

Friday Sermon Slides

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SUMMARY

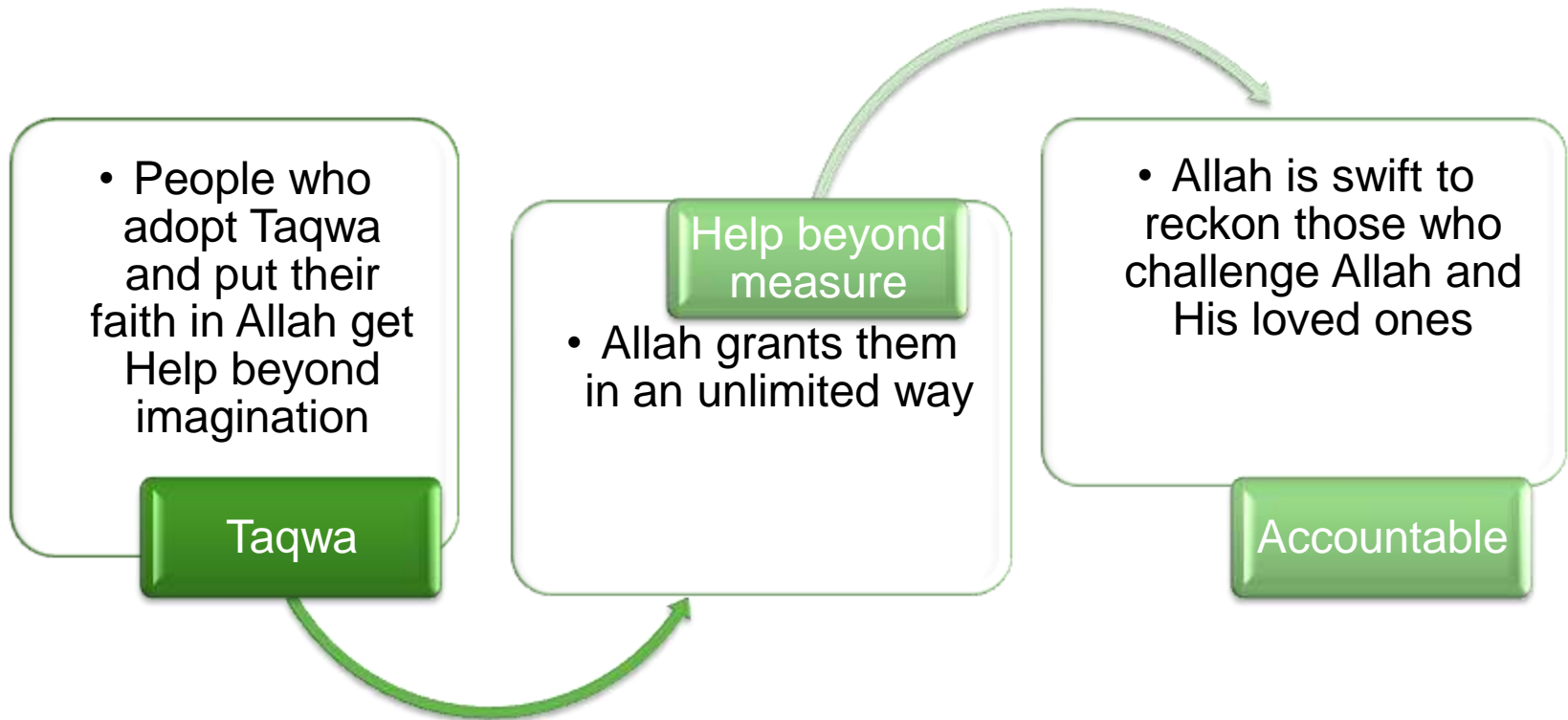
By citing examples of ahadith as well as incidents of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), Hudhur gave a discourse on Divine bestowment without measure as well as God's swift reckoning.

Hudhur related faith inspiring incidents from the life of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) where God provided for him in extraordinary ways.

Hudhur recounted several ahadith illustrating the remarkable generosity of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in the name of Islam and his strong desire for his ummah not to get embroiled in materialism.

Hudhur quoted a couple of incidences from the life of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to expound his generous outlook towards his companions

Next Hudhur cited a few incidents illustrating how God's chastisement can be swift.



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Reminder of last week's message

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Hudhur (aba) explained that there is a lesson in this for all of us, that it is not right to get upset if we lose a precious worldly thing .

Once Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) ran out of money while travelling.

He told his companion that he plans to sell the mare at their destination to get the money. Unfortunately, the mare died shortly thereafter.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) felt sorry that he depended on a worldly source and had not put his faith in Allah.

He turned to Allah and unexpectedly soon after he received a handsome sum of money from a person who sought Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I to treat his ailing father.

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Once on the occasion of Eid ul Adhia Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) gave away all his clothes to poor people and was left with no new clothes to wear for the celebration.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) put his trust in Allah. Just minutes before Prayers was about to start a man from another town brought him a gift of new clothes.

To this Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) said, 'See how my Allah arranged this for me'

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- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the real Provider is God. One who puts his trust in God is never deprived of provision. God states that He showers down from the heavens and extracts from under the feet for one who trusts Him.

Maulana Rasool Rajiki once saw in a dream that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says to him in Punjabi, may all your needs be fulfilled’.

Maulana Rajiki said that following this dream God miraculously fulfilled all his needs, his family and neighbours were witness to this spiritual glad-tiding.

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Hudhur said God's Prophets personify Divine attributes extremely well and the most excellent example of this was the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) once said that even if he had gold the size of the mount of Uhud, he would have been happier, if after three days he had none left, apart from a little left over for paying off debts.

