

Friday Sermon Slides February 12th, 2010



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SUMMARY

In his Friday Sermon today Huzur related some faith-inspiring incidents from the lives of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elucidating their absolute belief, trust and indeed their love of God.

Huzur (aba) quoted many faith inspiring incidences from the lives of companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) how Allah made them successful in religious debates and helped them in their hour of need

Huzur (aba) said that scholars who are devoid of *Taqwa* have the objective to merely impress others with their knowledge and not to spread wisdom. In this regard Huzur (aba) said to Ahmadis youth in particular not to be influenced by such scholars on TV.

Huzur (aba) concluded by explaining the sayings of the Promised Messiah about the ways of seeking Allah the Exalted and prayed for all Ahmadis

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) related about an elderly, over-critical scholar of repute who was always keen to prove his intellectual superiority

Once he asked Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) what was *hikmat* (wisdom). He replied that *hikmat* was prevention of things ranging from *shirk* (associating partners with God) to ordinary immorality.

The scholar quizzed him about the basis of such definition and in response Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) asked a hafiz to read out the translation of verses 32-41 of Surah Bani Israel which include

Knowledge

‘This is part of that wisdom which thy Lord has revealed to thee...’ (17: 40).

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So-called scholars of today!

Huzur (aba) said there are many scholars who are devoid of *Taqwa* and their objective is not to spread wisdom, but to merely impress others with their knowledge

In this regard Huzur (aba) wished to say to Ahmadis in general and the youth in particular not to be influenced by such scholars

Huzur (aba) said one such scholar recently tried to garner the support of young people by coming up with the mischief that the commandment of *Purdah* is not for women in general. *Purdah* was merely meant for the blessed wives of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

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يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِّأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلَابِيبِهِنَّ ۖ

'O Prophet! tell thy wives and thy daughters and the women of the believers that they should pull down upon them of their outer cloaks from their heads over their faces.'

Huzur explained that indeed the verse in question of Surah Al Ahzab clearly states that the commandment is also for believing women

Chapter 33: Verse 60

The commandment of Purdah

Huzur (aba) said that now *Purdah* of the head and as well as body also seem to be vanishing from Muslims countries

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The concept of “trinity” and Asian minds!

Professor Arnold of Government College Lahore used to say that Asian minds have not got the capacity to grasp the concept of the trinity



Allama Iqbal sought an answer to this from Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him)




Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) said that if this claim was correct then Jesus and his disciples would also not have understood the trinity as they too were Asians.



The Professor was speechless when given this response.


“We never punish until We have sent a Messenger”



- Maulana Ghulam Rasool Rajiki relates that during the outbreak of the plague [in India] he visited a place in district Gujrat where he preached the message of Ahmadiyyat.



- Arrogant people of the village rejected the message and warning of plague saying that their village was in a safe place



- Maulana Rajiki explained to them that the reason their village was spared so far was because Allah wished them to have a chance to listen to the message of Ahmadiyyat in line with God's declaration of '**...We never punish until We have sent a Messenger.**' (17:16).



- Villagers did not accept the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat and a short while later the plague spread to the village.

The world today

Huzur (aba) said the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has also foretold earthquakes as a sign.

Currently the world is facing different calamities but it is not prepared to recognise the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) or the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

It appears that the world has lost its sense, there is destruction all over.

Only God can give them some sense.

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Huzur (aba) mentioned *Tabligh* successes

Maulana Baqapuri was sent to the region of Sind on a *Tabligh* mission in 1923

He worked hard and promptly learned Sindhi language to be able to make a speech

He managed to successfully counter the arguments of the Arya [Hindu] people, who were targeting simple Muslims to leave Islam

He also won arguments against Muslim scholars and others triumphantly in 1924

Jama'ats were established in the region

Later, some of the people were gradually lost from Ahmadiyyat as they kept no strong bond and married into non-Ahmadi family members.

Huzur (aba) said people need to be careful about such matters. These days some make emotional decisions and marry outside the Community which gradually makes families drift away.

