



Friday Sermon Slides

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Summary

- **Huzur (aba) expounded upon the Divine attribute of “Al-Qawi” – All Powerful, The Mighty**
- None other than God Almighty has the power to help anyone
- **The might of Allah commands that He should be truly loved**
- The Power of Allah is the key to success for the weak and oppressed

The term “*qawi*” (mighty) for human beings, means one who is advanced in his physical, intellectual or academic abilities

For God, the term signifies that He encompasses the ultimate power in all respects, there is no comparison of His power to anything or anyone else as He surpasses in everything.

In the Holy Quran, God addresses this attribute, in reference to those who commit “shirk” (associating partners with God)

Al Qawi God can make weak and oppressed successful against their powerful enemies

Al-Qawi

And there are some among men who take for themselves objects of worship other than Allah, loving them as they should love Allah. But those who believe are stronger in *their* love for Allah and if those who transgress could *now* see *the time* when they shall see the punishment, *they would realize* that all power belongs to Allah and that Allah is severe in punishing.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَتَّخِذُ مِن
دُونِ اللَّهِ أَدَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ
كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ
حُبًّا لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ يَرَى الَّذِينَ
ظَلَمُوا إِذْ يَرُونَ الْعَذَابَ أَنَّ
الْقُوَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ
شَدِيدُ الْعَذَابِ

Chapter 2 , Verse 166

Al-Qawi

For a true believer, the love of God is the first and foremost objective of his life and he practices this love in every aspect of his life.

Huzur (aba) explained the message

At first glance, the verse directly addresses the idolaters, warning them of the results of their transgression

It also turns the attention of the believers to the objective of their creation, which is to love God and to remember Him.

It reminds those who pay heed that it is easy to forget one's objective in this world and instead of paying due attention to the remembrance of Allah, focus can shift to worldly gains creating apparent and hidden idols .

Huzur (aba) mentioned the key message

This verse warns those who create these apparent as well as hidden idols for themselves that none other than God Almighty has the power to help them.

At another point in the Holy Quran, God says that shirk (associating partners with God) is a transgression that will not be forgiven.

The love for this temporary abode will only lead to a terrible end, whereas true love for Allah will reap Allah's favours in this world and in the hereafter

Love for God

A believer bears in mind that love for God cannot be complete without loving the Holy Prophet (saw).

Invoking duood and offering salat are ways to express this love

A believer also love other human beings for the sake of obtaining the love of God, as this is Divine commandment too.

However, not recognising the existence of God (such as the idolaters) or forgetting God due to worldly or other distractions can lead to the same consequences i.e. displeasure of Allah.

Therefore, there should be a visible difference between one who does not believe in God and one who does believe in God as All Powerful. The former incurs the wrath of God, whereas the latter is a seeker of love for God at every step of the way.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says that the love for God is not something which takes on a false pretense. Such loves comes from the depths of all human faculties, till the heart is completely inundated with nothing but the love of God.

The truth of the matter is that when one loves someone, he is fully engrossed with his beloved such that he has ingested him, meaning that he begins to reflect the qualities of his beloved so that when one sees the lover, he is indeed seeing the beloved.

Hence, when a man loves God completely, he begins to reflect His Light.



The word "*muhabbat*" has its roots in the Arabic language which means to be full of something. So in order to harvest the favors of God Almighty, one must be prepared to offer every type of sacrifice in His way and then he will witness Divine blessings.

أَذِنَ لِلَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ بِأَنَّهُمْ
ظَلَمُوا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ نَصْرِهِمْ
لَقَدِيرٌ

Permission *to fight* is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged — and Allah indeed has power to help them —

Chapter 22 , Verse 40

Permission to fight and key to success

“Permission *to fight* is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged — and Allah indeed has power to help them

الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ
يَقُولُوا رَبَّنَا اللَّهُ وَلَوْلَا دَفَعُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ
بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَهَدَمَتْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ
وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسَاجِدُ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ
كَثِيرًا وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly only because they said, 'Our Lord is Allah' — And if Allah did not repel some men by means of others, there would surely have been pulled down cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of Allah is oft commemorated. And Allah will surely help one who helps Him. Allah is indeed Powerful, Mighty —

The Power of Allah is the key to success for the weak and oppressed

God Almighty promises to help the Muslims, a weak group of believers against a strong party of the *Mushrik* (those who associate partners with God) so as to establish peace

The message is that war should only be fought against religious oppression, in fact, Muslims should help other religious groups to defend themselves against oppression.

On the same note, those who are being oppressed but remain on the path of truth will receive help from God in their favour.

Chapter 22, Verse 41

In early Islamic history, battles were fought against Muslims, yet help from God came to the weak and the inexperienced to ward off oppression.

The key to success for Muslims

To gain God's blessings, Muslims should turn their attention to Allah and His commandments.

In this regard, the teachings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) correctly interpret the Quranic verses and guide mankind towards peace and Allah's blessings.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) paints the picture of early Islam in a passage -

The key to success for Muslims

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says that in the early days of Islam, the antagonists who were strong in every way, wealth, repute, etc, inflicted all sorts of torture upon the weak group of Muslims, and asserted every type of effort to annihilate these flag-bearers of truth.

They were troubled by the thought that progress of Islam meant decline of power for them, therefore they meted out all types of trouble for the Muslims.

They massacred innocent Muslims and imposed thirteen years of social boycott on them where the Muslims suffered immensely.

The Prophet himself was subjected to merciless stoning, yet he displayed immense patience in wake of these cruelties. God being a witness to these sufferings then gave the permission to the Muslims to fight in their own defense and came not only to their help during these battles against the enemy but showered upon them such splendor that they became the heirs of the thrones of Persia and Rome.

كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَأَغْلِبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي
إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

Chapter 58, Verse 22

Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty.

The final success is with Allah

It is a historic fact that truth has always prevailed. As long as Muslims followed the correct path and practiced the true teachings, they were successful, but when they lost their Islamic values and teachings, they lost all their glory and splendor.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has been sent to revive Muslims

At present, it cannot be said that the Muslims enjoy a glorious status in the world.

So can it be said that God's promise to endow the Muslims with honour no longer holds true? Absolutely not. God's promise is true for all times. He is indeed All Powerful for all times.

In fact, it is in testament to this attribute that He has sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), who is the reformer of this age, who has come in fulfillment of God's promise that the light of Islam will spread to all corners of the world and the name of Islam will prevail.

The final success is with Allah

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) received several revelations in which God asserted His attribute of being the All Powerful.

God foretold the Imam of the age that Kings shall seek blessings from his garments, thus letting him know that he shall be successful in his mission.

The world may regard this community as foolish, as worldly people tend to think of Godly people in this way.

They forget that it is the practice of God to come to the help of His people and when His help arrives, nothing stands in its way.

Huzur (aba) advised

- To pay attention to enhance our relationship with God, to improve in our love for God and the Holy Prophet (saw) and to obey His commandments.
- **Remember that God is always loyal to His truthful people; therefore one never incurs any damage or loss in bowing towards Him.**

Huzur (aba) prayed



- **May Allah enable us to cleanse ourselves of all evil inclinations, may He purify us from all sins, may Allah accept our efforts in His cause, Aameen**