

Friday Sermon Slides

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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) explained the connection between adhering to taqwa along with putting complete trust in God and the bestowment of God's blessings in his Friday Sermon today.

God grants spiritual provision to those who are righteous and who put their complete trust in Him.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was the perfect example of this. His Companions also attained spiritual progress in accordance with their individual capacities. They exhibited a great model of righteousness and trust in God.

Hudhur (aba) commented on the current sorry and subjugated state of the Muslim world and said this was contrary to God's final judgement in which the final triumph is that of God and His Prophet (pbuh).

As in early Islam triumph came to Muslims by treading paths of taqwa and by giving tremendous sacrifices, similarly in the current age the triumph is destined through the true and ardent devotee of the Prophet (pbuh) and his community.

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- In the face of any adversity from their enemies, believers with strong faith declare God as their protector

- Their faith does not weaken by these trials and tribulations from opponents

- Allah is sufficient to deal with the opponents of the Prophets and believers

- When He decides to deal with the transgressors, Allah's reckoning is powerful

Summary of last sermon; *Al Hasib*

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Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

Hudhur (aba) said a transgressor professes to be pious outwardly but God knows what is in hearts. God's reckoning about such people is very severe.

A Hadith relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that he who will be held accountable on the Day of Judgement will be punished. Hadhrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) asked him does God not say that He will be lenient in taking account. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) replied, no, not that accountability. That denotes just being presented in front of God. One whose account will be taken searchingly on the Day of Judgement will be punished.

Hudhur (aba) said a believer treads the path of *taqwa*, they have fear of God and are mindful of their deeds, they try to carry out their obligations to God and mankind. During their endeavours the Divine attribute of *Al Hasib* is manifested to them .
(Allah becomes sufficient and provides for them) -

وَيَرْزُقُهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا
يَحْتَسِبُ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ
عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ إِنَّ
اللَّهَ بِالْعَمْرِ قَدِيرٌ
اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Chapter 65, Verse 4

‘And will provide for him from where he expects not. And he who puts his trust in Allah — He is sufficient for him. Verily, Allah will accomplish His purpose. For everything has Allah appointed a measure.’ (65:4)

The treasure of knowledge

Spiritual progress

Means required for material survival as food, money

Rizk (provision) encompass all human faculties

Rizk (Provision)

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وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا
لا

: ‘...And he who fears Allah —
He will make for him a way
out,’ (65:3).

Chapter 65, Verse 4

Provider

God provides for
the righteous
from unexpected
sources.

A righteous
person’s trust
solely that God
is the Provider

Provisions

For a believer provision is not
limited to things for material
sustenance but also spiritual
provision as well as the wealth

A righteous person who has
complete trust in God wishes
for provisions of all kinds.

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The spiritual sustenance

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was granted extraordinary spiritual sustenance in the form of the Holy Qur'an.

The Holy Quran is a treasure of spirituality and knowledge

1. Its spiritual knowledge silenced the critics in the lifetime of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)
2. It will continue to unfold secrets of the universe until the end of time to people with insight.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that one of the blessings of *taqwa* is that God eases the difficulties of a righteous person and grants him provision.

In terms of provisions of spiritual significance, despite being unlettered, God granted spiritual sustenance of such high order to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that he could contend with academics, philosophers etc. and be critical of them.

'And what should make you know what the 'Hutamah' is?'

وَمَا آدْرَاكَ مَا الْحُطْمَةُ

Chapter 104, Verse 46

God disclosed matters to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of which people of that time, including the Companions had no concept

For example none had any idea of the concept of the atom at the time, however, it was said in the Holy Qur'an that it will affect the heart first and foremost. Hudhur (aba) said a museum in Nagasaki, Japan has exhibits showing the aftermath of an atomic attack. People froze in the position they were in, their hearts having stopped..

Hudhur (aba) said this is just one example, many more examples can be found where scientific inventions validate the superiority of the Holy Qur'an.

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The Companions sought spiritual sustenance and Allah --

Hudhur (aba) said the Companions of the Holy Prophet (may Allah be pleased with them) were focused on the treasures of spiritual knowledge .

Hadhrat Abu Huraira (on whom be peace)

- Some of them had entrusted the matters of worldly sustenance solely to God and untiringly pursued spiritual knowledge. Hadhrat Abu Huraira gathered spiritual provision (in the form of Ahadith) that is giving us its beneficence till today and indeed will continue to do so for always

Indeed, majority of the Companions would be busy earning their living but their foremost wish was to develop and enhance their taqwa levels

So, they would be ever ready to follow any command of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and attain spiritual sustenance.

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The Companions sought spiritual sustenance and Allah along with spiritual progress provided them with worldly provisions

Companion's small efforts bore great fruits and their trades became highly profitable.

Once a Companion asked the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to pray for him. His trade was so blessed after this that anything he touched turned to gold.

Many Companions who were traders did not have materialistic intentions. Yet, on their death, they left gold valuing in millions and other property.

