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## Summary Friday Sermon 25 November 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 regarding his service to humanity, it is recorded that even before accepting Islam, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was regarded as the best among the Quraish and people would often go to him for help in their difficulties. He would also often host people in Makkah. He was considered to be among the highest rank and level of people and stood alone in his standard of hospitality. He was also very kind to the poor and needy. He would purchase quilts during the cold weather and distribute them among the poor and needy.

His Holiness (aba) said that before he became the Khalifah, he used to milk someone's goats. After he became Khalifah, the person's daughters thought that he would no longer carry out this duty, however Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) continued this responsibility even after becoming the Khalifah, doing so for six months until he moved from the outskirts to Madinah. Hazrat Umar (ra) used to take care of an old blind lady with her daily chores. Once when he visited her, he was informed that someone had already come around and done all her work. The next time Hazrat Umar (ra) went to the old lady's house a bit earlier and saw that it was Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) who had gotten there first to help. Hazrat Umar (ra) commented that indeed it could only have been Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) who would perform a good deed faster than him.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) states that although Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) son Hazrat Abdul Rehman (ra) was also eligible to become a Khalifa, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) still chose Hazrat Umar (ra) over him and refused to get any personal gain. His Holiness (aba) said that it is recorded that after Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) passing, Hazrat Umar (ra) asked one of his workers the various virtues which he saw in Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). Among the things he said was the fact that he went and fed a certain poor person everyday. Hence, Hazrat Umar (ra) went to the same cave where the poor man, who was blind and had no limbs resided, in order to feed him. When he was given food, he began crying, realising that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had passed away. When asked how he knew this, he said that he had

no teeth, and so Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) used to chew the food and then put it in his mouth in order to make it easy for him.

His Holiness (aba) said regarding Hazrat Abu Bakr's (ra) bravery that he was at the forefront of battles and of serving the Holy Prophet (pbuh) no matter the circumstances. It was due to this bravery that once, Hazrat Ali (ra) told people that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). During the Battle of Badr, when it was being decided who would guard the Holy Prophet's (pbuh) tent, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was the first to step forward and protect him. Similarly, on other occasions like the Battle of Khaibar, Treaty of Hudaibiyah, Expedition of Taif, Battle of Tabuk, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) showed great bravery.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) states that once the non believers of Makkah started torturing the Holy Prophet (pbuh). When Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) found out, he came running and protected the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and said to the non believers 'Why do you torture him, just because he believes in Allah. He does not ask for any worldly wealth. Do you not fear God ?. The companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) say that 'we used to believe that Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was the bravest amongst us all as he used to stand right next to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in order to protect him from any possible attack'.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) says that on his way to 'Bait ul Muqaddas' spiritually, the angle Gibreel was with the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Similarly, when the Holy Prophet (pbuh) migrated towards Madina, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) was with him. The meaning of 'Gibreel' is of a strong wrestler and Hazrat Abu Bakr was indeed like a strong wrestler for the religion and very dear to Allah.

The Promised Messiah (as) says that 'imagine the spiritual state of the companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), that in the time of need, they would sacrifice everything. Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) sacrificed everything and kept only one quilt for himself, and he was then rewarded similarly by Allah. Indeed only the money spent for Allah's sake can help one excel spiritually.