



Friday Sermon Slides May 28th 2010



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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) recited verses 72 – 75 of Surah Sad and delivered a Friday Sermon on the phenomenon of satanic forces and God's chosen people, His Prophets helped by hosts of angels.

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إِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ اِنِّىْ
مَخْلُقٌ بَشَرًا مِّنْ طِيْنٍ

فَاذْاَسُوْا۟ۤ اِئْٰهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيْهِ
مِنْ رُّوْحِىْ فَسَجَدُوْا۟ۤ لَهٗ سٰجِدِيْنَ

فَسَجَدَ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ
كُلُّهُمْ اَجْمَعُوْنَ

Chapter 38 , Verses 72-75

‘When thy Lord said to the angels, ‘I am about to create man from clay, ‘And so when I have fashioned him *in perfection*, and have breathed into him of My Spirit, fall ye down in submission to him.’ So the angels submitted, all of them together. But Iblis *did not*. He behaved proudly, and was of those who disbelieved.’

اِلَّا۟ۤ اِبْلِيسَ اَسْتَكْبَرَ
وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ

Satan and man

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Hudhur (aba) said from the beginning of time Satan and man have been contending with each other.

Satan declares war

In religious account God's love for Adam (on whom be peace) caused Satan to declare war with him with much ferocity.

Satan and era of Prophets

This enmity was repeated in the era of each Prophet of God and indeed is still being repeated.

Commandment of the Holy Qur'an

From Surah Al Fatiha to Surah Al Nas, God has mentioned Satan to alert believers from his attacks, and has commanded to protect themselves from him through prayer.

Prophets of God guide to ways leading to God and Satan has always tried to spoil this process and continues to do so.

Satan frightens and misleads people with all manner of pretext, greed and terror.

Satan declares war

Angels to completely submit to man

The aforementioned verses declare God's command to angels to completely submit to man and the arrogance of Satan in declining to submit to one who was, in his view, created from lesser matter.



When God created man, He put the capacity in him to imbue Divine qualities and thus attain nearness to God, and go on to attain a high point in this nearness where angels would be commissioned to serve him.



God created man as the most eminent of all creation and pressed the entire creation in his service.



God sends His Prophets who attain the greatest nearness to Him and as a result the entire system of angels arises to help and support them. When man is granted prophethood he becomes the Adam of his age, imagine the support and succour he would receive in such instance.

Bitter persecution

- During the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) he and the believers were bitterly persecuted and the pagans of Makkah marshalled aggression in order to eliminate Islam.

Army of angels

- There are several instances from the time of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) including Battle of Badr which illustrate that an army of angels was always with him and the believers.

Indeed, the Muslims lost their lives as well as suffered from loss of property etc. however; the mob of *Iblees* (Satan) could never achieve their objective.

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Satan and arrogance

Those who follow Satan try their utmost to create doubts and suspicions in people's hearts through murder and mayhem, financial loss, both overtly and covertly putting terror in people's hearts.



Opponents of good fall into the control of Satan because of their arrogance. Their argument is that those who claim prophethood and who call to God are in fact poor and lowly and it is them who are knowledgeable and conversant, how could they then take their *bai'at*?



Hudhur (aba) said it is again **arrogance** of those who do not accept the Imam of the age that is preventing them from accepting him.

When God commanded angels to prostrate to man it was not a literal command for only God is worthy of prostration.

This command meant that one who is commissioned by God should be perfectly obeyed

Satan should not be allowed to succeed in his objectives against him

It meant that the Prophet should be helped in making Satan unsuccessful

An awareness of the message of the Prophet and succour for him

should be inspired in pious-natured people so that they may recognise the truth and join the community of the Prophet

These people would then go through spiritual enhancement and experience God's help and succour

as a result their life on this earth and their Hereafter is accomplished

they become the recipients of God's Paradise.

The hearts of pious-natured people are enthused and the work of Prophet is blessed in extraordinary ways.

By becoming most excellent helpers they take work of Prophets forward.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that to affront one commissioned by God is to affront God.

It was revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace):
'I determined on the appointment of a Vicegerent and so created Adam, the Vicegerent of Allah the Sultan'
(Tadhkirah p.369).

Hudhur (aba) said in this age it is the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), the Promised Messiah, who has been addressed as 'Adam' by God.

Hudhur (aba) said today those who oppose the community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in fact are contending with God.

Hudhur (aba) said our Khilafat is spiritual rather than temporal and this status was granted to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) because of his subservience to the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

Having granted the status, God commanded angels to submit to him, that is, submit to the special human who had been chosen for faith

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We witness to this day that Satan is at work and so are the angels.

Our opponents oppress us with their persecution in one place and the community grows in many new places.

In another revelation God thus assured the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace):
‘...I shall stand with My Messenger and angels will help him...’
(Tadhkirah p. 453).

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- Hudhur (aba) said he read in Al Fazi recently about the acceptance of Ahmadiyyat by Hilmi Shafi sahib

- He was inspired by Mustapha Thabit sahib, an Ahmadi who lived and worked in Sana desert with Hilmi Shafi sahib

- Hilmi Shafi Sahib studied five Volume Commentary of the Holy Qur'an and the book 'Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam'

- His father acknowledged the high status of the writer but thought that he was too old to accept him but Hilmi sahib accepted the truth and took his bai'at.

