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Summary of Friday sermon(18/12/2020)

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

- During his last sickness, the Holy Prophet (sa) sought permission from his wives and permanently took residence in the house of Hazrat Aisha (ra). During this time, Hazrat Ali (ra) and Hazrat Abbas (ra) took care of the Holy Prophet (sa). It is narrated that Hazrat Abbas (ra) advised Hazrat Ali (ra) to seek guidance from the Holy Prophet (sa) regarding caliphate. However, Hazrat Ali (ra) refused to do so.

- Following his death, Hazrat Ali, Hazrat Fazal and Hazrat Usama bathed the blessed body of the Holy Prophet (sa). There are different narrations about Hazrat Ali's Bai'at of Hazrat Abu Bakr. Some say that this was done instantly, while others claim that this was done after some time. In one narration, it is mentioned that during the time of one Bai'at, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) did not find Hazrat Ali (ra) in front of him. Hence, he called for Hazrat Ali. Upon his arrival, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) said O son of the uncle of the Prophet, do you wish to weaken the strength of Muslims? Hazrat Ali responded that O Khalifa of the Holy Prophet (sa), do not chastise me and then took part in Bai'at.

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aa) stated that seeing all the narrations, it seems that Hazrat Ali (ra) had taken the Bai'at of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) right away. The Promised Messiah (as) states that some narrations mention that Hazrat Ali (ra) showed some reluctance in accepting the Bai'at of Hazrat Abu Bakr. However, soon after going home, he returned and took his Bai'at. It seems that his heart must have received this inclination that this was a grave sin. Hence, he returned instantly and performed the Bai'at.

- The Promised Messiah (as) explained that some people use harsh words for Hazrat Abu Bakr and the first three Caliphs (ra). In response, he said that this would prove that Hazrat Ali (ra) was among the hypocrites and was inclined towards materialistic gains. He continued to support these disbelievers and usurpers for 30 years. He continuously supported Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar. If he was aware of their disbelief, why did he not migrate? He should have migrated and raised armies to fight them.

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) stated that Hazrat Ali (ra) continued to present his services during the era of the first three Caliphs. Following the death of the Holy Prophet (sa), many hypocrites rebelled, joined false claimants of prophethood such as Musailma and Tulaiha, and vowed to attack Medina. During this time, under the leadership of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), Hazrat Ali (ra) presented his services.

➤ Similarly, during the war with Persians in the Khilafat of Hazrat Umar (ra) and during agitations in the era of Hazrat Usman (ra), Hazrat Ali (ra) continued to present his services and stood by the Caliphs. For example, it is mentioned in one narration that Hazrat Usman (ra) once asked Hazrat Ali (ra) that what is the reason and cause of these agitations and problems that we face? Hazrat Ali candidly replied that this is the result of the actions of the workers you have appointed. Hazrat Usman (ra) replied that I followed the footsteps of Hazrat Umar (ra). Hazrat Ali said that this is correct. However, Hazrat Umar (ra) was very strict, while you tend to be over lenient at times.

➤ When the enemies attacked Hazrat Usman and surrounded his house, Hazrat Ali (ra) did everything for his protection and even sent his own sons to guard his home. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aa) explained the incidents of martyrdom of Hazrat Usman (ra) and election of Hazrat Ali (ra) in detail.

➤ At the end, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) urged prayers for Ahmadis of Algeria and Pakistan that may Allah protect them and punish the enemies.