Tabligh

Once Maulana Baqapuri visited some people who were about to covert to Hinduism

Tabligh

On confirmation of the news Maulana started crying, people were moved by this. Maulana Sahib refused to accept their hospitality

Tabligh

Maulana made them understand that there is nothing better than their faith

Huzur (aba) mentioned *Tabligh* successes

Maulana Sahib asked them to write a letter confirming that they were not prepared to forsake their religion.

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So-called scholars!

Maulwi Syed Sarwer Shah sahib was highly knowledgeable.

Once in Haripur he learned that a Maulwi who deemed himself to be a great debater wanted to debate Ahmadiyyat with him.

However, at the appointed time of the debate the Maulwi physically ran away as he could not find any Qur'anic arguments against Ahmadiyya belief about Jesus (on whom be peace)

Huzur (aba) said the current-day situation is the same; these people come on TV channels and make claims. When we offer to discuss their claims there is no response.

Huzur (aba) explained that the Divine promise of “ You will be given awe” is applicable to the followers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as well.

More counter arguments

Hafiz Rashid ud din sahib showed an American scholar around Qadian, who at the end of the visit taunted him by saying that the streets of the town of the new Messiah were unclean.

On this Hafiz Khalifa Rashid ud din sahib remarked laughingly that India was still under the rule of the first Messiah and what the priest had seen was an example of that, the new Messiah's rule had not been established yet.

Explaining the differences between a “claim” and the “evidence”
Huzur (aba) said that when opponents fail to bring evidence for their arguments, they say

, ‘We do not wish to communicate with Mirzai.’

Huzur (aba) said that this type of response has always occurred and will occur in the future.

The prayer of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Nawab of Raampur took offence to Hafiz Dr. Khalifa Rashid ud din sahib for saying out aloud *Assalamoalaikum* and not bowing to the Nawab.

The Nawab threatened him with transfer and being disciplined. Dr. Sahib responded that my God is all Powerful

Hafiz sahib wrote to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) about this and requested prayers.

The prayers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) were so effective that the Nawab who was threatening to remove Dr Sahib, was sacked by the government on grounds of mental illness.

“God has always been my Treasurer”

Once Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) had nothing to eat. As he was walking to the Mosque for Isha Salat, a soldier escorted him to a nearby house where a well-off [English] officer offered him a plate of Jalaibee (Indian sweetmeat). Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) ate to his heart's content and was escorted back to the Mosque when Takbeer for Salat was being said.

Next morning he was clearing his satchel out and was sorting his books out when he found £1. He deemed it was a gift from God for his sustenance for sometime to come.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) always put his faith in Allah

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Kindness of Allah

Hafiz Roshin Ali relates that once he missed his meal so that he could attend the Hadith lesson.

During the lesson despite being fully awake he could not see or hear what was around. He experienced someone placing fresh and delicious food in front of him which he ate to his heart's content. He soon reverted back to his formal state.

However, the taste of the food was still in his mouth and he could still feel fully sated.

Kindness of Allah

Once, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was staying in Gurdaspur. He got the cook to prepare meals for a number of guests

Many more than expected people turned up, but with the blessings of Allah even the small amount of food turned out to be enough for all the large number of people

In the evening, when planning for the next day, the cook asked, “how many guest should I cook for?” implying that even if he cooked for fewer guests, Allah will make this sufficient to go round

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) replied, one must not test God, it is His blessing that He helped us out today but for tomorrow plan accordingly

Kindness of Allah

God will
provide

- Hadhrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad sahib had set up a fund to help the poor and needy.
- He once instructed the manager to help some poor and needy people but was told that the funds had run out.
 - He said, ' do not worry, get an overdraft and help the people, God will provide'.
- Within the same month hundreds were received in the fund

Kindness of Allah

Your God is
unique

- Hadhrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad sahib visited Britain, he had some purchases to make.
- He had employed an Englishman for assistance, who at some stage of travel informed that the funds were running out and it was difficult to carry on.
- Mirza Sharif Ahmad sahib told him not to worry, there would be some arrangement.
 - He prayed to God for help in foreign land.
- Next day, someone stopped him in town and started calling him, 'a saint, a saint'.
 - He presented a cheque of a large amount and requested for prayers.
- The assistant was amazed and said 'truly, your God is Unique'.

