

## **Summary Friday Sermon 12 March 2021**

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

Hazrat Usman (ra) performed his last Hajj one year before his demise. By then the rebellion had started in full swing and Hazrat Amir Muawiya (ra) had already taken notice of it. Hazrat Amir Muawiya (ra) suggested to Hazrat Usman (ra) accompanying him to Shaam (Syria) where the situation was much better. To which Hazrat Usman (ra) replied, "I would never like to be away from where the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is present". Hazrat Amir Muawiya (ra) then asked for his permission to leave a regiment of the Syrian army for his protection. To which Hazrat Usman (ra) replied, "I cannot burden the treasury with this expenditure only for my protection". Hazrat Amir Muawiya (ra) then suggested spreading out the disciples of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who were living in Medina into different areas [to break the opponent's strength]. But Hazrat Usman (ra) said that he would not like to scatter them since they were living together because of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Hazrat Amir Muawiya (ra) then asked Hazrat Usman (ra) to at least announce that if something should happen to them, Amir Muawiya would then have the right of vengeance. To which Hazrat Usman (ra) replied, "I know that you are a very strict person and hence I fear that you will handle these people with a strict hand, so I would not announce this". Hazrat Amir Muawiya (ra) became very distressed upon hearing this and started crying and said, "that this means this might be my last meeting with you".

Hazrat Musleh-e-Maoud (ra) said that when the rebellions took over, they sent a person towards Hazrat Usman (ra) as a final resort and asked him to retire from the caliphate. This was because the rebels thought that if Hazrat Usman (ra) leaves the caliphate himself, Muslims will not be able to or have a chance to bestow punishment upon him. When the messenger gave this message to Hazrat Usman (ra), he said that, "I was pious even in the dark times and never disobeyed a commandant after accepting Islam. I have not committed any crime which would justify me leaving my post of Caliph, something which has been given to me by Allah Almighty. I will never take off this shirt that has been put on me by Allah Almighty".

After the martyrdom of Hazrat Usman (ra), the rebels also misbehaved with this wife and Hazrat Aisha (ra). Huzur-e-Anwar gave details regarding the date of Hazrat Usman's (ra) martyrdom and his burial with the help of different narratives. In the end Huzur-e-Anwar announced some prayers in absentia.