

# بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

Summary of Friday sermon(01/01/2021)

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

- Explaining the incidents of the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali (ra), Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) explains that the Khawaarij had decided to murder all of the influential people. This list included Hazrat Ali (ra), Hazrat Muawiya (ra) and Hazrat Amr bin al-Aas (ra).
- They were not able to martyr Hazrat Muawiya and Hazrat Amr. However, Hazrat Ali was severely injured and later died as a result of an attack at the time of Fajr prayer. Before attacking Hazrat Ali, his attacker announced that O Ali, it is not your right to be obeyed in every matter as this right only belongs to Allah.
- The Holy Prophet (sa) had foretold the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali. He once said to Hazrat Ali that do you know the worst person among those who have passed and those will come later on? Hazrat Ali (ra) replied that Allah and His Messenger know best. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the worst person among those who have passed was the person who cut off the legs of Prophet Saleh's camel. And among those who will come later on, it will be the person who will attack you with a spear.
- Before his death, Hazrat Ali (ra) left a will for his family. Some of the points from this will are as follows: I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship save Allah and Muhammad (sa) is His Messenger whom he sent with the true faith. O Hasan, I advise you and the members of family to fear Allah. Take care of your relatives as mutual harmony is better than offering voluntary prayers. Guard the rights of your neighbors. Fear Allah in the matter of following the Holy Quran, offering prayers, paying Zakat and carrying out Jihad for the sake of Allah. Fear Allah in respect of the poor and give them a share of your wealth. Guard the prayer. Do not be afraid of anyone in attaining the pleasure of Allah. Speak good to the people. Never abandon enjoining good and forbidding from evil. If you do so, the worst of you will become your rulers.
- When Hazrat Ali (ra) passed away, Hazrat Hassan addressed the people and said: O people, tonight, such a person has passed away that no one was able to excel him in past and no one can attain his status in future. When the Holy Prophet (sa) sent him on any expedition, Gabriel was on his right and Mikael was on his left and he would not return until Allah had granted him victory. His funeral prayer was led by Hazrat Hasan (ra).
- The Holy Prophet (sa) once said that I am the city of knowledge and Ali is its door. In another Hadith, he states that the paradise is keen on receiving 3 people: Ali, Ammar and Salman. At another

instance, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to Hazrat Ali (ra) that Allah has made you such that you do not partake anything of this world and the world does not take anything from you.

➤ Today is the first day of the new year. We should pray that this year is blessed for the Jama'at and the entire world. May Allah enable us to turn towards God even more so than before and enable the world as well to recognize the purpose of its creation. May they not be those who violate each other's rights! We have been facing a deadly pandemic for almost a year now. However, it seems that the majority of people are not inclined to accept that this pandemic might be a warning from God for mankind to reform their ways. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aa) said he recently sent letters to various world leaders in which he drew their attention to the fact that such calamities come about from becoming unmindful of God and growing in injustice. Though some leaders replied, their replies were limited to the worldly aspect of this crisis, they failed to acknowledge the aspect of God and faith which His Holiness (aba) had mentioned.

➤ It will only be right to congratulate one another on the new year once we do our part in warning the world. In order to do this, we must first analyze ourselves. For us, who have accepted the Messiah of the age, are we doing our part in fulfilling the rights owed to God, and then for His sake, fulfilling the rights owed to His people. Thus, every Ahmadi must ponder and realize that they have the responsibility of a great task, the fulfilment of which calls for them to first establish a loving community amongst Ahmadis. May Allah enable us to do so!

➤ Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) also urged for prayers for Ahmadis of Algeria and Pakistan. He said that our enemies continue to perpetrate injustices against us, however we believe in a God Who is the Greatest Helper. When that help manifests, then not a remnant remains of those who perpetrate such acts.