

Summary Friday Sermon 9 July 2021

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

We are still on the topic of Hazrat Umar (ra). During the time of his caliphate, Hazrat Umar (ra) established the system of Qada, which is the Islamic system of the justice department. He appointed judges (Qazi's) in different areas. Hazrat Umar (ra) advised all the qazis that justice should prevail in every possible condition. It is recorded in history that Hazrat Umar (ra) and Hazrat Abi bin Kaab (ra) had a dispute, which was presented in front of a qazi. When Hazrat Umar (ra) entered the court, the qazi stood up out of respect for the caliph and left his place for him. However, Hazrat Umar (ra) said that this is against justice and he chose to not sit there and instead sat along the other party, Hazrat Abi bin Qaab (ra).

Hazrat Umar (ra) also established the system of Ifta, which is the plural form of fatwa (religious order). Scholars were chosen for this department and purpose so that they would give their decisions and fatawa on different aspects in different issues. Hazrat Umar (ra) instructed that only the people who have been nominated as Muftiyaan, (plural of mufti) of this Ifta Department, have the right to issue a fatwa so that the common people would not have any sort of doubt in their hearts regarding the fatawa.

Hazrat Umar (ra) also established the office of the treasury. Before his caliphate, the system was that any wealth that would be received would be distributed amongst all people. During the caliphate of Hazrat Umar (ra), huge amounts of money was received from Bahrain and at that point Hazrat Umar (ra) took advise from his companions and it was decided that there should be an office of treasury that should be established so it could be used to keep this money safe and any other money that would be received. There should also be a security system for it. After that, this department was erected in all other areas. Hazrat Umar (ra) constructed buildings for this purpose and also appointed security guards for them.

It is written that Hazrat Usman (ra) once saw a person walking in severe heat. Once he approached them he realized it was Amir ul Momineen Hazrat Umar

(ra). When Hazrat Usman (ra) asked him why he was walking around in such warm weather, Hazrat Umar (ra) replied, “The treasury department has lost one of its camels and I’m looking for it”. Hazrat Umar (ra) did a lot of things for the betterment and ease of life of the common people. For example, he established a system of canals so that water would be more accessible to people. He constructed a lot of buildings such as mosques, courts, offices, guest houses. He constructed security posts around Medina Munawara where guards would stand on duty.

Hazrat Umar (ra) also started the system of an Islamic Army. He always used to take care of the fact that the soldiers were given all sorts training for character building. It’s recorded in history that during his time, even non-Arab and non-Muslim people were designated higher posts. Similarly all sorts of people were given high posts in the army. Huzur-e-Anwar said, in Pakistan the Ahmadis have always served their country and made huge sacrifices during wars but we see today that Ahamdis are kept away from the army. Hazrat Umar (ra) also started an official Hijri calendar (Islamic calendar) and it was decided that this calendar would start from the day that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) migrated because the time of the Holy Prophets (phuh) birth or the date that he was given prophethood were not known with certainty.

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