

Friday Sermon Slides

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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) gave a discourse on two aspects of the Divine attribute of Al Hasib in his Friday Sermon today.

Hudhur (aba) elucidated that the strength of true believers' faith and their steadfastness enables them to face opposition and also enhances their perception of Allah.

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People of Divine communities have the same responsibilities as the Prophets of God who establish them, i.e. summon people to God and show them the way of truth.



History of religion testifies that calling people to Allah is met by severe opposition, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) of Islam met unprecedentedly severe hostility



The steadfastness of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and his Companions was resolute in the face of all these difficulties, wars and scarcity of manpower and resources

The strength of true believers' faith and their steadfastness enables them to face opposition

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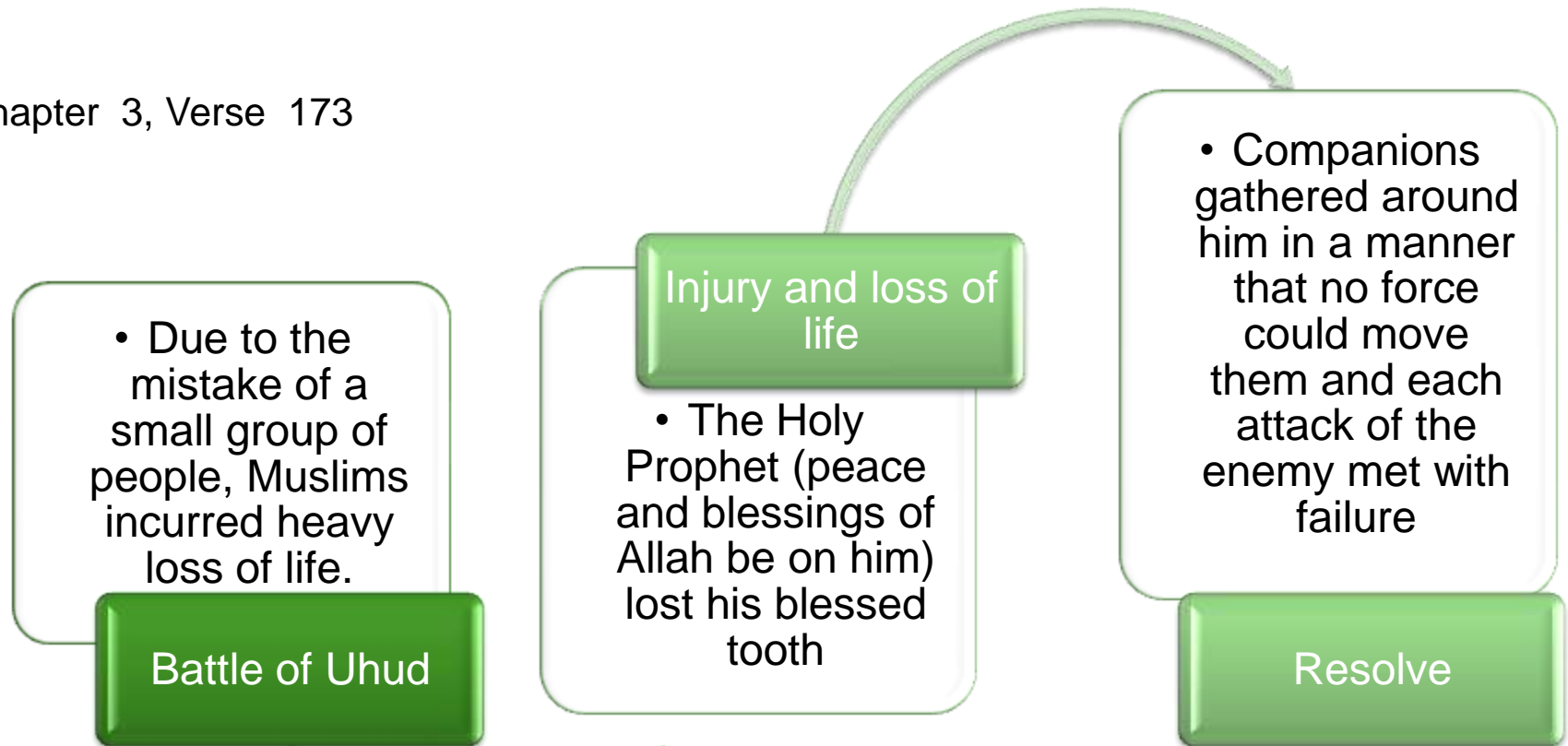
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أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

