



Friday Sermon Slides

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Summary

- The Holy month of Ramadan
- The concept of nearness to Allah and the right path
- Blessed memory of Maulana Dost Mohammad Shahid Sahib



The holy month has started bringing with the blessings of Allah the Exalted. In this holy month, we should aim to achieve nearness of Allah

Holy Ramadan

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ
أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا
لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ

And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.'

The concept of nearness to Allah; the right path

The key message of the verse

Focussing on the words **سَأَلَّكَ عِبَادِي** (my servants) and **عَنِّي** (Me), Huzur (aba) explained that this verse gives the believers two glad tidings

1. Nearness to Allah

2. Acceptance of prayers

The true achievement of fasting is that we develop such a sound and robust comprehension of the existence of Allah that no other attraction can distract us from Allah

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ
سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ


‘And as for those who strive in Our path — We will surely guide them in Our ways. And verily Allah is with those who do good’

The concept of nearness to Allah; the right path


Chapter 29, Verse 70

Huzur (aba) explained the right path

Those who seek and try to get nearness to Allah,
Allah Guides them



Allah arranged for the guidance of the human
beings by prophets that Allah sent in the past



When human understanding and
comprehension reached its maturity, then Allah
sent the perfect guidance by the Holy Prophet
peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

Huzur (aba) explained the right path

The Islamic practice of fasting is one of these paths that guides one to Allah the Exalted

Adhering to the true practice and spirit of fasting with emphasis on supplication and recitation of the Holy Qur'an is the path to gain Allah's pleasure

Thus, maximum effort should be made during Ramadan to excel in acts of virtuousness. During Ramadan, Allah's blessings lead to spiritual progress at a much faster pace.

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

When Ramadan arrives, the gates of Paradise are opened, and the gates of hell are locked up and satan is put in chains

(Bukhari, Muslim)

- Huzur (aba) explained that Allah can reward acts of virtuousness manifold but in the month of Ramadan, the blessings of Allah know no boundaries at all
- In Ramadan, not only is one's potential to do good enhanced but the reward is highly increased, to make it possible to attain a highly elevated spiritual position
- Which is beyond the reach of Satan. So that Satan can not tempt and deviate the righteous from the right path.

Huzur (aba) said, "Aim to reach a spiritual level during Ramadan that is beyond the reach of Satan".

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

“Allah, the Lord of Honour and Glory says: All other deeds of man are for himself, but his fasting is purely for Me and I shall reward him for it.”

“The fast is a shield. When any of you is fasting he should eschew loose talk and noisy exchanges. Should anyone revile him or seek to pick a quarrel with him, he should respond with: “I am observing a fast.””

(Bukhari and Muslim)

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

“By Him in whose hands is the life of Muhammad, the breath of one who is fasting is purer in the sight of Allah than the fragrance of musk.”

“One who fasts experiences two joys: he is joyful when he breaks his fast, and he is joyful by virtue of his fast when he meets his Lord.”

(Bukhari and Muslim)

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

*If one does not
eschew falsehood
and false conduct,
Allah has no need
that he should
abstain from eating
and drinking*

(Bukhari)

- Fasting should enhance both our words and our deeds
- Acceptance of fasting by Allah is conditional to good deeds
- One must supplicate and seek Allah's blessings in this blessed month of Ramadan

The ways to seek Allah during Ramadan

Accept the authority
of Allah

Follow the Sunnah
of the Holy Prophet
peace and blessings
of Allah be upon him

Complete dedication
to the cause of Allah
and Prophet

Total commitment
and a true bond of
covenant with the
Imam of the time

In short, discharge your rights to Allah
and rights to Allah's people with purity
& sincerity



Huzur (aba) said that it concerns him that some people are unable to say five **obligatory** Prayers

A word of warning!

Huzur (aba) challenged that how can we supplicate to Allah for nearness, if we are not regular in namaz!

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said

The Promised Messiah said that in the month of Ramadan Allah wants us to seek His nearness with prayers, increase in faith, so that we are successful.

Huzur (aba) explained that the real prayer is to attain the nearness of Allah. Once the nearness of Allah is achieved, all desires of a persons will be automatically met.



- He was known as a historian of Ahmadiyyat but in fact he was a chapter in the history of the Ahmadiyyat
- He was a human encyclopaedia, a learned scholar who practiced what he preached
- He served Ahmadiyyat with the best of his abilities to the last moments of his life
- In 63 years of service, never took a day off work

The sad news of demise of Hadhrat Maulana Dost Mohammad Shahid Sahib

He accomplished singlehandedly what is usually achieved by institutions!

Huzur (aba) remembered Maulana Dost Mohammad Shahid Sahib

- He was highly learned, hard working, intelligent and possessed a great memory and could readily recite complex references
- He was self-less, hardworking, committed to prayers, extremely dedicated to Khilafat
- He always turned to Khilafat as a compass needle always turns to the North.
- He always acted in a manner most appropriate for scholars of Jama'at; mild mannered and polite
- He was meticulous about obedience, safeguarding Jama'at's property
- He did any job given to him by the Khalifa of the time with the best of his abilities without wasting a single second

Huzur (aba) mentioned the life history of Maulana Dost Mohammad Shahid Sahib



The members of the board who represented Ahmadiyya views to The National Assembly of Pakistan in 1974

- Qadian Ahmadiyya Madrassa 1935
- Jamiyya Ahmadiyya 1944
- Maulvi Fazil 1946
- Thesis on Jama'at e Islami 1951
- Shuzra'at in Alfazal 1952
- Compiled history of Ahmadiyyat 1953
- Speech Jalsa Salana Rabwah 1957
- Member of the board Pak. Nat. Assembly 1974
- Imprisoned for the cause of Allah 1982
- Imprisoned again with hard labour 1990
- Munazirah Tamil Nadu 1994

Huzur (aba) mentioned his key achievements

Maulana Dost Mohammad
Shahid Sahib

Compiled the History
of Ahmadiyyat

Wrote more than
40 books

Islaho Irshad
Department

Qadhi for the
Jama'at

Served jail for the
cause of Allah

Special
representative of
Majlis Shura

Funeral prayers in absentia

- Maulan Dost Mohammad Shahid Sahib
- Mohammad Aslam Sahib
- Nasim Begum Sahiba

Huzur (aba) prayed



- May Allah enhance us spiritually during this Ramadan so that we are distinctly different from others.
- May Allah save Islam from all troubles.
- He advised us to pray
 - For the progress of Ahmadiyyat
 - To achieve the nearness to Allah