

Friday Sermon Slides

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SUMMARY

Huzur (aba) gave a discourse on the nur of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

Huzur (aba) elucidated the subject by reading brief extracts from the august writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Huzur (aba) then related some ahadith which expound the apparent as well as the spiritual light of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

Huzur (aba) cited some prayers of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that seek God's pleasure and ultimately, His Light.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the wisdom and supremely excellent morals of this Prophet of God were such that they illuminated even before God's revelation descended upon him (advent of prophethood).

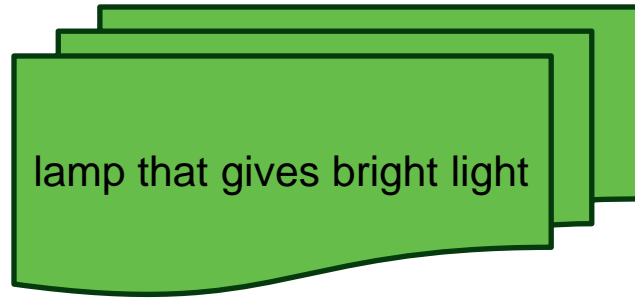
'...light upon light...'

The Seal of the Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was already an amalgamation of light, on top of which the light of God's revelation descended and he thus became a compilation of light.

Light upon light

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the Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
explains that the
exquisite wisdom in
calling him thus is that
one lamp can alight
hundreds of thousands
of lamps. In following
the Prophet (peace and
blessings of Allah be on
him) hundreds of
thousands of people will
attain a status and a
general grace rather
than an exclusive grace
will be granted.



Chapter 33 , Verse 47

Lamp that gives bright light

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Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

*The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him said),
'the first ever thing that was created was his nur.'*

The blessed mother of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) saw in a dream that a light emerged from within her which illumined the palaces of Syria.

Thus God had given the glad-tiding to the mother who had given birth to her son in widowhood.

She was consoled that her orphan son would not have a life of deprivation; rather his being would be a source of light for all humanity.

Appearance of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

'Dignified and handsome of face' and his blessed face having the 'resplendent shine of a full moon'

Face of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

The Prophet was more attractive than the moon

Complexion of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was fair of complexion, as if he was made of silver.

The apparent light of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

The apparent light of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) could be seen by all. When the Companions saw him before accepting Islam, they would know this was not the face of a liar.

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Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

A Hadith relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said the one who goes to the mosque during hours of darkness is given the glad-tiding of perfect light on the Day of Judgement..

Huzur (aba) explained that it is more challenging to attend Mosque for the *Salat of Isha and Fajr* in darkness

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Huzur (aba) explained the message

Forgiveness and intercession is closely related to the blessed person of the Prophet (pbuh).

Huzr (aba) narrated a saying about the role of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) for intercession of his people

A thousand-fold Durud on the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in following whom one's life and the Hereafter are enriched.

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said when it is morning everyone should say,

*'We have reached the morning and so has all of Allah's sovereignty, Who is the Lord of all the worlds.
O Allah, I ask You for the good of this day. I seek its triumph and help from You.*

*I seek its light, blessing and guidance.
I take refuge in You from the evil of this day and the evil of what follows it.'*

He said, this should be repeated in the evening.

Huzur (aba) explained prayer of the Holy Prophet (phuh)

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Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him said) that whoever recites the verses in the beginning and at the end of Surah Al Kahf, the verses will become light for him from his head to toe. Whoever recites the entire Surah, it will become light for him between the heavens and the earth.

Huzur (aba) explained that in order to attain *nur*, God's pleasure, and to enhance one's life and the Hereafter, prayers are needed.

The best way is nightly worship of God and the prescribed Prayers during the day.

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

Hadith recommends recitation of both the beginning and ending ten verses of Surah Al Kahf as protection against Dajjal

- The evil of Dajjal is the evil of rejection of the Unity of God.

Evil of Dajjal

- There is a great need to recite these verses in the current age when Dajjal is prevalent

Protection from Dajjal

Mere verbal recitation of the verses is not sufficient. One must also abide by the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

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Huzur (aba) explained prayer of the Holy Prophet (phuh)

A prayer the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) taught is:

'O Allah, grant good to our hearts, make concord between us and guide us on the paths of peace.

Save us from the darkness and bring us to the light. Save us from what is bad and evil whether it is open or hidden.

Bless us in our ears, our eyes, our hearts, our wives and our children.

Turn to us. You are Oft-turning with compassion and Ever Merciful.

