



Summary Friday Sermon 1 July 2022 Delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba)

After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that he would continue highlighting the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and the expeditions that took place against the hypocrites and rebels during his era.

His Holiness (aba) said that he had been mentioning the ninth expedition that took place towards Bahrain. All the disbelievers gathered with Hutam while all the Muslims gathered with Hazrat 'Ala (ra). Both sides dug trenches in front of their armies, which they would cross to fight, and return behind after the day's fighting had ended. This continued for a month. Eventually the enemy was defeated.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Muthanna bin Harithah (ra) also played a pivotal role in supporting Hazrat 'Ala (ra) and eliminating the hypocrisy that had arisen in Bahrain. He captured Qateef and Hajar and defeated the Persian army helping the hypocrites. Hazrat 'Ala (ra) received news from the people of Bakr bin Wa'il assuring him that they were steadfastly Muslim and will support him. The hypocrites had gathered in Daren. Hazrat 'Ala (ra) told the Muslims of Bakr bin Wa'il to come forth to combat these hypocrites.

His Holiness (aba) said that Muslims had to travel along the ocean in order to reach Daren. Hazrat 'Ala (ra) gathered people and told them that God had gathered the tribes of Satan and that they should cross the ocean in order to reach Daren. Since they had seen miracles before, they agreed and led their riding animals into the ocean upon which they were able to travel in the ocean to Daren.

Some say that it may be the case that the Muslims reached there on ships, however this is not mentioned in the narrations, it is merely mentioned that they were able to travel in the ocean and reach their destination.

His Holiness (aba) cited a quote of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra) explaining miracles, such as Moses' (as) splitting of the sea. He said that according to the Holy Qur'an, God instructed Moses (as) to strike his rod in the sea, as a result of which a path opened up within the ocean with water rising on

either side. It is important to understand that all miracles come from God and human effort has no bearing on them. Therefore, Moses (as) striking his rod was a symbolic gesture. It also does not mean that the sea truly split, in fact the words used in the Holy Qur'an are 'Faraq' and Anfalaq' meaning being separated, indicate that the sea was at low tide when Moses (as) passed through and when Pharaoh's army arrived and tried passing by the same path that he saw Moses (as) passing by obstacles were created for him by God and the sea reached high tide as a result of which most of his army drowned. It is written about Napoleon that when he attacked Egypt, he was able to pass through the red sea while the sea tide was low and hardly saved his army when the high tide began approaching.

His Holiness (aba) said that thus, the Muslims were able to reach Daren passing through the sea at the time of low tide and after a fierce battle, they defeated the hypocrites.

The tenth expedition set out under the leadership of Hazrat Suwaid bin Muqarrin (ra) who was instructed by Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) to set out towards the Yemen region of Taihama. Hazrat Suwaid (ra) accepted Islam in 5 AH. His other title was 'Abu Adi' and he belonged to the tribe of Mazina. This battle was also won by Muslims and Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was informed about it.

His Holiness (aba) then spoke of some of the deceased and said that he would lead their funeral prayers.