The Companions experienced spiritual as well as material sustenance.

Allah Provides for a *Muttaqi* (God-fearing) person

Hadhrat Daud (on whom be peace) is known to have said that through his life, from childhood to old age, he had never seen any righteous person begging.)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that one who fears God and is also a *muttaqi* (God-fearing) in God's sight is taken out of all adversity by God Who provides for him from most unexpected means.

One who becomes God's is taken out of every disgrace by God. God never wastes a righteous person and does not break His promise.

Allah Provides for a *Muttaqi* (God-fearing) person

Hudhur (aba) said the basic condition for this is

1. To become God's and adopt taqwa
2. To put one's trust in God.

Hudhur (aba) said let it be clear that if the offspring of a righteous person transgress then God's other law comes into action.


If the offspring of pious people have any weakness other than *shirk* (associating partners with God), Allah does not make their situation such where they have to starve. God picks up their situation fairly soon


The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said it is true that God saves righteous people from begging.


He said it was his belief that God blesses seven generations of a truly righteous person

Offspring of a truly righteous person also treads the path of taqwa, borne out of good upbringing and prayers.

Hudhur (aba) said some people say that they are regular in Salat and also try and develop in piety, yet their situation gets from bad to worse.

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- Hudhur focused on the statement of Promised Messiah (on whom be peace): 'one who is also a *muttaqi* (God-fearing) in God's sight'. Hudhur added this entailed a lot of endeavour.

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- Therefore, people need to profusely do *Ishtaghfar* (ask forgiveness of God). God's promise is not false. If there is any deficiency, it is in us.

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- If our situation is such that despite efforts things are worsening then we need to self-reflect and self-examine.

Thus, to attain His beneficence we need to view our actions in minute detail looking for any contamination of falsehood, any ill-intent, ensuring complete adherence to *qawl e sadid* (the right word) and in addition, we should fulfil the right of worship of God.

Hudhur (aba) said *qawl e sadid* does not simply mean honesty; rather, it connotes that honesty which is evident and clear

Hudhur (aba) said using falsehood on even an insignificant level in business/work is remote from taqwa and is against trust in God.

رُيِّنَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَيَسْخَرُونَ
مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا فَوْقَهُمْ يَوْمَ
الْقِيَامَةِ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

‘The life of this world is made *to appear* attractive to those who disbelieve; and they scoff at those who believe. But those who fear *God* shall be above them on the Day of Resurrection; and Allah bestows *His gifts* on whomsoever He pleases without reckoning.’

Chapter 2, Verse 213

Huzur (aba) explained .

The standards of worldly people and believers are very different. Those who wish for God’s pleasure do not chase worldly matters.

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وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ
النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

‘...And Allah has full power over His
decree, but most men know *it* not.’

Chapter 12, Verse 22

Hudhur (aba) said that despite the Divine promise that He gives the believers the upper hand in fighting, today the state of affairs of the Muslims is terrible. This shows that there is a deficiency of taqwa, so that God’s promise of opening up ways beyond expectations and being given without measure are not being fulfilled in Muslim’s favour.

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The answer to this is that the way in which the Companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) attained his beneficence.

1. By treading the paths of taqwa
2. By giving precedence to faith over worldly matters
3. By tremendous sacrifices of life, property and time
4. By immigrating in the cause of Allah when persecution became too much

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Chapter 39, Verse 11

قُلْ يٰٓعِبَادِ اللّٰهِ اٰمَنُوْا اَتَّقُوْا رَبَّكُمْ لِّلَّذِيْنَ
اَحْسَنُوْا فِيْ هٰذِهِ الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَّاَرْضُ
اللّٰهِ وَّاسِعَةٌ اِٰمَّا يُؤْتِي الصّٰبِرِيْنَ اَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ
حِسَابٍ

‘Say, ‘O ye My servants who believe, fear your Lord. There is good for those who do good in this life. And Allah’s earth is spacious. Verily the steadfast will have their reward without measure.’

Today, unfortunately, Muslims are subjugated today. However, it is God’s will that Muslims will once again succeed and the triumph of Islam will come about through the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

However, the followers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) will face hardship and the earth will be restricted for them and God will open ways for them.

This is the reason why the Holy Prophet (pbuh) bequeathed not to be among the persecutors of the Messiah but to go to him and send him the Prophet’s greetings.

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And Allah's earth is spacious

Hudhur (aba) said today each Ahmadi is witness to the fact that in Pakistan the earth was restricted for our community.



However, today Ahmadiyyat is established in 195 countries of the world. Individual losses do not impede the progress of communities.



Today our message is reaching the ends of the earth via MTA.



When blessings and salutations are invoked (Durud) on the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) on MTA, it is infused in the air even in places where there is no one to recite it.

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Hudhur (aba) prayed

May God enable us to understand this most significant responsibility on individual level

May we tread the path of taqwa and endeavour for the attainment of the objective of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

May we experience God's reward without measure.

Aameen

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