More counter arguments

Once the Raja of Kashmir said to Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him),

‘Maulwi Ji, you tell us that we are unnecessarily aggressive because we eat flesh of swine, but do tell, the English also eat flesh of swine, why do they not act so aggressively?’

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) replied, ‘they also eat beef, which balances them’.

The Raja went quiet and did not discuss anything religious for two years.

Huzur (aba) read an extract from the Saying of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explaining the ways to seek Allah

- Deeds that are not to show off, not to be proud of, which are not incomplete, and deeds that have nothing that is against absolute commitment to Allah

Good deeds with no flaws

Absolute abstinence from Shirk

- Including depending upon one's efforts, knowledge and planning

- To seek Allah's blessing

Payers

Depend on Allah

Despite having made the best effort, consider oneself as ignorant and weak

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَىٰ
 أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ اللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ فَمَن
 كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ
 عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ
 رَبِّهَا أَحَدًا

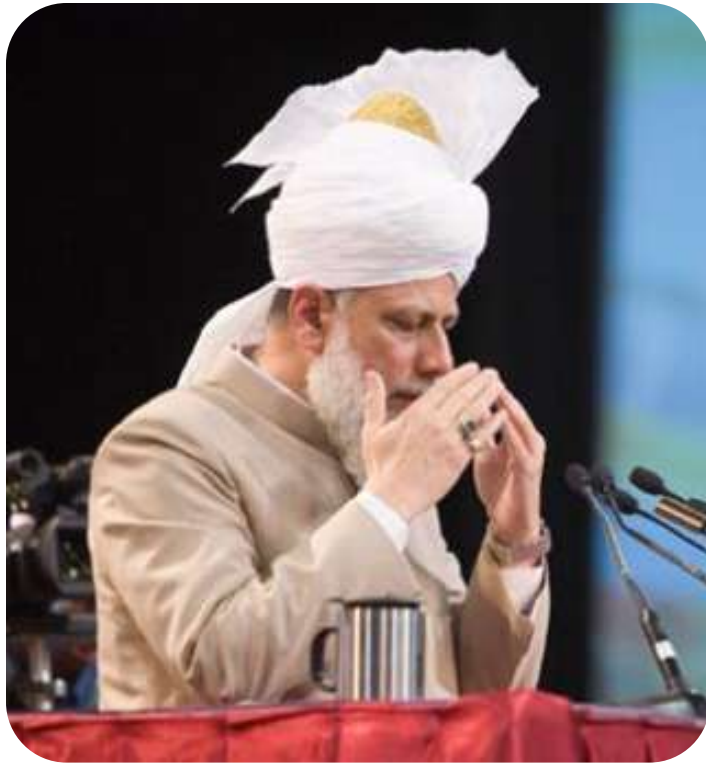
Say, 'I am only a man like yourselves; *but* I have received the revelation that your God is only One God. So let him who hopes to meet his Lord do good deeds, and let him join no one in the worship of his Lord.'

Chapter 18, Verse 111

Huzur (aba) explained that by following the teachings given in the Holy Qur'an, one can see God in this world.

Huzur (aba) gave the example of an extremely thirsty man, who makes every effort to get to a fountain of fresh water and once there, drinks enough to achieve complete satiety.

This is how Ahmadis are enjoined by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to seek spiritual satisfaction.



May we always turn to Allah.
Aameen

May each Ahmadi
be enhanced in
their humility, trust
in God and belief

May we witness
God's help and
succour

May we develop
in our knowledge
and our deeds
and regard it all
as a favour of
God

May He enable us
to do deeds that
the companions
did, meriting
Allah's help and
favour

May we always be saved from
arrogance and worldliness

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