

Summary Friday Sermon 20 August 2021

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

We are discussing the battles that took place during the time of Hazrat Umar (ra). There was an ongoing battle in Khozistan between the Muslims and the Iranians. During this fight a Muslim slave offered the Iranians a chance for a truce. They accepted this truce immediately and opened the doors of their castles and also agreed to pay the fines. But the Muslim commander told them, we haven't made any such offer to you and the slave that made this offer to you had no such authority to do so. But when Hazrat Umar (ra) discovered this he said that Allah Almighty has established the importance of promises and keeping them, so it is now your duty to fulfill this offer made by the Muslim slave. Later on he also announced that only the commander would have a right in the future to make such offers.

While fighting with the Iranians, Hazrat Umar (ra) expressed his wish time and time again that the wars between them, the Muslims and the Iranians, should stop while the Muslims are in Iraq. Also, that both countries should live peacefully with each other but the Iranians constantly kept attacking the Muslims, so this was not to happen. In 17 Hijri, a platoon of Muslims came to meet Hazrat Umar (ra). Hazrat Umar (ra) asked what the reason was for this constant fight between the Muslims and the Iranians, were the Muslims the reason for this? Were they not following the clauses of the agreements made with them? However, the platoon replied that this was not the case and that the Muslims were adhering to all the agreements made with the Iranians. Ahnaf Bin Qais said to Hazrat Umar (ra), you have stopped us from continuing to fight whereas on the other side, the Iranian king still lives, because of which the Iranians gain strength and continue to attack us. It is not possible to have two kings in once place. After this Hazrat Umar (ra) allowed them to move ahead into the Iranian grounds to fight, for the sake of establishing peace eventually.

Huzur-e-Anwar said that these historic facts are a proof that those Muslims who are always ready to fight the non-Muslims are at fault. Similarly, all those non-Muslims who think that Islam is an aggressive religion, misunderstand it. The

fact if the matter is, Muslims never fought wars to expand their religion. After this, Huzur-e-Anwar discussed the battle of Nahavand in detail. This battle was fought in 21 Hijri. The Muslims won this battle while fighting a much bigger army. When Hazrat Umar (ra) found out that the Muslims had won this battle, he praised Allah and also cried for the Muslim martyrs and prayed for each and every one of them and said that Allah has granted them the honor of being a martyr.

At the end Huzur-e-Anwar spoke of some of the deceased and announced their prayers in absentia.