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Summary Friday sermon (20/11/2020)

Mentioning about Hazrat 'Auf bin Haris (ra), Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) stated:

- He belonged to Ansar of Medina. He was the brother of Hazrat Ma'az and Hazrat Mu'wiz. He was among the first six Ansar who came to Mecca to perform the Bai'at of the Holy Prophet (sa).

- There is a narration recorded at the occasion of the battle of Badr that Hazrat 'Auf asked the Holy Prophet (sa) that what is it that pleases Allah? The Holy Prophet (sa) said that what pleases Allah is for a person to be engaged in battle and fight with bravery even without his armor. Hence, it is recorded about Hazrat 'Auf that he fought courageously in the battle and was martyred at the hands of Abu Jahal.

- Next, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) narrated about Hazrat Abu Ayyub Ansari (ra). He belonged to the Khazraj tribe of Medina. His real name was Khalid. He accepted Islam with 70 other individuals at the occasion of the second Bait-e-Aqba in Mecca. He was alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in all battles.

- After the migration of the Holy Prophet (sa) to Medina, until the construction of his own house, he stayed at the residence of Hazrat Abu Ayyub. At this time, many people desired for the Holy Prophet (sa) to stay with them. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aa) mentioned the details of why and how Hazrat Abu Ayyub was chosen by the Holy Prophet (sa).

- Moreover, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) related about the hospitality of Hazrat Abu Ayyub and how he took care of the Holy Prophet (sa) for seven months with due diligence. In the beginning, the Holy Prophet (sa) preferred to stay on the main floor of the house, while Hazrat Abu Ayyub was on the second floor. However, due to his love of the Prophet (sa) and to take care of him, Hazrat Abu Ayyub requested the Holy Prophet (sa) and thus shifted him to the top floor.

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) narrated an incident of his love for the Holy Prophet (sa). When the Holy Prophet (sa) married Hazrat Safiya, Hazrat Abu Ayyub decided to stand guard during the night outside the camp of the Holy Prophet (sa). In the morning, when the Holy Prophet (sa) saw him, he inquired about it. Hazrat Abu Ayyub said that I was afraid for you in regard to this woman (Hazrat Safiya) as her family and tribe have recently been defeated. Hearing this, the Holy Prophet (sa) prayed: 'O Allah, protect Abu Ayyub as he protected me the entire night'.

- Hazrat Abu Ayyub narrated that the Holy Prophet (sa) stated that whoever dies in a condition that he did not associate any partners with Allah, he will enter paradise. According to a narration, Hazrat Abu Ayyub passed away in 52 Hijrah while he was part of the expedition of Yazeed

bin Mu'awiya to conquer Constantinople. As per his will, he was buried close to modern day city of Istanbul.