



Summary Friday Sermon 9 Sep 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 incidents from the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that as Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) demise drew near, he called Hazrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf (ra) and asked him about Hazrat Umar (ra). Hazrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf (ra) said that Hazrat Umar (ra) was even better than what he thought of him to be, except that he has a temper. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) said that this was only the case because Hazrat Umar (ra) saw leniency in him, however if he were to be given leadership, then he would change certain qualities of his.

His Holiness (aba) said that then Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) called Hazrat Uthman (ra) and asked him about Hazrat Umar (ra), and he replied saying that his inner state was even better than his outer state. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) then told both not to tell anyone what he had asked them. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) then expressed his desire to become detached from this world and move on.

His Holiness (aba) said that during his final illness, Hazrat Talha bin Ubaidillah (ra) went to Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and asked him whether he had appointed Hazrat Umar (ra) after him, and proceeded to explain why this was a bad decision and that he would be answerable to God for doing so. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) replied that when God asked him about it, he would say that he appointed the best possible person to be the Caliph.

His Holiness (aba) said one day, with the help of his wife, despite being extremely ill, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) went to the mosque and addressed the Muslims saying that he had deliberated a great deal over who the next Caliph should be, were he to pass away. He said that he had come to the conclusion that it should be Hazrat Umar (ra). Everyone accepted this and pledged allegiance to him after the demise of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra).

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) did not make this decision arbitrarily, rather he consulted various companions first. He did not stop there,

but then, despite being extremely ill, he went to the mosque and asked the people whether they were content with this decision, and it was only when they agreed that he solidified his decision. In this way, a consensus was reached on the matter.

His Holiness (aba) said that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) passed away on Wednesday 22 Jamadi al-Akhir 13 AH after a period of Caliphate which lasted 2 years 3 months and ten days. His last words were the Qur'anic verse

'Let death come to me in a state of submission to Thy will and join me with the righteous.' (12:102)

The inscription on his ring read 'Indeed Allah is all capable'. Hazrat Aisha (ra) said that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had told his family that after his funeral, his family should see if there was anything left of his and it should be given to Hazrat Umar (ra). Hazrat Umar (ra) led the Janaza prayers of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and he was buried next to the grave of the Holy Prophet (phuh) in the evening.

With respect to his assets, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had instructed that they be distributed according to the laws of the Holy Quran. From his total wealth, he had left 20% for people who were not related to him. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had four wives. He had four sons and three daughters.

His Holiness (aba) said that whenever Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) needed to make a decision or consult on a matter, he would invite companions from both the *Muhajireen* and the *Ansar* and would make a decision after consulting with them. Among these were Hazrat Abdul Rahman bin Auf (ra), Hazrat Ma'az bin Jabal (ra), Hazrat Abi bin Ka'ab (ra) and Hazrat Zaid bin harisa (ra). Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) instructed in his will to sell his land and return the payments he had taken from Baitul Maal.

His Holiness (aba) said that during his Khilafat, Hazrat Abu Bakr established the departments of treasury, Arbitration, the institution of jurisprudence and department of publications. His Holiness (aba) then spoke of the instructions that were given by Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) to Hazrat Yazid bin Abu Sufian (ra) regarding the battle in Syria. His Holiness (aba) said that we need to relay these things to our office bearers for their training so that Allah may bless their efforts.

Later on His Holiness (aba) spoke further of the Various Structural & Organisational Implementations by Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) and said that he would continue narrating these incidents in future sermons.