



# Friday Sermon Slides

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# Summary

- Huzur (aba) continued with the subject of the Divine attribute of Al Wali (the Friend)
- God draws the attention of believers and non-believers as well as warns the pagans
- Huzur (aba) explained the four aspects of the verse of the Holy Qur'an
  - a) God has taken everyone's protection in His hands
  - b) Allah decides about the fate of a nation in accordance with their practices
  - c) When God deems someone liable to be punished, the matter cannot be averted
  - d) Only Allah is the true Helper and Friend.
- If one puts all commandments in practice with complete sincerity, God becomes the *Maula*.
- May God make it so that we follow piety and stay connected to our true *Maula* so that we receive His help and succour each step of the way.

لَهُ مُعَقِّبَاتٌ مِّنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ  
يَحْفَظُونَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ  
مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَإِذَا  
أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ سُوءًا فَلَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ وَمَا  
لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَالٍ

Chapter 13, verse 12

For him (the Messenger) is a succession of angels before him and behind him; they guard him by the command of Allah. Surely, Allah changes not the condition of a people until they change that which is in their hearts. And when Allah wishes to punish a people, there is no repelling it, nor have they any helper beside Him.

**Al Wali (The Friend)**

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# Huzur (aba) explained the Four aspects

1. God has taken everyone's protection in His hands

2. Allah decides about a nation in accordance with their practices

3. When God deems someone liable to be punished, the matter cannot be averted

4. Only Allah is the true Helper and Friend.

# God has taken everyone's protection in His hands

Chapter 13, verse 12

- the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that God has appointed sentries for exoteric or apparent as well as esoteric or concealed safeguard of His people.

Thus God made arrangements to safeguard the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) more than anyone else.

The Surah from which the verse is taken, Surah Al Ra'd, was revealed during the Makkan period when the enemy's hostility exceeded all limits.

We also have the magnificent example of the Battle of Badr when God provided apparent as well as concealed help for the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

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## God has taken everyone's protection in His hands

Amir ibn Tufail was a pagan chief who asked the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) if he became a Muslim could he be a successor (Khalifa) to the Prophet?

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that Khilafat would never go to one who made such a demand.

The man became upset and left saying threatening words to the Prophet, vowing to harm him (God forbid).

The Prophet replied that God would never enable him to do this

Amir later returned with one of his associates having planned to kill the Prophet.

## God has taken everyone's protection in His hands

Amir stood behind the Prophet as his associate distracted the Prophet,

Amir drew his sword to do the deed but was awe-struck and could not move.

The Prophet turned around and saw all this. The two left, indeed were allowed to leave.

However on their way the associate was hit by lightning and died whereas it is said about Amir that he died of a carbuncle.

## God has taken everyone's protection in His hands

Huzur (aba) said that the words '*by the command of Allah*' in the verse (13:12) signify that apart from helping through the agency of angels, God also made hearts of believers bound to be ever ready to make any and every sacrifice for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

This sense of sacrifice was borne out of the faith that they had embraced through the Prophet.

- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said it was indeed written in the ancient scriptures that the Prophet to come in the latter days will not be killed by the hands of anyone.
- It is a great miracle that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was not killed by anyone.



# God has taken everyone's protection in His hands

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that he most respectfully wanted to say to the government (British) that had he not had a heavenly/Divine restriction from getting inoculated against the plague, his people would have been the first among the subjects to get inoculated.

*'Khisti Nuh'*

Huzur (aba) said that in spite of an extensive disease epidemic in India over a period of five to six years, with the grace of God Ahmadis were saved from this plague.

The Promised Messiah ( on whom be peace) explained that the Divine restriction was that God had willed to exhibit a sign of His mercy by saving all of his followers from the plague.

It is God's protection that enables mankind to endure tragedies such as loss of property, children and respect/honour.

These models are there for us to appreciate that if God's grace and blessings were not in operation, man's life could not go on.

When misfortune befalls pious people, they say, '**Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.**' (2:157) and as a result of this they receive Divine blessings and are safeguarded against the ill-effects of all troubles and of difficult situations.

## God has taken everyone's protection in His hands

According to the laws of nature, everyone is included in God's protection, those who believe as well as those who do not believe.

God states in the verse 13:12 '**Surely, Allah changes not the condition of a people until they change that which is in their hearts**', this signifies that God does not alter His way about the pious and they continue to be recipients of His blessings.

As long as they are pious and honour the dues of God, their dues to mankind, are virtuous individually as well as collectively; they will be recipients of God's grace.

## 2. Allah decides about a nation in accordance with their practices

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God's grace is removed when Satan is followed. As a result vices set in; evil, wicked ways are practised so much so that people are killed in the name of religion.

This is when God removes His protection and His refuge. God does not alter His ways towards the pious, unless they deprive themselves of His blessings by doing wicked deeds.

History, when viewed with a religious perspective is clear about this, the Holy Qur'an declares that when evils sets in God's refuge and protection is also removed.

## Allah decides about a nation in accordance with their practices

'This is because Allah would never change a favour that He has conferred upon a people until they change their own condition, and *know* that Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.'

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَكُ  
مُغَيِّرًا نِّعْمَةً أَنْعَمَهَا  
عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا  
مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ  
سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

God does not seize back any of His blessings, man wastes the blessings through his own wretchedness and misfortune.

Qur'an does not merely relate incidents of the past. It is also a great lesson for Muslims to be alert.

### 3. When God deems someone liable to be punished, the matter cannot be averted

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the first obligation of whoever wishes to be released from grief and misfortune is to bring about a pious change internally. When this is attained God's blessings follow in accordance with His promise.

