

Summary Friday Sermon December 24, 2021

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After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta`awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that he would continue highlighting incidents from the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was among those who accompanied the Holy Prophet (sa) to *Bai'at-e-Aqabah Thani* (The second pledge of allegiance at Aqabah). During this time, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was appointed along with Hazrat Ali (ra) to stand guard.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) also accompanied the Holy Prophet (sa) during his migration to Madinah. The Makkans had been severely persecuting the Muslims, and it was in light of this that the Muslims had to migrate. Based on a dream, the Holy Prophet (sa) initially thought that the migration was to be towards Yamama. However, later it became clear that the migration was meant to be towards Yathrib, later known as Madinah.

Madinah began accepting Islam, the Makkan Muslims were advised to migrate to Madinah. His Holiness (aba) said that the Holy Prophet (sa) was waiting for the command of God before migrating himself. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) asked permission to migrate, to which the Holy Prophet (sa) replied that he should wait, because soon he too may receive the commandment to migrate. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) started preparing two camels for this purpose.

His Holiness (aba) said that at the same time, the chieftains of Makkah were enraged at the fact that Muslims were fleeing. Thus, the chieftains convened to hatch a plot against the Holy Prophet (sa), because they did not wish for him to leave as well.

God informed the Holy Prophet (sa) about this plot, when He stated:

“And remember the time when the disbelievers plotted against thee that they might imprison thee or kill thee or expel thee. And they planned and Allah also planned, and Allah is the best of planners.” (8:31)

His Holiness (aba) said that upon receiving divine permission, the Holy Prophet (sa) began preparations to migrate. The Holy Prophet (sa) first went to the home of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), and informed him that he had received permission to migrate, and that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) would accompany him. Hazrat Abu Bakr

(ra) said that he had already prepared two camels for this purpose, one of which he would give to the Holy Prophet (sa). The Holy Prophet (sa) said that he would only take the camel after paying for it, and thus bought it from the Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) for 400 dirhams. It is written in history that Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) daughters prepared food for their journey.

His Holiness (aba) said that after making this plan and returning home, the Holy Prophet (sa) informed Hazrat Ali (ra) about his plan to migrate. He entrusted Hazrat Ali (ra) with the duty of spending that night in his bed, using the same blanket which he used. The Holy Prophet (sa) assured him that the enemy would not cause him any harm. He also instructed Hazrat Ali (ra) that he should return all the trusts which had been given to the Holy Prophet (sa), after which he should join him in Madinah.

His Holiness (aba) said that throughout this journey of migration, the Holy Prophet (sa) continued reciting the following:

**“O my Lord, make my entry a good entry and then make me come forth with a good forthcoming. And grant me from Thyself a helping power.”
(17:81)**

His Holiness (aba) said that as the Holy Prophet (sa) passed by the Ka'bah, he looked towards Makkah and addressed it, saying, “By God, of God's land, Makkah, you are the dearest to me, and of God's land, you are the dearest to God. Had your inhabitants not forced me to leave, I would never have left.”