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Summary of Friday sermon(04/12/2020)

Mentioning about Hazrat Ali (ra), Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) stated:

- Today, I will continue to narrate about Hazrat Ali (ra). Speaking about Muakhaat or establishing bonds of brotherhood, Hazoor-e-Anwar (atba) mentioned that history records two such incidents; one before migration to Medina and one after. On both occasions, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to Hazrat Ali (ra) that you are my brother both in this world and in the hereafter.

- Hazrat Ali was alongside the Holy Prophet (sa) in all battles except the battle of Tabuk when he was left behind to take care of people. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) mentioned some narrations of Hazrat Ali's bravery at the occasion of the battle of Badr.

- During one such expedition, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to Hazrat Ali (ra) that should I not tell you about two worst persons. He replied yes. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that one is that individual from the nation of Thamud who harmed the camel of Prophet Salih (as) and the second will be the one who will attack your head until your beard will be filled with blood.

- Hazrat Ali narrates that on the occasion of the battle of Badr, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to me and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) that one of you is accompanied by Angel Gabriel and the other by Angel Mikael.

- Hazrat Ali narrates that the Holy Prophet (sa) continued to pray fervently with pain during the battle of Badr. Seeing his pain, it made Hazrat Abu Bakr very restless. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) said to him that may my parents be sacrificed for you! Do not worry, Allah will certainly fulfill his promises.

- Hazrat Ali was married to Hazrat Fatimah in the second year of Hijrah. Before this, Hazrat Abu Bakr and then Hazrat Umar had asked for her hand in marriage. However, the Holy Prophet (sa) stayed quiet as he wished her to be married to Hazrat Ali (ra).

- When Hazrat Ali (ra) came to the Holy Prophet (sa) and sought the hand of Hazrat Fatimah in marriage, the Holy Prophet (sa) asked him if he had anything to offer in dowry. Hazrat Ali replied that all he had was his horse and armor. The Holy Prophet (sa) deemed the horse as necessary but

instructed him to sell his armor to arrange some dowry. Before marriage, the Holy Prophet (sa) also asked Hazrat Ali to arrange a separate dwelling where he could reside with Hazrat Fatimah.

➤ Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) stated that this shows us that the amount of dowry should be such which should be readily paid. It should not be that such amounts or promises are made which are impossible to fulfill or require a very long time. This gives rise to many issues.

➤ Then, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) mentioned different narrations about the marriage of Hazrat Ali and Hazrat Fatimah. At the time of marriage, the Holy Prophet (sa) prayed for her daughter that O Allah, seeking protection from Satan, I entrust my daughter and her progeny to you.

➤ On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (sa) asked Hazrat Ali that do you and Hazrat Fatimah offer Tahajjud prayers? Hazrat Ali (ra) replied that we try in this regard; however, sometimes we are not able to get up as per the will of God. The Holy Prophet (sa) advised them to be regular in Tahajjud prayers and expressed disappointment that Hazrat Ali attributed his own weakness in this regard to the will of God.

➤ Once, Hazrat Fatimah requested the Holy Prophet (sa) that a servant should be provided to her to aid in housework. The Holy Prophet (sa) refused at that time. He then advised them both that should I not tell you something which is better for both of you than a servant. Before going to bed, you should recite Allahu Akbar 34 times, Alhamdulillah 33 times and Subhan-Allah 33 times.