Chapter 3, Verse 173

As to those who answered the call of Allah and the Messenger after they had received an injury — such of them as do good and act righteously shall have a great reward;

This strength of faith and spirit to sacrifice one's life in the cause of God can be seen in the account of the Battle of Uhud.

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The pagans of Makkah appeared to have the upper hand, although not in the military terms.

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Events after the Ghazwa of Uhud

- Makkans were taunted by others for a victory without bounty and prisoners

- Pagan Makkans contemplated returning back to Medina to attack tired and injured Muslims in Medina

- In response to this, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) gathered 250 Companions to chase the pagans, only allowing those who have taken part in the battle of Uhud to accompany him

Imagine the weary and the injured Companions, 250 of them set out with the passion of a victorious army.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) ordered to light up 500 fires at the campsite



This most impressive sight made the pagans of Makkah to turn back from a distance back.



The Muslims too returned after a stay of two three days

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After Uhud, Abu Sufyan challenged to fight Muslims at Badr

In 4 Hijra, Muslims travelled to Badr with an army of 15,00 and pagans had 2,000 soldiers ready

Makkans tried to scare Muslims by spreading the rumours about the large size of Makkan army, which only strengthened Muslims in their resolve

Using the excuse of inadequate preparation, Makkans turned away

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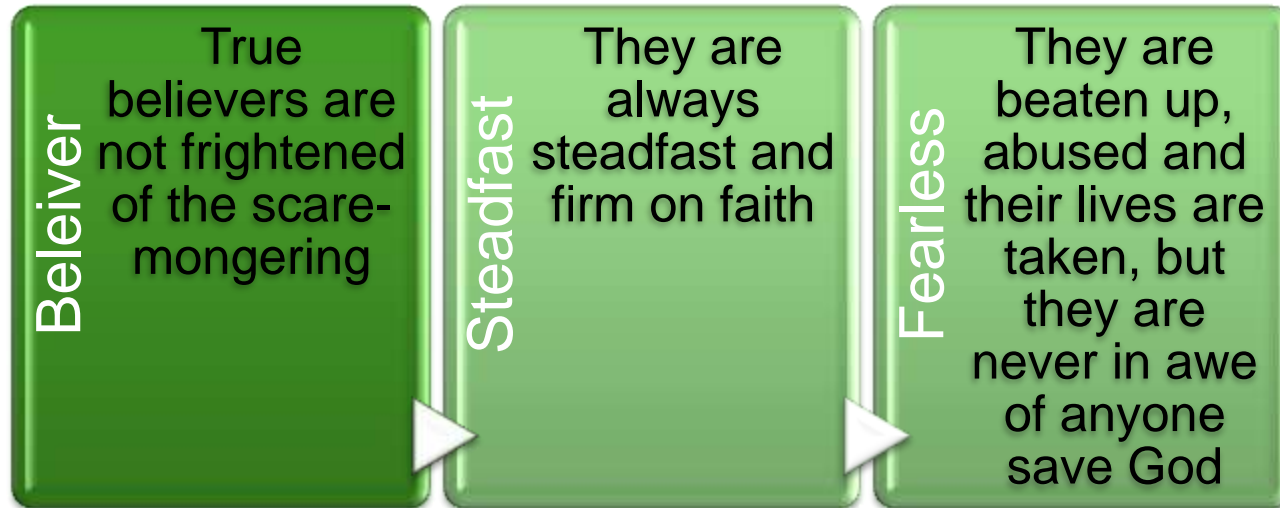
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Death scares the pagans off whereas it enhances believers in faith.

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Hudhur (aba) said that great opposition towards our community in some countries is, in fact a testimony of its truthfulness.



