

Summary Friday Sermon 19 March 2021

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

We were discussing Hazrat Usman (ra). Hazrat Musleh Maoud(ra) described the circumstances after his martyrdom and stated, "The city of Medina was now in the hands of the people who had martyred Hazrat Usman (ra). They had started doing strange things in the city. It went to the extent that they refused to allow the burial of Hazrat Usman (ra) to take place. Finally some of the disciples of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) decided to carry out the burial. The people who martyred Hazrat Usman (ra) tried to stop them but the disciples of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) replied to them in strict tones and said that, "if you try to hinder this we will deal with you in a strict manner." This scared them off and they allowed the burial procedure to continue.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) had made some prophecies regarding Hazrat Usman (ra). Hazrat Abu Moosah Ash'ari (ra) writes, I was once in a garden together with the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and this was one of the many gardens of Medina Munawara. While we were there, a person came there and asked for the door to be opened. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) asked for the gate to be opened and the person to be let in. He said, 'give him the good news of being a *jannati* (to be accepted into Heaven)'. This person was Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). When I gave him the good news, as delivered by the Holy Prophet (pbuh), he thanked Allah Almighty for this. Then another person came to the garden. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) instructed for the gate to be opened and to tell him as well, give him the good news that he is a *jannati*. When the door was opened, Hazrat Umar (ra) stood there. I then gave him the good news as delivered by the Holy Prophet (pbuh), upon which he thanked Allah Almighty.

Similarly there was a third person who came to the door and asked for the gate to be opened and to enter the garden. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) allowed this and he said, "give him the news that he will face a difficult event coming towards him with great patience, because of which he will enter Jannah". When I opened the door it was Hazrat Usman (ra) and I gave him the good news as delivered by the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Upon hearing this he thanked Allah Almighty and said, "Indeed Allah is the only helper".

Hazrat Anas (ra) states that when the Holy Prophet (pbuh) climbed the mountain of Ahad, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), Hazrat Umar (ra) and Hazrat Usman (ra) were with him. The mountain of Ahad started to shake and the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said, "Oh Ahad, stand still. There is a prophet, a siddique and two martyrs standing upon you." Hazrat Ibne Umar (ra) says that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) once told of a mischief and referred to Hazrat Usman (ra) saying, "this person will pass away while being innocent". When Hazrat Usman (ra) was martyred he had 300 million dinars as property. These were all looted by the rebels. He had left 1000 camels at the place of Ribda. 200,000 dirham was to be given as sadqa. Huzur says, according to a narration, Hazrat Usman (ra) said, 'I have two camels that I have kept for Hajj'. It is possible

that all the wealth mentioned above was part of the treasury and the writer mistakenly identified it as his personal wealth. There is a prayer found in the writings which the Holy Prophet (pbuh) offered for all of his sons-in-law. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) offered this prayer at one incident, 'may Allah never send the person to the fires of hell who is my son-in-law or to whom I am son-in-law. The name of Hazrat Usman (ra) is also one of ten disciples of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who received the news of being a *jannati* while still alive. Regarding his companionship, it is written that Hazrat Talha bin Obaid (ra) says, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) once said that every prophet has a companion and in Heaven Hazrat Usman (ra) is my companion.

When Masjid Nabwi was being extended, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) asked different disciples of his to lay the bricks. He asked Hazrat Usman (ra) as well, to put the bricks of the mosque. Hazrat Usman (ra) had bought and donated a piece of land for the extension of the mosque. When this incident took place the Holy Prophet (pbuh) had asked, "is there someone who will purchase a piece of land for Allah's house and donate it so that Allah will make a house for him on the day of Judgment?" and Hazrat Usman (ra) complied; He also bought a well of sweet water for the Muslims of Medina and donated it to them.

At the end of the sermon, Huzur-e-Awar mentioned some of the deceased and spoke over their good deeds. He also announced their funeral in absentia.