Once he gave a person the entire herd of goats that grazed a valley between two mountains. The man went to his people and told them to accept Islam because the Prophet of Islam gave so much that there could never be a risk of famine.

Whenever the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was asked in the name of Islam, he would give most generously.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) enjoined not to be penny pinching when giving in the name of God, he said other wise God too would give sparingly.

Hudhur (may Allah assist him with His Mighty Help) said each person's power to give is in accordance to his/her capacity and other commitments.

At one occasion the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said that he was not concerned about the poverty of his Companions but was concerned lest they got inclined to materialism like the earlier people and this materialism caused their destruction like the ancients.

Hudhur (may Allah assist him with His Mighty Help) said it was a pity that in spite of this strong counsel of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) the majority of his ummah today is embroiled in the same.

However, Ahmadis have to honour their pledge of bai'at and have to give precedence to faith over worldly matters.

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

Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave a keen helper some money to get a parcel form a nearby town

The young helper brought the parcel back in most frugal fashion. The Promised Messiah (on whom be pace) gave him the finest grapes (a great novelty those days!) and refused to take any money back

He most affectionately said, 'we do not keep account with friends.'

In the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once someone was going on travels and asked the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for some funds who brought the box in which he kept all the money and said, 'take however much you wish to', most cheerfully he said, 'take all if you like'.

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

The Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) gave permission to leave to a companion and gave him a note to collect a book from his blessed writings from one of the helpers

The helper was annoyed at the request of a free book under such hard circumstances and remarked that people came and got free books, whereas there were no funds, and so many publications are pending and gave the note back to the companion.

On hearing this, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) rushed to the helper barefoot, 'Why do you worry? The One Whose work it is will certainly facilitate it. You should have given the books promptly after seeing my note. You are anxious so soon?'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) added, 'Large numbers of people have yet to come here and treasures will be distributed.'

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Hudhur (aba) said people who make sacrifices for the publication of Islam today and give are also shown such experiences by God.

A new Ahmadi of the Ivory Coast, Yaqoub Ali sahib was told about the prescribed rates of chanda, of Tehrike Jadid and Waqfe Jadid. When he paid his contribution accordingly, it came up to £50, which was a large sum for him.

Soon afterwards a friend of his who had borrowed money from him a couple of years ago but from whom hope of a return was all but lost, rang him and said he was ready to pay back.

He received a letter from the government informing him that he had been promoted to a higher grade at work and his salary had increased by 50%.

On receipt of his enhanced salary he immediately adjusted his chanda contribution and he tells everyone most candidly it is all due to the grace of God

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Hudhur said, as a rule we do not take contributions from people outside the Jama'at but in Africa sometimes such connections are formed that we have to accept contributions.

A non-Ahmadi lady called Haleem from Benin contributed to the Tehrike Jadid scheme. Ultimately she was granted the ability to join Ahmadiyyat

Hudhur said when he was in Ghana many [non-Ahmadi] farmers would bring their Zakat saying that they were assured the Ahmadis would correctly channel it as opposed to the mullah who would probably devour it.

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مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضِعَّهُ
لَهُ أَضْعَافًا كَثِيرَةً وَاللَّهُ يَقْبِضُ وَيَبْصُطُ وَإِلَيْهِ
تُرْجَعُونَ

Who is it that will lend Allah a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? And Allah receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return.

Chapter 2 , Verse 246

وَلَا يَحْتَفِظُهَا

Giving in the way of Allah

And He cared not for the consequences thereof.

Chapter 91 , Verse 16

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Next Hudhur cited a few examples of God's swift reckoning.

Hurting others feelings

One companion of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to taunt and insult his sister-in-law beyond all limits, who had a deaf and dumb child.

His impudence caused God's displeasure and all his children were born deaf and dumb.

On realising his mistake he did *Istaghfar* profusely and wrote to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for prayers.

Eventually his last child was born without any disability.

Hudhur (aba) said at times the cry of pains from a someone suffering pain can move the heavens.

God's swift reckoning

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) instructed the Community to vote for one of the two candidates standing for Punjab Legislative Council elections.

This provoked hostility towards Ahmadis who remained patient. One well-off person among them exceeded all limits and used abusive language for Ahmadis in general and Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in particular.

Maulana Rajiki warned him that such transgression was not good and that God did not give too much respite to people like him.

Almost immediately after this the man fell ill and despite seeking medical help from the best hospital, four months later, in spite of his grandeur, he died.

God's swift reckoning

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يٰعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ إِنِّي مُتَوَفِّيكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ
وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ
اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ إِلَى
مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ

Chapter 3, Verse 56

The Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
said that if one is
mindful of God's
greatness and is aware
of death then indolence
is taken care of. God's
chastisement is dreadful.

He covers faults but
when He punishes, it is
severe, apart from for
those who fear Him and
deem Him Great. For
such a person God
becomes a shield.

When Allah said, 'O Jesus, I will cause thee to die a *natural death* and will exalt thee to Myself, and will clear thee from *the charges* of those who disbelieve, and will place those who follow thee above those who disbelieve, until the Day of Resurrection; then to Me shall be your return, and I will judge between you concerning that wherein you differ.

A maulvi was punished with plague who, in his hostility to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) attempted to alter the above verse the Holy Qur'an

Hudhur (may Allah assist him with His Mighty Help) prayed

May God have mercy and protect us from punishment, even from slight reprimand

May He always grant us blessings and give us beyond our imagination

May He become our shield at every opportunity as is His promise.

May He establish His fear in our hearts

May we be among those who have perfect trust in God



Hudhur asked for prayers for his forthcoming travels and addressing the congregation of the Baitul Futuh, he said that for the next few Fridays (instead of seeing Hudhur in person), they will watch the Sermons on MTA, like the rest of the world.