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'Sufficient for us is Allah, and an excellent Guardian is He.

Hudhur (aba) said he receives letters from parents and families of the martyred Ahmadis expressing a greater and enhanced spirit of faith and sincerity.

Pakistan; all 72 sects of Muslims are opposed to Ahmadis

India; opposition is growing to Ahmadis

Bangladesh; behave adversely if given any opportunity

Syria; anti-Ahmadiyya stance

Bulgaria; Anti-Ahmadiyya Mufti

Russia; Muslims states are against Ahmadis

Those who understand the Divine attribute of Al Hasib will always respond to opposition by saying: **'Sufficient for us is Allah, and an excellent Guardian is He.'**

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, 'These verses illustrate that true courage derives from steadfastness.

To be steadfast against every personal passion or against any calamity that attacks like an enemy and not to run away out of cowardice is true courage

Hudhur (aba) explained that one has to submit oneself completely to God and it is then that one experiences the manifestations of the Divine attribute of Al Hasib beyond one's imagination.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also said that joining his community entailed following its teaching in the face of all opposition.

He said that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his Companions faced bitter persecution for thirteen years but eventually all the enemies were obliterated.

God has willed that this community too will spread in the world and when it will gain in numbers, the opponents will be silenced.

God wills to give training of patience through these circumstances. Patience is also a kind of worship and has countless blessings. Pain strengthens faith.

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وَإِنْ مَا نُرِيَنَّكَ بَعْضَ الَّذِي نَعِدُهُمْ أَوْ نَتَوَفَّيَنَّكَ
فَأِتْمَاعًا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْعُ وَعَلَيْنَا الْحِسَابُ

And whether We make thee see *the fulfilment* of some of the things with which We threaten them or *whether* We make thee die, *it makes little difference*, for on thee lies only the delivery of the Message, and on Us the reckoning.

Chapter 13 , Verse 41

The objectives of Prophets of God and their followers is to take the message of truth to people whether people accept it or not. The consequences of them not accepting is in God's hands, Who is Al Hasib (the Reckoner).

Hudhur (aba) explained

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أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا نَأْتِي الْأَرْضَ نَنْقُصُهَا مِنْ
أَطْرَافِهَا وَاللَّهُ يَحْكُمُ لَا مُعَقِّبَ لِحُكْمِهِ وَهُوَ
سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

Chapter 13, Verse 42

Do they not see that We are visiting the land, reducing it from its outlying borders? And Allah judges; there is none to reverse His judgment. And He is swift at reckoning.

Hudhur (aba) explained that God has His own way of chastisement and knows well when to punish whom.

Chastisement can be a sign and its objective is reformation.

Only Allah knows

1. People who will be reformed
2. People who will reform after slight punishment
3. People who will never desist.

It is the later people who are chastised.

بَلْ مَسَّعْنَا لَهُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَأَبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّىٰ طَالَ عَلَيْهِمُ
الْعُمُرُ أَفَلَا يَرَوْنَ أَنَّا نَأْتِي الْأَرْضَ نَنْقُصُهَا
مِنْ أَطْرَافِهَا أَنهٖمُ الْغَالِبُونَ

Chapter 21, Verse 45

Nay, We provided those and their fathers *with the good things of this world* till life grew long for them. Do they not see that We are visiting the land, reducing it from its outlying borders? Can they even then be victors?

Hudhur (aba) explained .

- No worldly power is forever, all nations see decline, the ultimate triumph is destined for Islam.
- If only the Muslims too would abandon their opposition and become a part of the destiny that will come to pass through the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

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مَن اهْتَدَىٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَهْتَدِي لِنَفْسِهِ
 وَمَن ضَلَّ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهَا وَلَا تَزِرُ
 وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ وَمَا كُنَّا مُعَذِّبِينَ
 ۝۝ حَتَّىٰ نَبْعَثَ رَسُولًا

He who follows the right way follows it only for *the good* of his *own* soul: and he who goes astray, goes astray only to his *own* loss. And no bearer of burden shall bear the burden of another. We never punish until We have sent a Messenger.

