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Mentioning about Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra), Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) stated:

➤ He belonged to the Khazraj tribe of Medina. He was known among the people of Medina for his physical beauty and for possessing outstanding moral qualities. He was part of Bait-e-Aqba alongside 70 people. He was 18 years old when he embraced Islam. He participated in the battle of Badr and all other battles alongside the Holy Prophet (sa).

➤ His love for the Holy Prophet (sa) becomes clear from the following incident. When the Holy Prophet (sa) returned from the battle of Uhud, he found the women in Medina crying for their martyrs. Seeing them, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that is there no one in Medina to cry over Hazrat Hamzah (uncle of the Holy Prophet)? When Hazrat Ma'az (ra) heard this, he went towards his tribe and said that no one would cry over the martyrs of Medina unless you first express similar sentiments for Hazrat Hamzah. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aa) stated that this was done in exceptional circumstances; otherwise, crying and wailing over the deceased is forbidden in Islam.

➤ It is narrated about Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra) that following the victory of Mecca, the Holy Prophet (sa) left him in Medina to teach people about Islam. Hazrat Mu'az was also among those companions about whom the Holy Prophet (sa) had said that if you wish to learn Quran, learn it from one of these four people: Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood, Hazrat Salim, Hazrat Mu'az bin Jabal and Hazrat Ubay bin Ka'b. Hazrat Ma'az was so knowledgeable that he had been given the authority to pass Fatwa (edicts) during the time of the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

➤ It is narrated by Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra) that while holding his hand, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to him one day that O Ma'az, I love you dearly. Hazrat Ma'az (ra) replied that O Prophet of Allah, may my parents be sacrificed for you, I also love you dearly. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that I advise you to always pray in these words after the prayer:

“Allah, Help Me Remember You, To Be Grateful to You, And To Worship You In An Excellent Manner.”

➤ It was narrated from Anas bin Malik (ra) that the Messenger of Allah (sa) once said: “The most merciful of my Ummah is Abu Bakr; the one who adheres most sternly to the religion of Allah is 'Umar; the most sincere of them in shyness and modesty is 'Uthman; the best judge is 'Ali bin Abu Talib; the best in reciting the Book of Allah is Ubayy bin Ka'b; the most knowledgeable of what is lawful and unlawful is Ma'az bin Jabal; and the most knowledgeable of the rules and obligations is Zaid bin Thabit. And every nation has a trustworthy guardian, and the trustworthy guardian of this Ummah is Abu 'Ubaidah bin Jarrah.”

➤ On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to Hazrat Ma'az (ra) that should I tell you about one of the doors of paradise? Hazrat Ma'az (ra) replied in the affirmative. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that you should often recite **لا حول ولا قوة الا بالله** (Translation: There is no power nor strength except by Allah).

➤ It is narrated by Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra) that he once asked the Holy Prophet (sa) that what is the highest level of faith? The Holy Prophet (sa) said that superior faith is that you love and hate for the sake of Allah and keep your tongue busy in remembrance of Allah. Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra) inquired if there is anything else. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that you should like for others what you like for yourself and dislike for others what you dislike for yourself.

➤ In a narration, it is mentioned that once the Holy Prophet (sa) said to Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra) that do you know the rights of Allah over human beings? Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra) said that Allah and His Messenger know best. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that His right is that people should worship him and not associate any partners with Him. Then, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that do you know the rights of human beings over God? Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra) said that Allah and His Messenger know best. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that their right is that He should not inflict them with the punishment of the hereafter.