All this is the commotion created by angels in help of one commissioned by God which leads pious-natured people turn to the truth.

On the other hand, those who follow Satan, exceed in their opposition and create impediments backed by arrogant

It is their arrogance that persuades them to rebellion and to follow Satan

Whereas God's people try and become a reflection of Divine attributes and enhance their spirituality.

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The opponents of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and arrogance

Hudhur (aba) explained that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that his opponents may prostrate in his opposition, make cursing prostrations in the process and rub their noses to the ground, their noses would rot but no loss would come to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that arrogance is an evil that does not give up chasing man.

He said arrogance comes from Satan and unless one distances from Satan, one cannot accept the message of truth and cannot avail of Divine beneficence. Unless and until man purifies himself of conceit he cannot win God's pleasure.

It was conceit that led Satan imagine he was superior to Adam and was thus accursed by God. However, when one attains Divine knowledge one comes into the guardianship of God.

Hudhur (aba) said news are coming today, many must have heard it, seen it on TV, severe attacks have been made on two [of our] mosques in Lahore, one in Model Town and the other Darul Zikr.

Likewise, in other places in the world, in various countries, opposition is carried out by following the mullah.

Can this opposition finish Ahmadiyyat? Did Ahmadiyyat ever come to an end after earlier opposition?

Attack on Ahmadiyya Mosques

Most certainly not, and it never will, of course it will definitely make those who oppose us the target of God's chastisement and reprove.

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The need for prayer

Hudhur (aba) said enmity against us is increasing greatly. There is tremendous need for us to turn to prayer.

Indeed, our community is also progressing and growing in spite of Satan waylaying at every corner. Pious-natured people continue to enter the community.

Advising us, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that **prayer** is such that when Adam and Satan contended with each other no other scheme availed but prayer. In the latter-days, again, triumph will come about through prayer.

The first Adam was triumphant through prayers and the second Adam too, who will fight Satan in the latter-days, will be triumphant in this way.

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا
وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

Chapter 7, Verse 24

Hudhur (aba) said we need to pay attention to the Quranic prayer to gather blessings and for protection against satanic attacks, both on an individual as well as communal level.

‘Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost’

The prayer

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Chapter 38, Verse 73

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that in His wisdom God made Adam with two connections: one connection was with God Himself '**And so when I have fashioned him in perfection, and have breathed into him of My Spirit, (38:73).**

This verse proves that by breathing His Spirit in Adam, God created a connection with him so that mankind too could have that connection. On the other hand, He created a natural connection in man with the rest of mankind.

If this connection of ours is correct

The nature of Adam will become a part of our nature

We will be drawn to pay the dues of mankind

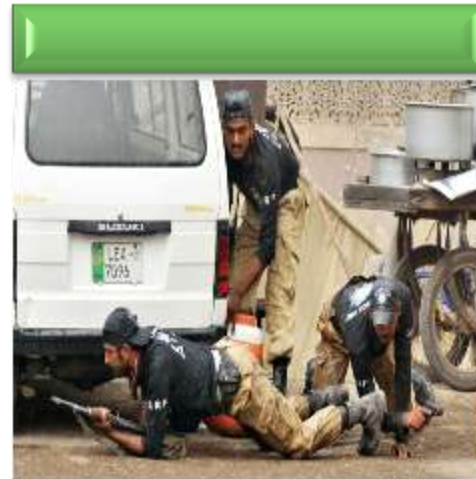
We will take the mission of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) forward.

Adam and connection with Allah

Hudhur (aba) said it is our responsibility to develop this connection with God.

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CERTAINLY, GOD HAS THE POWER TO RETALIATE.




This was an aim by the opponents to inflict communal loss.

May God elevate the stations of all the martyrs.



Pray for the injured, some are critically wounded.



THROUGH WHICH SOURCE WILL HE DEMONSTRATE HIS DECREE, HOW WILL HE SEIZE THOSE WHO CREATE DISORDER AND PERSECUTE, HE ALONE KNOWS.

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However, may He make those a cautionary sign, who challenge God's sense of honour again and again and are exceeding all limits in oppression and InshaAllah this will come to pass.

In accordance with His promise, God will never let the sacrifices of those who are imprisoned and the injured and the martyrs go to waste. InshaAllah. Satan and his mob will never be successful.



- Hudhur (aba) reiterated that Ahmadis should enhance compassion in their prayers

May God demolish their arrogance, their conceit and their presumption of power by demonstrating a manifestation of His Power.

May we ever increase in our faith and belief and may this trial never become a cause of weakness for us.

May God facilitate speedy release of Ahmadis imprisoned in India and Egypt

May God have mercy on us and keep us safe from every trial in future.

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- All Ahmadis should pray for Pakistani Ahmadis facing most adverse circumstances these days.
 - Pray for Ahmadis wrongly imprisoned in Egypt and India