

Summary Friday Sermon 10 September 2021

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After Tashahhud, Ta'awwaz and the recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah, Huzur-e-Anwar proceeded on with the topic of the wars fought during the time of Hazrat Umar (ra).

He spoke of several battles won by Muslims against the Romans which include the Battles of Damascus, Fahl, Tabariyyah, Lazica, Qinnasrin and Caesarea.

Huzur-e-Anwar said that after winning the battle of Fahl, Hazrat Umar (ra) instructed the Muslims to conquer Damascus first and to move onwards to Fahl after that. After the battle of Fahl was won and all lands were conquered, Hazrat Umar (ra) instructed that all lands should be returned to their original owners. Hence, after retaining some land for the purpose of building a mosque, all lands were returned to their owners.

Homs was another famous city which was conquered during the time of Hazrat Umar (ra). The people of Homs decided to fight against the Muslims but they lost the battle. It was winter time and the Romans had thought that the Muslims would not be able to fight during the cold weather. Even though the Romans had shoes made of leather and the Muslims did not, the Muslims fought bravely against the Romans and eventually defeated them. The Romans agreed to sign a treaty.

To conquer the city of Caesarea Hazrat Umar (ra) sent Yazid bin Abu Sufyan with a Muslim army of 17000. The Roman army attacked the Muslims but they were defeated and they lost almost 100000 soldiers. During this war, a disciple of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was encouraging the Muslims. His name was Hazat Ubadah bin Samit (ra). Eventually the Muslims won the war.

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