

Summary Friday Sermon October 29, 2021

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After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that Hazrat Umar (ra) was among those to whom the Holy Prophet (sa) had given the glad tidings of paradise.

His Holiness (aba) said that once, the Holy Prophet (sa) was in an orchard, when someone came to the door and asked to enter. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the door should be opened, and the person at the door should be given the glad tidings of paradise. When the door opened, it was Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), and he was conveyed these glad tidings. Then another person came to the door, and the Holy Prophet (sa) said the same thing. This time, it was Hazrat Umar (ra) and these glad tidings were conveyed to him. Then, a third person came to the door, and the Holy Prophet (sa) said that he should be given the glad tidings of paradise, despite having to endure hardships. When the door was opened, it was Hazrat Uthman (ra), and these glad tidings were conveyed to him.

His Holiness (aba) said that on another occasion, the Holy Prophet (sa) saw a dream in which he was in paradise, and he saw a woman performing ablution beside a castle. He inquired who this castle belonged to, and he was told that it belonged to Hazrat Umar (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that the Holy Prophet (sa) stated that if there were to be a prophet right after him, it would be Hazrat Umar (ra). His Holiness (aba) clarified that the Holy Prophet (sa) was referring to the time right after his demise, otherwise, he had already stated that the latter-day messiah would be a prophet.

His Holiness (aba) said that there are those who are not prophets, but are blessed with converse with God. He said that among his people, Hazrat Umar (ra) was a *Muhaddith* (a person who receives many revelations). The Promised Messiah (as) explained that this did not mean that Hazrat Umar (ra) was the only *Muhaddith* from the nation of the Holy Prophet (sa). Rather, this meant that one could become a *Muhaddith* once they adopt the spirit and qualities of Hazrat Umar (ra). Thus, it was revealed to the Promised Messiah (as) that he was a *Muhaddith* and he had within him the spirit and qualities of Hazrat Umar (ra).

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who explained, that the rank of Hazrat Umar (ra) was so lofty, that at times he would say or suggest something, and soon after, a Qur'anic verse would be revealed to the Holy

Prophet (sa) which was directly in line with what Hazrat Umar (ra) had only recently said.

His Holiness (aba) said that he would lead the funeral prayer of Dr Taseer Mujtaba Sahib.