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## Summary Friday Sermon 24 Jun 2022 Delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba)

After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Surah al-Faihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that he would continue highlighting incidents from the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and the expeditions he sent to combat the rebels.

His Holiness (aba) said that the seventh expedition was sent under the leadership of Hazrat Khalid bin Sa'eed bin Aas (ra). He was among the foremost people to accept Islam. It is recorded by some that he was the third or fourth person to accept Islam while others say he was the fifth. He had a dream in which his father was pushing him towards a fire, whereas the Holy Prophet (sa) was holding him back, saving him from falling into the fire. When he related this dream to Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) told him that Allah desired to save him. Hazrat Mohammad (sa) is the Holy Prophet from Allah. If Hazrat Khalid bin Saeed accepted him, he would be saved while his father was going into the fire.

Thereafter, Hazrat Khalid (ra) went to the Holy Prophet (sa) and asked what it was that he called towards. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that he called towards God, Who is One without any partner, that Muhammad (sa) is His messenger, and to abandon the worship of statues which can neither harm or benefit. Upon this, Hazrat Khalid (ra) accepted Islam, and the Holy Prophet (sa) was very pleased.

His Holiness (aba) said that when Hazrat Khalid's (ra) father learned of his conversion, he sent his other sons to find him. When they found him, they took him back to their father who severely beat him and scolded him. Despite this, Hazrat Khalid (ra) remained resolute. When his father threatened him saying that he would no longer provide sustenance for him, he replied by saying that even if he did so, God would procure the means of sustaining his life.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Khalid's (ra) father was among prominent people of Makkah and would severely torment Muslims. Once he fell ill and said that if ever he was cured from his illness, he would ensure that the Muslims were never able to worship in Makkah again. When Hazrat Khalid (ra) learned of this he prayed for his father never to be cured, and it was in this illness that his father passed away.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Khalid (ra) was among those who migrated to Abyssinia. He would go on to take part in certain battles alongside the Holy

Prophet (sa). He always expressed regret over the fact that he wasn't able to take part in the Battle of Badr. But the Holy Prophet (sa) told him 'Don't you feel lucky that other muslims migrated once while you got the opportunity of migrating twice'. Hazrat Khalid (ra) has also been recorded as being among those companions who would record the revelations received by the Holy Prophet (sa).

The Holy Prophet (sa) had appointed Hazrat Khalid (ra) as the collector of Yeman. After the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa), Hazrat Khalid (ra) went back to Madina. When Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) asked him why he had come back, Hazrat Khalid (ra) replied that he did not have the heart to work for someone else after having worked for the Holy Prophet. Hazrat Khalid (ra) even hesitated before pledging at the hand of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) but the after a while he surrendered himself in front of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that during the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra), Hazrat Khalid (ra) was appointed as the leader of various armies. It is recorded that he was martyred during these battles.