



Friday Sermon Slides

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Summary

- Huzur (aba) said that God has related certain characteristics in the Holy Qur'an by adopting which one can be called *Ebaadur Rahman*.
- **These place individual and communal responsibilities on us as well as draw attention to honouring God's dues.**
- If we continue to tread the path that we espoused during Ramadan, we will attain God's pleasure.

Attributes of *Ebaadur Rahman*.

1. Humility

2. Say peace

3. Pray at night

4. They pray to remain distant from Hell

5. Not spendthrift

6. Not niggardly

7. Avoid *Shirk*

8. They do not unjustly kill

9. They do not commit adultery

10. They do not lie or give false testimony

11. They do not engage in vain, frivolous pastimes

12. They follow the Holy Qur'an

13. They pray for their children

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ
عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا

And the servants of the Gracious *God* are those
who walk on the earth in a dignified manner,

Chapter 25 , Verse 64

1. Humility and dignity

The key message of the verse

The first distinct characteristic of servants of the Gracious God is that they walk on the earth with humility and dignity.

1. They do not show aggression

2. They are not unduly lenient

This verse prophesies that servants of the Gracious God will be ultimately triumphant and in their triumph they will be humble and meek and will honour the dues of others.

وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ
الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا

and when the ignorant
address them, they say,
'Peace!'

The servants of the Gracious God have peaceable nature and counsel others gently. They abide by humility and collective dignity even when in power as shown by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his Companions.

2. Say peace!

This verse is particularly relevant to the situation in Pakistan

These days Ahmadis are harassed and persecuted in Pakistan in an attempt to provoke them to take the law into their own hands so that they can be legally persecuted.

Huzur (aba) said that his message to Ahmadis is to become servants of the Gracious God.

Huzur (aba) said, we are dealing with extreme ignorance. It is required to exercise great caution and seek God's help with steadfastness and prayer.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that servants of the Gracious God are those aficionados who are forbearing and who wish peace to the ignorant.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that servants of the Gracious God pray for the ignorant rather than be abusive to them.

And who spend the night
before their Lord,
prostrate and standing,

وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ
لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا
وَقِيَامًا

A Hadith relates that God states one who offers optional Prayers receives His love and nearness to the extent that, 'I become his hearing with which he hears, his eyes with which he sees, his hands with which he touches and his feet with which he walks'.

3. Pray at night

Pray at night

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that no religion can function without spirituality and purity.

When the early Muslims accepted Islam they went through amazing transformation.

Religion succeeds when its followers have holy qualities.

- Huzur (aba) said it is a huge responsibility on the Ahmadis, particularly during the current times as they face difficulties in all Muslim countries.
- Not only should attention be given to *Fardh* (obligatory) Salat but also to optional Salat during night.
- **Huzur (aba) said that each Ahmadi should make it essential to offer two optional *rakat* every night.**

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا
اصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ
جَهَنَّمَ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ
غَرَامًا

And who say, 'Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell; for the punishment thereof is a lasting torment.

•Huzur (aba) said we should pray that God saves us from disgrace in this world and the Hereafter

•May Allah not make us a slave to this world

4. They pray to remain distant from Hell

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَقُوا لَمْ
يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا
وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا

Huzur (aba) warned against lavish spending on weddings on receptions, clothes and jewellery

- This money should be spent on good causes

And those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor niggardly but moderate between the two

5. Not spendthrift

Ebaadur Rahman - not wasteful regarding their own wealth or that of the community

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Huzur (aba) said there are those who do not help out family and friends, do not give to the poor or have the spirit to contribute to the Community.

Indeed, the servants of the Gracious God spend and desist from overspending for the pleasure of God.

6. Not niggardly

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ
اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ

And those who call not on any other
God along with Allah,

The seventh distinction of the servants of the
Gracious God is that they totally avoid *shirk*
(associating partners with God).

7. Avoid *Shirk*

(Chapter 25: Verse 69).

They are careful to avoid covert shirk and keep a
meticulous eye that nothing they do is a basis of
hidden/concealed *shirk*

Nor kill a person that Allah has forbidden except for just cause

وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ
الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا
بِالْحَقِّ

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and later the Rightly Guided Khulafa *Khulafa e Rashideen* (may Allah be pleased them all) fought wars on *taqwa*.

8. They do not unjustly kill

Huzur (aba) said it is God's decree that those who commit murder of the innocent through suicide attacks can never be servants of the Gracious God.

Chapter 25, Verse 69

وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ
ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا

Nor commit adultery (or fornication), and he who does that shall meet with the punishment of sin.

9. They do not commit adultery

This also includes watching vulgar and improper spectacles for entertainment on TV and the Internet.

which is tantamount to mental and visual fornication

Ahmadis should particularly avoid these!

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ
الزُّورَ

And those who bear not false
witness,

Huzur (aba) said falsehood plays a
huge part in the decline of nations.

Ahmadis should employ 100% honesty in
all their affairs and their testimonies.

10. They do not lie or give false testimony

Huzur (aba) asserted the importance of *Qawl e Sadid* (the right word)

The eleventh characteristic of the servants of the Gracious God is that they do not engage in vain, frivolous pastimes

And when they pass by anything vain, they pass on with dignity

وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِاللَّغْوِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا

Idle and frivolous include misuse of the Internet and TV channels.

Socialising of girls and boys, clubbing, going to concerts

Vain and frivolous matters also include mutual conflicts

or anything that destroys the peace of society.

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ
رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّوا عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا
وَعُمْيَانًا

And those who, when they are reminded of the Signs of their Lord, fall not deaf and blind thereat

The servants of the Gracious God hear the Holy Qur'an and they try to put it into practice in developing their spirituality.

In order to become a servant of the Gracious God it is essential to practice all kinds of virtues, to put in practice anything that is said with reference to God and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

12. They follow the Holy Qur'an

Chapter 25, Verse 74

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا
مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ
أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

And those who say, 'Our Lord, grant us of our wives and children the delight of *our* eyes, and make us a model for the righteous.

13. They pray for their children

Huzur (aba) explained the message

Huzur (aba) said this is a most significant principle for the permanence of the next generation.

Today parents are most concerned everywhere about the education of their children but less attention is given to spiritual matters.

Along with obvious planning prayers should be made because good results only come from God.

It is false to imagine that one's own efforts in isolation result in good upbringing of children.

Beware Ahmadi parents!

- Huzur (aba) said it has come to his knowledge that a child was approached by other Muslim children who said to the child that you people do not believe in God but worship Satan. The child, in spite of being old enough, did not know how to answer, so kept quiet. Huzur said, this would have definitely given the impression that Ahmadis do not believe in God.
- **Huzur (aba) said, some parents do not even give their children the very basic information.**
- As regards early moral training, Huzur (aba) said that
 - **young girls should be made aware of the proper attire from the early age of four to five years old,**
- rather than be suddenly told to change their ways in teenage years.

Huzur (aba) prayed



- May God enable us to make a sincere connection with Allah and may our inner-self be always clean
- **May we have the qualities that are necessary to make one a servant of the Gracious God**
- May God always make us a recipient of His Eternal Paradise. *Aameen*