

Summary Friday Sermon November 26, 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) had great regard for those who had knowledge of the Holy Qur'an, no matter if they were young or old.

His Holiness (aba) said that once, someone came to Hazrat Umar (ra) and complained that he did not give people enough wealth, nor did he decide justly in matters of wealth. This upset Hazrat Umar (ra). One of his advisors, Hurr bin Qais, said that the following was instructed to the Holy Prophet (sa) in the Holy Qur'an:

“Take to forgiveness, and enjoin kindness, and turn away from the ignorant.” (7:200)

Hurr bin Qais said that this person was surely ignorant. Upon being reminded of these verses, Hazrat Umar (ra) did not take any action against that person.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Umar (ra) was extremely careful when it came to the wealth of the treasury. Once, Hazrat Umar (ra) was given some milk to drink which he very much liked. He asked where this milk had come from. The person told him that it had been given to him from the camels which had been given as Zakat. Upon hearing this, Hazrat Umar (ra) regurgitated the milk, saying he could not consume the wealth of Zakat.

His Holiness (aba) said that once, it was extremely hot outside, so much so that it would be difficult to get up and even open the door. In this heat, Hazrat Uthman (ra) was informed that there was someone walking outside. When that person drew near, Hazrat Uthman (ra) saw that it was Hazrat Umar (ra). Upon inquiring what he was doing outside in such extreme heat, Hazrat Umar (ra) said that a camel from the treasury had gotten loose and he was searching for it.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Umar (ra) would always be equitable. Once, a Jewish person and a Muslim person who were quarelling came to Hazrat Umar (ra). Hazrat Umar (ra) heard their case and felt that the Jewish man was in the right, and so he decided in his favour. On another occasion, an Egyptian man went to Hazrat Umar (ra) and said that he had raced the son of Hazrat Amr bin

‘Aas (ra) and beaten him in the race. Upon this, he started beating him, saying that he was the son of an esteemed person. Upon hearing this, Hazrat Umar (ra) summoned Hazrat Amr bin ‘Aas and his son, and then Hazrat Umar (ra) told the Egyptian that now he could strike the son of Hazrat Amr bin ‘Aas in return.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Umar (ra) was very forbearing. Once, he said in a sermon that if anyone saw any crookedness in him, then they should rectify it. A person stood up and said that if he found any crookedness in him, he would rectify it with his sword. Hazrat Umar (ra) thanked God that there was someone who would rectify him with his sword.

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who highlighted the esteemed rank of Hazrat Umar (ra) along with the other Rightly Guided Caliphs.