

# Friday Sermon Slides

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# Summary

- The hard-hearted people
  - > They don't take heed of Allah's words
- The definition of a Muslim
  - > As described by the Holy Prophet peace and blessings of Allah be upon him
- The preserved Book
  - > The Holy Quran is the Book for all time

لَوْ أَنْزَلْنَا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَىٰ جَبَلٍ لَّرَأَيْتَهُ  
خَاشِعًا مُّتَصَدِّعًا مِّنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ وَتِلْكَ  
الْأَمْثَلُ نُضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

Chapter 59, Verse 22

If We had sent down this Qur'an on a mountain, thou wouldst certainly have seen it humbled and rent asunder for fear of Allah. And these are similitudes that We set forth for mankind that they may reflect.

## The hard-hearted people

Indeed, the hard-heartedness comes about when people forget the reason for their creation, they forget their Creator and they forget their end.

# Huzur (aba) explained the verse

The primary addressees of the Surah Al Hashr verse are **Muslims**

Chapter 59, Verse 22

The Word of God and His various Powers have an effect on everything in the Universe even minerals but the human heart can harden to the extent that even after seeing God's Power in action, it does not wish to bring about a change.

The verse refers to Jews and it also contains a prophecy that Muslims' hearts will also harden in the same way.

This is indeed grave food for thought for the Muslim world which is facing all sorts of troubles at present.

Then your hearts became hardened after that, till they were like stones or harder still; for of stones indeed there are some out of which gush forth streams, and of them there are some out of which flows water when they cleave asunder. And indeed, of them there are some that humble themselves for fear of Allah. And Allah is not unmindful of what you do.

ثُمَّ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ فَهِيَ  
كَالْحِجَارَةِ أَوْ أَشَدُّ قَسْوَةً وَإِن مِّنْ  
أَحْجَارَةٍ لَّمَّا يَتَفَجَّرْ مِنْهُ الْأَنْهَارُ وَإِن  
مِنْهَا لَمَّا يَشَقُّ فَيَخْرُجُ مِنْهُ الْمَاءُ  
وَإِن مِنْهَا لَمَّا يَغْلَبُ مِن خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ  
وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ

## The hard-hearted people

فَلَوْلَا إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا تَضَرَّعُوا  
وَلَكِنْ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ  
الشَّيْطَانُ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Chapter 6 , Verse 44

Why, then, when Our punishment came upon them, did they not grow humble? But their hearts were hardened and Satan made all that they did *seem* fair to them

**The hard-hearted people**

## Huzur (aba) explained the verse

Huzur (aba) said the verse illustrates that some people worsen in their evil ways. Just as in Pakistan.

Huzur (aba) said this is because instead of accepting the Imam of the age, they have legislated persecution against his followers.

In Pakistan, if the Ahmadis inscribe the *Kalima* (the declaration of faith) on their mosques, authorities have it demolished and thrown in sewer.

Huzur (aba) warned that they need to put a stop to the abusive terminology about the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in the official documents, or God's decree will come to pass.



**The hard-hearted people.**



# Huzur (aba) explained definition of a Muslim

*Hadith relates that a time will come when people will make extremely ignorant people their leaders who will give fatwa without any knowledge. They will be misguided and they will misguide people.*

- In one of the courageously presented TV programmes by Mr Mubasher Luqman, a religious scholar asserted that just as Coca Cola has a trademark which no one else may use, similarly if Ahmadis claimed to be Muslims they would have to be punished.

Huzur (aba) said his request to these people was that Islam is not 'patented' in a manner that is against the teaching of God and His Prophet..

## Huzur (aba) explained definition of a Muslim

*Hadith relates that one who declares that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and who rejects what is worshiped save Allah, his life and property becomes worthy of respect.*

If there are any perfectly obedient Muslims, they are the Ahmadis.

# Huzur (aba) explained definition of a Muslim

*The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) also said 'a person who Prays like us and faces our Qibla, eats what we slaughter, is a Muslim. God and His Prophet has taken the responsibility of such a person, do not disrespect him'.*

Huzur (aba) said we have been declared Muslims by virtue of this definition of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and we do not need a Maulwi or indeed a parliament to certify that.

## Fear of God

Huzur (aba) rejected newspaper reports of political meeting

Huzur (aba) said, for persecution of Ahmadis, we leave that matter with God.

Indeed, Divine decree will come to pass in Pakistan and other Islamic countries and it will be clear as the day who is a true Muslim.

# Even a mountain would have been reduced to pieces with fear of God. ...

Huzur (aba) explained that the Promised Messiah has described two attributes of those who attain nearness to Allah

The other significance of the verse is that no person can attain love of God unless he/she smashes his/her mountainous arrogance and adopt humility.

- In addition, all previous connections and associations of such a person should sever, just as a mountain crumbles, replaced with connections and ties only and only for the sake of God.

لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا  
الْمُطَهَّرُونَ

فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ

إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ  
كَرِيمٌ

That this is indeed a noble Qur'an, In a well-preserved Book, Which none shall touch except those who are purified.'

Huzur (aba) said that these verses tell outsiders about the honour of the Holy Qur'an and explain to believers that complete insight into the Qur'an can only be sought from the 'Purified' person who has been bestowed by God.

In this age, this perception and insight is granted to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Preserved Book

Chapter 56, Verses 78-80

## Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

*The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that the parents of one who reads the Holy Qur'an and puts it in practice will be given two crowns (coronets) on the Day of Judgement. These crowns will be more resplendent than the sun. If this is the status granted to the parents, imagine the status of one who actually put the Holy Qur'an in practice.*

- It is the task of the Messiah and the Mahdi to bring success to Islam. When the world is drawn to materialism it fails to understand the Holy Qur'an.
- Each Ahmadi should pray during the blessed month of Ramadan that their heart is purified in a way that God wants true believers' hearts to be.

