

Summary Friday Sermon July 30, 2021
Given by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis (a.b.a.)

After Tashahhud, Ta'awwaz and the recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah, Huzur-e-Anwar said:

We were discussing Hazrat Umar (ra). The city of Madayin was conquered during the time of Hazrat Umar (ra) and in doing so Hazrat Umar (ra) fulfilled a prophecy of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). During the Battle of Khandaq. While they (the Muslims) were digging trenches during the battle, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) came across a stone and predicted that the Muslims would conquer the castles of Madayin and Yemen. His prophecy was at the time laughed at, but it was fulfilled anyway.

The town of Madayin is located south of Baghdad. Hazrat Sa'ad (ra) was sent with an army to conquer this city. But in order to do this, they had to cross the Dajla river. Since all the boats were taken away by the Iranians, Hazrat Sa'ad tried to find another way. One night he dreamed that the Muslims were crossing the river on horseback. So, Hazrat Sa'ad did just that and conquered the castle of Kin Kisra and fulfilled the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

It is written that when Hazrat Umar (ra) saw the amount of wealth accumulated after the battle, he began to cry. Someone asked him why he was crying at this happy moment to which he replied, "When people get rich, their greed and animosity also increases. I cry because I fear this (for muslims)."

Huzur-e-Anwar said, we see the same level of greed and hostility among the Muslim countries today. Huz spoke of other battlefields during his sermon, for example: Khozistan, Ahwaz, Harmuz.

History is written about an Iranian leader named Harmazaan. When he was captured he asked if his fate could be determined by Hazrat Umar (ra). So he was taken to Hazrat Umar (ra). While there he asked Hazrat Umar (ra) where his guards and servants were. He was told that Hazrat Umar (ra) had neither guards nor servants. To this Harmazaan responded that Hazrat Umar (ra) was just like a prophet. He was told that Hazrat Umar (ra) was simply following the teachings of the prophets. Hazrat Umar (ra) said regarding the meeting that Hazrat Umar (ra) would meet Harmazaan after he removed all his jewels. During the meeting, Hazrat Umar (ra) told Harmazaan that they were in a bad state due to their dishonesty and their habit of betrayal. Harmazaan admitted that the real reason for the Muslims' victory was their unity behind one leader.

After a while Harmazaan accepted Islam and began to live in Medina. He was asked for advice during battles against Iranians. In the end, Huzur-e-Anwar discussed some of the deceased and announced their prayers in their absence.