

Summary Friday Sermon 14 Jan 2022

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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 the Makkans had set a reward for anyone who could capture the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), Thus, people such as Suraqah attempted to capture the Holy Prophet (sa) as he and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) were migrating. however, God rendered him unable to do so. Thus, he requested the Holy Prophet (sa) for security when he came into power. The Holy Prophet (sa) then foretold Suraqah that he would one day be wearing the bangles of Chosroes. Later, during the era of Hazrat Umar (ra), when Chosroes was overthrown, Hazrat Umar (ra) summoned Suraqah and gave him Chosroes' bangles, thus fulfilling the prophecy made by the Holy Prophet (sa).

His Holiness (aba) said that during the migration, the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) passed by the tent of a woman named Umm Ma'bad, and inquired whether she had any food, meat or dates which they could purchase from her, however, she did not have anything as her people were enduring times of hardship and famine. The Holy Prophet (sa) saw a goat in a corner of the tent and asked about it. Umm Ma'bad said that this goat was extremely weak, to the extent that it could not even produce milk. The Holy Prophet (sa) asked if he could try milking it. Thus, the Holy Prophet (sa) prayed, and then milked the goat, so much so that the entire group of people could drink its milk. The Holy Prophet (sa) gave Umm Ma'bad the milk and she drank to her fill, after which the Holy Prophet (sa) himself drank some. He then left a pail of milk with Umm Ma'bad, purchased the goat from her and continued on his journey.

His Holiness (aba) said that after eight days of traveling, they reached Quba' on a Monday, which is two to three miles from Madinah. The people of Madinah had heard about the Holy Prophet's (sa) departure from Makkah, and had been awaiting his arrival. One day, a Jewish man standing atop a hill spotted the Holy Prophet (sa) and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) approaching and announced to the Muslims that their leader had arrived. The Muslims rushed out to meet them. As they approached, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) stood up while the Holy Prophet (sa) was

quietly sitting. Some people of Madinah who had not yet seen the Holy Prophet (sa) first approached Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and began greeting him. At that time, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) took his cloak and shaded the Holy Prophet (sa) from the sun, upon which the people realised that this was the Holy Prophet (sa).

His Holiness (aba) said that it is recorded that the Holy Prophet (sa) stayed in Quba' for about ten nights. During this stay, the Holy Prophet (sa) laid the foundation of a mosque, known as the Mosque of Quba'. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the foundation of this mosque was established upon righteousness.

His Holiness (aba) said that after his stay in Quba', the Holy Prophet (sa) set out for Madinah. While on the way, the Holy Prophet (sa) was in the valley of Banu Salim bin Auf when it came time for the Friday prayer. Thus, the Holy Prophet (sa) offered the Friday prayer in the mosque of the valley of Ranunah along with 100 Muslims. This mosque became known as the Mosque of the Friday Prayer, as this was the first Friday prayer offered by the Holy Prophet (sa) in Madinah. His Holiness (aba) clarified that this mosque would have been formally established later on.