Make us thankful for Your blessing and make us among those who give thanks for it, give praise for it and accept it.

Perfect Your blessing for us.

Huzur (aba) said the greatest blessing for a believer is for him/her to be firm on faith, to do good works and abide by God's commandments.

When the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) offered his Tahajjud prayer, he would say, 'O Allah, You alone are worthy of praise; You alone are Keeper of the heavens and the earth and whatever is therein. You alone are worthy of praise, Yours is the sovereignty over all that is in the heavens and the earth. You alone are worthy of praise. You are the Light of the heavens and the earth and whatever is therein. You alone are worthy of praise, Master of the heavens and the earth. You alone are worthy of praise, You are Truth, and Your promise is Truth, and the meeting with You is Truth, and Your word is Truth, and Paradise is Truth, and Hell is Truth. The Prophets are truth and Muhammad (peace and blessings be on him) is truth and the taking place of the Day of Judgement is Truth. O Allah! I turn to You, and believe in You, and I put my trust in You and submit to You with Your help I contest. I seek judgment from You alone. Forgive me my sins which I have committed in the past or those that I will commit in the future, and also the sins which I did in secret or in public. You are the First and You are the Last. There is none worthy of worship except You.'

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Huzur (aba) explained prayer of the Holy Prophet (phuh)

A prayer of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is: 'O Allah, I am Your servant, the son of Your servant and Your maid. You hold me by my forelock. Your command is what controls me, and Your decree for me is based on justice. I beseech You by each one of Your Names, those which You use to refer to Yourself, or have taught to anyone of Your creation or have revealed in Your Book, or have chosen to keep hidden with You in the Unseen, to make the Qur'an the spring of my heart, the light of my breast and the source of removing my grief and sorrow.' The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said Allah will take away the distress and grief of one who says this and replace it with joy

Making the Qur'an the spring of one's heart signifies reading it, understanding and putting its teachings in practice.

Huzur (aba) explained that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Holy Qur'an are the lights through which one can protect oneself from the attacks of Satan.

Huzur (aba) explained prayer of the Holy Prophet (phuh)

Another prayer of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is: 'O Allah, I seek that special mercy of Yours through which You may guide my heart and settle my matters and make good my troubled matters. Unite me with those who have been apart from me and exalt those who are connected to me. Through Your mercy purify my deed and reveal guidance to me. May those who I love are united with me. Indeed, a special mercy that will protect me from every evil. O' Allah bestow me an everlasting belief and certainty after which disbelief cannot be.'

Huzur (aba) said keeping in view the exalted status of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the fact that he used to say these prayers should make us realise the concentration with which we need to say them.

Huzur (aba) explained prayer of the Holy Prophet (phuh)

O' Lord of all the worlds, I seek that good from You, through Your mercy. Master of guidance, I seek peace from You on the Day of Judgement and wish for Paradise in that eternal period. Certainly, You are Most Merciful and Loving in the company of those who are near You and submit in Your Presence, those who prostrate to You and those who fulfil promises. Without doubt, You do what You will to do. O' Allah make us those guided leaders who neither go astray nor do they lead others astray. '

Huzur (aba) said if the Muslims said this prayer with sincere intention they will be enabled to accept the Imam of the age.

Huzur (aba) explained prayer of the Holy Prophet (phuh)

'For Your love, we love each person who loves You and for Your sake, bear enmity to those who oppose You and are hostile. O Allah it is our humble prayer and its acceptance depends on You. O Allah, this prayer is all our endeavour and planning and all reliance is on You. O Allah instil light in my heart for me and also illuminate my grave. Make light in front of me and behind me, on my left and over me and under me. Fill my hearing with light and my sight with light, fill my hair with light and make my skin of light, instil light in my flesh and my blood, in my brain and my bones. O Allah infuse the greatness of light in my heart, make me a personification of light. Holy is He Who is Eminent and of Honour and Holy is He Whose Purity alone is worthy of mention. Holy is He Who grants grace and mercy, Holy is the Master of Eminence. Holy is He Master of Glory and Honour.'

The compassion with which he made these prayers was for us to learn them.

Huzur (aba) prayed that may God enable us to understand and say this prayer and seek its beneficence.



May we be blessed with that light which the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) brought.

May God enable us to do everything to seek His pleasure.

Huzur (aba) prayed

May we give precedence to the love of the Prophet (pbuh) over all other loves of this world and in doing so, may we fulfil all his wishes and expectations of his ummah

May we, having sought the beneficence of 'light upon light, honour the dues of ummah.