

Assalamu alaikum,

This Week with Huzoor - 26 May 2023

Huzoor's(aba) Address at the 44th National Majlis-e-Shura UK

"You shall join the Companions when you join with me." (The Promised Messiah(as))

"May you all prove to be the true Sultan-e-Naseer [helping power] of the Khalifa of the time and may all of you fulfil the objectives with which Allah the Almighty sent the Promised Messiah (as) in this era." (Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V)

Such an enlightening & inspiring session of Huzoor's(aba) address at the Majlis-e-Shura on Sunday 21st May, 2023, most notably when Huzoor(aba) said Shura delegates should aspire to be like the Companions of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) and quoted the Promised Messiah(as)'s couplet which included the words: *"You shall join the Companions when you join with me."*

The Companions at the time of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) were renowned for their unwavering faith, loyalty & sacrifice. They stood by the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) through difficult times, including periods of persecution & opposition & played pivotal roles in protecting & preserving Islam. Since Dec 2017, in his Friday Sermons, Huzoor(aba) almost every week, for a number of years, gave detailed accounts of the Companions.

In his Friday Sermon of Dec 15, 2017, Huzoor(aba) said of the Companions: *"...what caused them to be so devoted? It was the passion for the true God, the rays of which had penetrated their hearts. The companions were those, who sacrificed their wealth & their homeland in cause of the truth and left everything behind."*

In his Shura address, Huzoor(aba) said about the word 'Companion' that:

"Concealed within this word is a much deeper meaning. A companion of a Prophet is a person whose heart is spiritually cleansed and transformed through his association with Allah's beloved. It is a person whose spiritual pulse beats obediently in perfect harmony with his master. It is a person whose faith and sincerity is pure and who is ready to make every possible sacrifice for the sake of his faith..."

At the Shura, Huzoor(aba) also mentioned the historic Shura address in 1944 by Hazrat Musleh Ma'oud(ra) who said Shura members must try and become like the Companions of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) & that it is not only the people who lived during the time of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) who could become his companions.

Hazrat Musleh Ma'oud(ra) also stated that it is also true that amongst the Ummah of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) there are numerous people who, despite never being in the physical company of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ), attained the status of a companion and this was because their piety & sincerity enabled them to overcome the distance of time & geography & to be counted amongst the truthful companions. Islam's history includes many such devoted servants despite never having met the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) physically.

Huzoor(aba) urged the Shura delegates to aspire to this as well and to reflect upon the words of the Promised Messiah(as) that: *"You shall join the companions when you join with me"*. By adopting such a stance, Huzoor(aba) said:

“This requires that, having accepted the Promised Messiah(as), we strive evermore to act upon the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet(ﷺ), absorb his teachings and establish a living relationship with Allah the Almighty. It requires us to be ready for all possible sacrifices and to hold a deep and resolute determination to spread the message of Islam.”

Huzoor(aba) also stated:

“In this era, it is the members of our Community who strive to live their lives according to the noble and righteous examples of the companions and stand ready to make every possible sacrifice for the sake of their faith.”

“Always remember that you must not be representatives and delegates of your respective chapters in name only. Rather, in reality, you must set aside all personal and worldly desires and make every effort to fulfil your true purpose, which is to serve your faith and religion until your dying breath.”

Huzoor(aba) then reminded the delegates that their responsibilities do not cease with the conclusion of the Shura. They must strive to ensure that all recommendations approved by the Khalifa are enacted, praying that Allah the Almighty enables them to serve with the required spirit and diligence.

Huzoor(aba) also referred to his recent Friday Sermon of 12 May 2023 about the duties of the Shura delegates & reiterated that the delegates’ responsibilities were far greater than just sharing their opinions during the deliberations of the Shura.

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