

Summary Friday Sermon 11 June 2021

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

We were discussing Hazrat Umar r.a. It is written that during the time of the Peacekeeping of Hudaibiya, when the Quraish broke their side of the deal, Abu Sufyan, who was the leader of the Quraish came to Medina and tried to revive the deal. First he went to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and after that to Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a. but they both refused. After that he went to Hazrat Umar r.a. who said to him, "You expect me to speak for you in front of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)? I swear upon God that even if I would be left with a piece of a stick I would still use it to fight you people".

It is written with regards to the Battle of Tabuk that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) asked Muslims to offer financial sacrifices. Hazrat Umar (ra) had some wealth. He thought, if there was ever a time that I could take precedence over Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a., this is that day. So he took half of the possessions in his house and brought them to the Holy Prophet (pbuh). When the Holy Prophet (pbuh) asked him, what have you left behind for your family? Hazrat Umar r.a. replied, I have left half the wealth at home. At this time Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a. arrived with all his wealth. The Holy prophet (pbuh) asked him the same question to which he replied, "I have left Allah and his Holy Prophet behind for my family". Hazrat Umar r.a. used to say, that was the day I realized I would never be able to take precedence over Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a.

While Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud a.s. was speaking of this event he said, there was a time when people used to sacrifice their lives like sheep for Allah. Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a. sacrificed all his wealth more than once and Hazrat Umar r.a. and Hazrat Usman r.a. offered similar sacrifices depending on their capability. Similarly, almost all the disciples of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) were always ready to sacrifice their lives and their wealth for the sake of Islam. Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud a.s. says, 'Then there are those who accept me and take Bai'at and swear that they will give religion preference over this world but when the time comes to make financial sacrifices they close their pockets and keep them closed. There is no religion that can achieve its goals with such people. Can such

people be beneficial for the religion? Not at all. Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran: 'Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love;' [3:93]

Hazrat Umar r.a. received a great shock at the time of the demise of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and while he was in this state he said, I swear upon Allah, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) has not passed away. Allah Almighty will give him life again. Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a. was not present at the time but when he returned he kissed the Holy Prophet and said, may my parents sacrifice themselves upon you. After that Hazrat Abu Bakr r.a. made a small speech and he said, “Hear me, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) has passed away and those who worship Allah should know that He (meaning Allah) is alive and will never, ever die”. After this he recited a verse of the Holy Quran :

'And Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily, *all* Messengers have passed away before him' [3:145].

It is recorded in History that when the people heard this they wept greatly, as if they never knew that this verse existed in the Holy Quran and they started reciting this verse at that point.

The Promised Messiah (as) has used this event and this verse several times in order to support his argument regarding the demise of Hazrat Isa (as).