

## Summary Friday Sermon 9 April 2021

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After Tashahhud, Ta'awwaz and the recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah, Huzur-e-Anwar continued on the topic of Hazrat Usman (ra). He said:

According to the writings, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was considered the most senior disciple of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). After him, Hazrat Umar (ra) was in second place and after him, Hazrat Usman (ra). Once Hazrat Ali (ra) was asked who were considered the most senior disciples of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), to which he replied, "Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), after him Hazrat Umar (ra) and after him Hazrat Usman (ra)".

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) had a deep connection with Hazrat Usman (ra). It is written that once the Holy Prophet (pbuh) did not pray the funeral prayer for someone. When the disciples asked him about this, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) replied, "This person had feelings of animosity in his heart for Hazrat Usman (ra), due to which Allah Almighty was not pleased with him". While speaking about the two *adhaans* (call to prayer) of Friday prayers, Huzur-e-Anwar said that the custom of giving adhaan twice had started during the caliphate of Hazrat Usman (ra). Before that the Iman used to sit next to *mimber*. When the Muslim population increased in number it was decided that a second adhaan would be given outside of the mosque.

Once during the caliphate of Hazrat Usman (ra), while he was giving the Eid sermon which took place on a Friday, he said, "Today we have combined two festivities". Hazrat Usman (ra) said that any person who would like to pray both Eid and Jummah prayers can do so and those who only want to pray the Eid prayers may also do so.

Once while Hazrat Usman (ra) was doing ablution, he started smiling. He then said, "I once saw the Holy Prophet (pbuh) doing so and he said that any person who asks for water to do ablution and washes his face, this will result in washing away the sins of his face. This same rule applies to the other body parts as well".

Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as) says, "No one can reach true piety until he does not follow Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), Hazrat Umar (ra), Hazrat Usman (ra) and Hazrat Ali (ra) completely. These were the people who left aside all worldly bounties and worked for Allah's cause and for Islam". Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as) also said that after the demise of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), Islam was spread and flourished during the times of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), Hazrat Umar (ra) and Hazrat Usman (ra).

Huzur-e-Anwar said that, with this we end the sermons regarding the pious life of Hazrat Usman (ra). Next time we will speak of Hazrat Umar (ra).

Huzur-e-Anwar inaugurated the new website of the Holy Quran and its search engine and also asked to pray for the Ahmadi's of Pakistan and Algeria. In the end Huzur-e-Anwar spoke of some of the deceased and announced their prayers in absentia.