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Summary of Friday sermon(22/01/2021)

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

➤ For the next few weeks, I will narrate about Hazrat Usman (ra). He did not physically participate in the battle of Badr. However, he was among those eight fortunate individuals who were given a portion from the spoils of this war by the Holy Prophet (sa). Hence, he is counted among the Badri companions. He was approximately five years younger than the Holy Prophet (sa).

➤ He was known by the title of Zun-Nurain (possessor of two lights) because he married two daughters of the Holy Prophet (sa). In Mecca, the Holy Prophet (sa) had married his daughter, Hazrat Ruqayyah, to you. She passed away in the days of the battle of Badr. After her death, the Holy Prophet (sa) married his daughter, Hazrat Umme-Kulsum, to you. According to another narration, the reason for this title (ZunNurain) was that he used to abundantly recite Quran in his Tahajjud prayers. Since Quran is Nur (light) and Tahajjud is Nur, hence, he received this title.

➤ Acceptance of Islam: It is mentioned that once Hazrat Usman and Hazrat Talha followed Hazrat Zubair and came in the company of the Holy Prophet (sa). The Holy Prophet (sa) presented the message of Islam and recited Quran in front of them. They both accepted Islam. Then, Hazrat Usman (ra) said to the Holy Prophet (sa) that on his recent journey to Syria, he heard a person announcing: O people, wake up from your slumber as Ahmad has been sent in this world.

➤ After accepting Islam, Hazrat Usman had to suffer many difficulties and persecution. His paternal uncle was particularly oppressive towards him and tied him up with ropes asking how he could leave the faith of his ancestors. He vowed not to release Hazrat Usman (ra) unless he renounced Islam. However, Hazrat Usman was not prepared to do so under any circumstance. At last, his uncle had to free him.

➤ The marriage of the daughters of the Holy Prophet (sa), Hazrat Ruqayyah and her sister, had been decided with the two sons of Abu Lahab, Utbah and Utaibah. However, following the revelation of Surah Lahab, Abu Lahab broke off this engagement prior to marriage. Following this, Hazrat Usman (ra) married Hazrat

Ruqayyah (ra). To save themselves from persecution and oppression, they both migrated towards Abyssinia. They later returned to Mecca and then migrated to Medina with Muslims. Once, the Holy Prophet (sa) advised Hazrat Ruqayyah (ra): O my daughter, be very courteous towards him as he resembles me most in my morals among my companions.

- Following the death of Hazrat Ruqayyah (ra) soon after the battle of Badr, the Holy Prophet (sa) once met Hazrat Usman (ra) near the door of the mosque. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that Angel Gabriel has informed me that God has declared the marriage of Hazrat Umme-Kulsum with you. Few days after their marriage, the Holy Prophet (sa) asked his daughter, Hazrat Umme-Kulsum, about her husband and how he treated her. She replied that he is an excellent husband. Hazrat Umme-Kulsum passed away in the ninth year of Hijrah.

- It is mentioned in some narrations that following the death of Hazrat Umme-Kulsum (ra), people saw the Holy Prophet (sa) sitting by her grave while shedding tears. On one occasion, he stated that if I had a third daughter, I would have married her to Hazrat Usman. This was a way of showing his love and reverence for Hazrat Usman (ra).

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aa) urged for prayers for the Ahmadis of Pakistan and Algeria.