe known as Banu Harris bin Fahar. He was one of the ten Companions that were told by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) during their lifetime that they would go to heaven. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) once said of Hazrat Obaida (ra) that, "every nation has its Ameen (keeper) and the keeper of my ummah is Abu Obaida bin Jarrah".

When the tribe of Najraan requested the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to send someone to teach them Islam, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) sent Hazrat Obaida (ra). He also told the people of Najraan, "I would indeed send the person to you who is an Ameen (keeper) who will fulfill your right to be taught completely and with full honesty".

According to a saying Hazrat Aisha (ra) was once asked if the Holy Prophet (pbuh) were to have named a successor after him, who would he have named? Hazrat Aisha (ra) named three people: Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), Hazrat Umar (ra) and Hazrat Obaida bin Jarrah (ra). Similarly Hazrat Aisha (ra) was once asked who the Holy Prophet (pbuh) loved the most and she replied, Hazrat Abu bakr (ra), and after him Hazrat Umar (ra) and in third place Hazrat Obaida bin Jarrah (ra).

Before his demise, Hazrat Umar (ra) said, "Had Abu Obaida been alive today I would have named him Khalifa after me". Similarly, after the demise of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), when the election was being held to choose a Khalifa, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) told people, "we should either do ba'iat at the hand of Hazrat Umar (ra) or Hazrat Abu Obaida (ra)".

When Hazrat Abu Obaida (ra) accepted Islam his father tortured him greatly and as a result he had to migrate to Habsha. Hazrat Abu Obaida took part in all of the Islamic battles alongside the Holy Prophet (pbuh). During the Battle of Badr he was 41 years old. During this battle, the father of Hazrat Abu Obaida (ra), who was fighting from the side of the non-believers tried to kill him several times but Hazrat Abu Obaida (ra) always kept himself away from him and did not come in front of him because he did not want to attack his own father. Finally, when he saw that his father wouldn't leave him alone, having the love of the one and only God in his heart and very unwillingly, he killed his own father during the Battle of Badr. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) also sent him as Amir to fights other than the battles which the Holy Prophet (pbuh) himself took part in.

At the end of the sermon Huzur-e-Anwar said that, "pray a lot for the Ahamdi's of Pakistan. May Allah keep them safe from the wrongdoings of maulvis. The political leaders should remember that if they keep following the maulvis in this same way, this will definitely bring them to their destruction".