

## **Summary Friday Sermon 25 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 (ra). There was a very interesting event in his life. When you read about it, you will discover how the Islamic Government took care of its citizens at the time. Once, Hazrat Umar (ra) was doing rounds of the city of Medina along with his servant named Aslam. He saw a woman boiling water at a burner with her children who were crying of hunger. She was boiling water on the burner so the children would be distracted and then eventually sleep. Hazrat Umar (ra) greeted her and asked her if he could come nearer. The woman did not recognize him and said, if you come in peace, come forward, otherwise leave. When Hazrat Umar (ra) asked (about her circumstance), she told him that “we have stopped here because of the cold weather at night. My children are crying of hunger”.

After that, the woman started to complain about the leader of the Muslims (Hazrat Umar r.a. himself). Hazrat Umar (ra) asked her, how can Umar know anything of your state all by himself? To which she answered, he is our leader and responsible for our affairs. On the Day of Judgment Allah Almighty will decide who is on the right. Hazrat Umar (ra) returned back quickly, collected some food and put it in a sack. He asked his servant to help him pick up the sack at which the servant offered to pick it up for Hazrat Umar (ra). But Hazrat Umar (ra) wanted to pick the sack up by himself. The servant offered two, three times to pick it up but Hazrat Umar (ra) replied, bless you, but will you pick up my burdens on the Day of Judgment as well? So Hazrat Umar (ra) took the food back to this woman and even helped them cook. The children ate and filled their bellies.

When Hazrat Umar (ra) was about to leave, the woman thanked him and said that, you are even better than the leader of the Muslims in this regard. To which he replied, say something nice when you will come to meet the leader of the Muslims, you will find me there, inshaAllah. After that Hazrat Umar (ra) sat aside and kept watching the children until they had eaten and fallen sleep. Once

they were asleep Hazrat Umar (ra) thanked God and said to his servant, “oh Aslam, I did not want to leave until I had seen them at ease”.

There is a similar event written of Hazrat Umar (ra). While doing his rounds of Medina he heard a child crying in a tent. He came close to the tent and asked the mother what was wrong. He found out that although the child was very young and of the age that he should be fed by the mother, the mother was attempting to avoid this and feed him normal food because Amir-ul-Momineen (the emir of the believers) had not allotted payment for young children who were still fed by their mothers, based on the fact that these babies play no role in the workings of the nation. Hence, Hazrat Umar’s (ra) first idea was that the children who were being fed by their mothers, remained the responsibility of their mothers. After seeing this, Hazrat Umar (ra) quickly returned and collected the items that were needed by this woman and brought them back to her. It is recorded in history that on that day, when Hazrat Umar (ra) prayed, he cried a lot, to the extent that the followers were unable to understand the recitation of the Holy Quran. After that it was announced by the Caliph that people should not try to stop their young children from being fed by the mothers in haste. We will pay severance to all children who are born.

At one instance Hazrat Umar (ra) said to Hazrat Ali (ra), “Oh Ali even if a small sheep fell into the river of Firaat and was wasted, Umar will be asked about it on the day of Judgment”.

At the end Huzur-e-Anwar spoke of some of the deceased and announced their prayers in absentia.