## Huzur (aba) said this is a declaration in principle that there is only ease in the Qur'an

'...Allah desires *to give* you facility and He desires not hardship for you...' (2:186)

'And indeed We have made the Qur'an easy *to understand and to remember*. But is there anyone who would receive admonition?' (54:18).

We should abide by these counsels ..and reject the idea that the teachings of the Holy Qur'an are difficult. The Qur'an is the Word of One Who has created us and has given us all our faculties and capacities. He declares that abiding by the teachings of this Book is in accordance to the human nature.



رَسُولٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ يَتْلُو صُحُفًا مُّطَهَّرَةً  
فِيهَا كُتِبَ قِيمَةٌ

The Promised  
Messiah (on whom be  
peace) said that the  
Qur'an contains the  
knowledge of all  
other holy Books and  
has all the truths.

It has nothing  
redundant and it has  
all the explanations  
within.

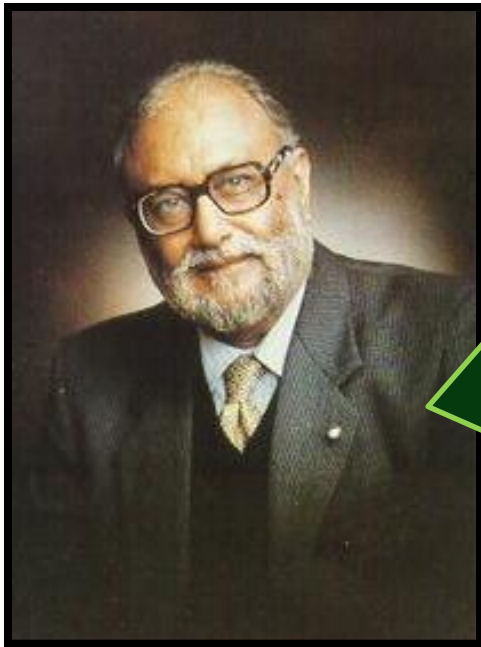
A Messenger from Allah, reciting *unto*  
*them the pure* Scriptures. -

Therein are lasting commandments.

## The Preserved Book

Chapter 98 Verses 3-4

# Oneness of Allah



**Professor Abdus Salam**

*First Muslim and the only  
Pakistani Nobel Laureate*

Prof. Abdus Salam based his research on the concept of Oneness of Allah

Huzur (aba) advised Ahmadi Scientists to do research in the topics exploring the Unity of God and Allah would definitely help them

- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that Unity of God was being attacked ...
- He said the Qur'an contained proofs and reasoning that could be verified in this age of scientific enlightenment

وَأَنْ أُنشِئُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَمَنْ  
اهْتَدَىٰ فَأِنَّمَا يَهْتَدِي لِنَفْسِهِ

(Chapter 27: Verse 93).

**‘And to recite the Qur’an.’ So whoever follows guidance, follows it only for *the good of his own soul...*’**

## The Preserved Book

Indeed the Qur’an expounds spiritual matters and guidance towards knowledge of future times.

Only the purified will find guidance in the Holy Qur’an.

# The Holy Qur'an and accountability

(Chapter 10: Verse 62)

, 'And you are not engaged in anything, and you recite not from Him any portion of the Qur'an, and you do not do anything but We watch you when you are engrossed therein. And nothing is hidden from the view of your Lord - even that which weighs no more than a particle or less thereof, or greater than that in the earth or in the heavens - but it is *recorded* in a clear Book.' (10:62).

وَمَا تَكُونُ فِي شَأْنٍ وَمَا  
تَتْلُوا مِنْهُ مِنْ قُرْآنٍ وَلَا  
تَعْمَلُونَ مِنْ عَمَلٍ إِلَّا كُنَّا  
عَلَيْكُمْ شُهُودًا إِذْ تُفِيضُونَ  
فِيهِ وَمَا يَعْزُبُ عَنْ رَبِّكَ  
مِنْ مِثْقَالِ ذَرَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَلَا أَصْغَرَ  
مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرَ إِلَّا فِي  
كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ

Huzur (aba) said it is not sufficient to say that we read it... What is required is to see what difference reading it is bringing in us and what impact is that having on others around us.

# The Holy Qur'an and accountability

It is a declaration for the believers

This verse demonstrates the glory of God that He watches over everything and has knowledge of everything.

There is no way out for those who reject it and for those who believe in it have no excuse not to put it into practice.

(Chapter 10: Verse 62)

# The Holy Qur'an and accountability

Reading from august writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) Huzur (aba) said, the Holy Qur'an alone is a Book worthy of reading.

He said various other books are certainly worth discarding and that it is impossible to attain success without the Holy Qur'an.

Huzur (aba) said Allah has cited everything in the Holy Qur'an and in accordance to His promise He has also sent a 'teacher' in this age. ,

Those who accept the teacher and those who reject him will both be accountable.

**We pray that may God enable us to keep our matter clear with Him.**

- He graduated in theology (*Shahid*) in 1978 and served Jama'at in many capacities and has been serving as missionary in Canada since 1993
- He was hospitable, loving, caring and never gave any reason for complaint
- He had utmost respect for the customs of Jama'at and would carry out his duties conscientiously.
- He was most obedient to the Khalifa

Huzur (aba) said he would lead his funeral Prayer in absentia after Jummah.

## The sad news of demise of Tariq Islam Sahib of Canada

He had the most extraordinary love and dedication for the Ahmadiyya Khilafat