Hudhur (aba) said the current-day calamities and disasters are also a sign of support for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Many people query that the opposition is from the false Imams, why then are the poor and disadvantaged being killed in these disasters.

**Why innocent people
get killed in the
natural disasters that
occur because a
Prophet of God is
accused of
falsehood?**

The natural calamities that follow accusation of falsehood on God's appointed people are general and not specific.

It is the way of God that when all limits are exceeded in accusing truthful people of God of falsehood and they are persecuted, all kinds of calamities occur in the world.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave example from the Holy Qur'an about the calamities faced by the people at the time of advent of the Moses (on whom be peace), Jesus (on whom be peace) and the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained that when a prophet is accused of falsehood, all kinds of calamities come to pass. However, people who have nothing to do with the accusation of falsehood are caught up in the calamities. Gradually the false Imams are seized and the time of the wickedest comes in the end.

Hudhur (aba) said a few days ago a huge earthquake struck Chile and before that Haiti.

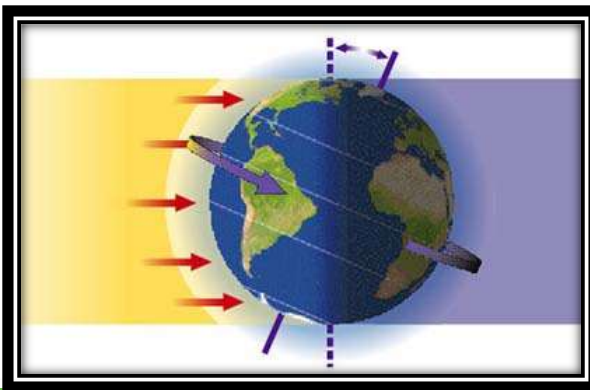
Hudhur(aba) said these are signs in support of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

The Chilean earthquake is the seventh most dreadful earthquake since records began.



Recent Earthquakes

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The earthquake has taken off 1.26 milliseconds from Earth day, which is now this much shorter.

Scientists have also recorded that the powerful quake shifted the Earth's figure axis by three inches.

Hudhur explained this is the axis about which the Earth's mass is balanced.

Thus a situation is arisen to 'reduce earth on its outlying borders' as mentioned in verse 42 of Surah Al Rad.

Chilean Earthquake

Hudhur (aba) mentioned that rising water levels and loss of land to sea is also to 'reduce earth on its outlying borders' as mentioned in verse 42 of Surah Al Rad.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) indeed foretold earthquakes as one of the signs of his truthfulness

From 1570 to 1835 five earthquakes struck Chile.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote at the time of the Chilean earthquake of 1906 that he had had his prophecies about strong earthquakes striking the world published many times so much so that the earth would disintegrate.

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The Promised Messih (on whom be peace) prophesied many calamities, some occurring from the skies, others on the earth. This will be because mankind has stopped worshipping God and all attention is focused on the world.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said had he not come, these calamities may have been slightly delayed, but with his coming the hidden will of God had been made evident, just as God has declared: **‘...We never punish until We have sent a Messenger.’** (17:16). Those who repent will be granted refuge.

Hudhur (aba) added that this warning is specifically for the region of India and Pakistan.

'O' Europe, you too are not in peace and 'O' Asia, you too are not safe, and 'O' dwellers of the islands no false god will help you. I see cities being demolished and find populated areas desolated. The One and Only God remained silent for a long time while repulsive things were done in front of Him and He said nothing. But now He will manifest His countenance with awe.

Those who have ears to hear may listen that the time is not far. I tried to gather everyone under the refuge of God, but it was certain for what was destined to be fulfilled. I say most truthfully that the turn of this country is also approaching. You will witness the time of Noah and you will see the incident of Lot. But God is lenient in chastisement. **Repent, so that you may be given mercy.** A person who leaves God is a worm not a man and a person who does not fear Him is dead not alive.'

Hudhur (aba) prayed

May God give understanding to the world to recognise God's Prophet and be saved from God's chastisement.

May He also enable us to take the true message of Islam to others

May each difficulty and trouble in this cause strengthen our faith and may we not abandon our task out of fear.



May God enable us so. Ameen

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