

Summary Friday Sermon 5 March 2021

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After Tashahhud, Ta'awwaz and the recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah, Huzur-e-Anwar said:

Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) has told us in detail regarding the deception against Hazrat Usman (ra). Not a single person from Medina was in favour of this rebellion, with the exception of three people, who were: Mohamad bin Abu Bakr, Mohammad bin Huzaifa and Ammaar bin Yassir.

Hazrat Usman (ra) used to say that these people who are sworn enemies do not realize that if they succeed in eliminating me, it will cause a lot of bloodshed. History is a witness to the fact that he was right.

At that point Medina had become a city of war rather than a city of peace. Nobody was safe. When Hazrat Ali (ra) tried to reason with the deceivers, that they shouldn't detain the delivery of food and water to Hazrat Usman's (ra) house, as this was against the teachings of Islam, they refused to listen to him. Even though they used to consider him the true heir of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Hazrat Musleh Maoud (ra) says that them not listening to Hazrat Ali (ra) proves that their actual motive was to gain power against the Caliphate. They were not truly loyal to Hazrat Ali (ra).

In this dire time, Hazrat Usman (ra) wrote a letter to all the governors of all provinces in which he stated, "I was made Caliph without my personal desire. And I acted exactly as the Caliphs before me. I did not change anything in the religion but a few people were provoked to cause mischief and they have started the rebellion. I have kept quiet but these people have ever grown in their mischief. So I now ask that all of you should make arrangements to help contain the rebellions."

Similarly, Hazrat Usman (ra) sent out a message to all those that came for pilgrimage. He stated that, "I remind you of all the blessing bestowed upon us by Allah. There are some people causing mischief these days. I have even accepted their demand that the governors of provinces be changed but they have refused to back down. The fact is that these people want to destroy the Muslim

Ummah. They do not seem to care that the Caliph is chosen by Allah Almighty as He says in the Quran”:

“Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth”.

Hazrat Usman’s (ra) letter was read during the Hajj proceedings, after which all people decided wage jihad after Hajj and put an end to the rebellion in Egypt as well as other provinces. When the rebels of Medina heard this they decided to attack immediately. At that point Hazrat Usman (ra) gathered people and said, “Oh people of Medina! I deliver your fate unto Allah . May Allah Almighty provide you with a better caliphate after me.” Hazrat Usman (ra) made everybody promise that they will not fight and ordered them to return to their houses. A number of people obeyed his orders; however some others decided that if they were to leave the Caliph alone at this point, this would not be obedience. So Hazrat Ali (ra), Hazrat Talha (ra), Hazrat Zubair (ra) and his sons stayed by the Caliph’s side and kept fighting the rebellion till the last moment. Huzur-e-Anwar said that the details of these events will be relayed later.

At the end of the sermon, Huzur-e-Anwar urged to pray for the Ahmadi’s of Pakistan. He spoke of the good deeds of some of the deceased and he announced their Prayer in Absentia.