The next thing that the said verse mentions is something on which Pakistanis in particular needs to reflect and seek forgiveness over: **'And when Allah wishes to punish a people, there is no repelling it...'**

Huzur (aba) said there is a grave need to reflect over this as well as to seek God's forgiveness and Ahmadis should try and make Muslims within their circles understand in this regard.

Thus, if there is no one except God Who can help us, Who can watch over us against all evil, then, He needs to be searched for.



If, in spite of observance of Salat, keeping fasts and many people performing Hajj there are still no signs of improvement of the state of the nation; certainly there is something lacking somewhere in all this worship.

**May God make the ummah comprehend this and may they turn to Allah with sincerity**

## **4. Only Allah is the true Helper and Friend**

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They are indeed deprived of it because they are killing each other.

This is a juncture at which serious pondering is required, there is a need to amend ways!

Huzur (aba) said when God's final decree comes into operation, none can avert it.

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ  
أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ

You are the best people raised for the good of mankind

Chapter 3 , Verse 111

**Do the Muslims still not realise why they are being deprived of Allah's blessings?**

Ahmadis should also continue to self-reflect and self-examine if they are on the right path

If this will be maintained, then in accordance with His promise God will be our Protector and Helper.

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فَاقْتُمُْوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا  
الزَّكَاةَ وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ  
هُوَ مَوْلَاكُمْ فَنِعْمَ الْمَوْلَى  
وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ

Therefore observe Prayer and pay the Zakat, and hold fast to Allah. He is your Master. An excellent Master and an excellent Helper!

Chapter22 , Verse 79

It is obligatory for true believers to observe Salat and through it bring about a pious change in oneself, purify one's wealth by spending some of it in the way of God and hold onto all of God's commandments most firmly.

#### 4. Only Allah is the true Helper and Friend

Only then can it be substantiated that one believes in God as one's Master and Protector.

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إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ  
الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ  
الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رُكْعُونَ

Chapter 5, Verse 56

Our friend is only Allah and His Messenger and the believers who observe Prayer and pay the Zakat and worship God alone.

#### 4. Only Allah is the true Helper and Friend

Here, 'worship God alone' signifies those who sincerely and wholly have belief in God alone and their belief is free from any adulteration whatsoever.

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وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ اللَّهَ  
وَرَسُولَهُ وَالَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا فَإِنَّ حِزْبَ  
اللَّهِ هُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ

Chapter 5 , Verse 57

And those who take Allah and His Messenger and the believers for friends *should rest assured* that it is the party of Allah that must triumph.

#### 4. Only Allah is the true Helper and Friend

These are the body of people who will triumph, who are the friends of God and of whom God is a Friend.

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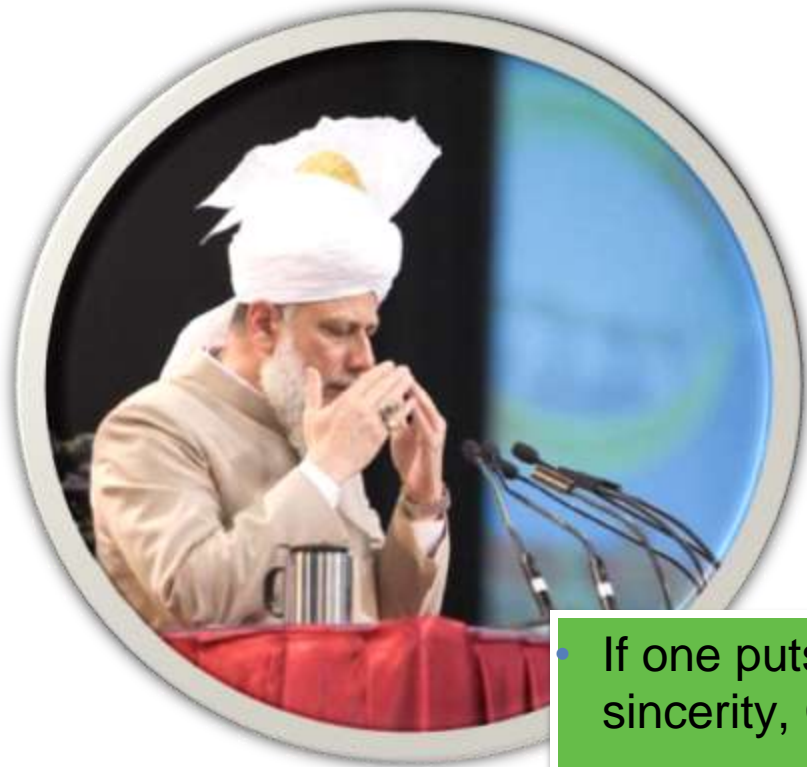
## 4. Only Allah is the true Helper and Friend

### Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

*Whoever adopts enmity towards my friend, I will declare war against them. I like my servant to attain nearness to Me through what is obligatory on him. My servant constantly approaches Me through supererogatory acts of worship until I love him, and when I love him, I become his eyes with which he sees, his hands with which he holds, and his legs with which he walks. If he asks Me for something, I will certainly grant it to him and if he wants My refuge I shall certainly grant him My refuge. I do not ever have hesitation in anything as the hesitation in taking the life of a believer. He dislikes death and I dislike giving him any trouble.'*

- Huzur (aba) said, “ Such is God’s caring and considerate stance towards believers”.

# Huzur (aba) prayed



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- **May God make it so that we follow piety and stay connected to our true *Maula***
- So that we receive His help and succour each step of the way.

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