



Friday Sermon Slides

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SUMMARY

Prayers and Sadaqah

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Jalsa Duty

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- Jalsa duty is a means of earning God's pleasure for every man and woman worker at Jalsa.

Security

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**UK Jalsa
Salana**

May the Jalsa
begin and
conclude
amidst
countless
blessings

May God
protect us from
all mischief and
evil of the
enemy

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Hudhur (aba) said Jalsa duty is not an ordinary duty.

The old and the young present themselves for the service of the guests who come to the Jalsa in compliance of the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) call for their spiritual nourishment

Chapter 51 , Verse 56

And keep on exhorting; for verily, exhortation benefits those who would believe.

Hudhur (aba) drew attention of the duty-holding men, women and children to their obligations and responsibilities

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Hudhur(aba) said there are many kinds of guests at Jalsa

Guests from the UK who stay over at the Jalsa site have dealings with almost all departments of Jalsa Salana

They should be served with extreme courtesy and any existing resentment should not come in the way of serving them

If it is so, it would be a betrayal of one's duty.

If a worker feels that he/she cannot honour the hospitality towards a certain guest then they should ask their co-worker to do it on their behalf.

Some guests from the UK daily travel to the site. They eat once or twice at the Jalsa site under the auspices of the Ziafat department

It is the responsibility of this department to look after them.

Car parking, traffic control and security workers should also display courtesy and civility when speaking with the guests


Some guests come from Europe, either accommodated by the Jama'at or they stay privately

However, due to being outside of the UK, their expectations are somewhat high

A few among them make undue demands but workers should try their very best not to give anyone a chance to complain.

Hudhur (aba) instructed about dealing with Jalsa guests

Hudhur (aba) instructed that if food is not to be served at a certain area, guests should be explained this most politely.



If a guest makes a request which is not the duty of the department of the person asked, rather than give them a blunt response, the person should guide them to the right place.

Hudhur (aba) explained that complaints are not the norm, rather only the odd complaint is received, but it can upset the entire administration. Generally speaking the workers tolerate excesses of the guests.

Extreme courtesy and politeness is needed for these guests.

Some have language problems, whatever their need may be, men and women workers should be ever ready to serve them.

Generally the guests from Pakistan are helped by their relatives, but those without any relatives [living in the UK] can at times get anxious

Guest from Pakistan, India and Bangladesh

Hudhur (aba) said those who have visiting relatives from Pakistan should realise that it is not just the task of the Jalsa management to look after the guests. Rather, they too should offer their hospitality to their relatives.

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Non Muslim guests take note of how the Jalsa workers operate. Usually, each year, they are very impressed by the courtesy of the men and women workers.

The eagerness and diligence of an Ahmadi worker impresses the guests.

It is as if the workers, apart from performing their respective duties are also acting as 'silent missionaries' and thus earning double reward.

Firstly by serving the guests of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and secondly by portraying a true picture of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam to others through which some pious-natured people identify the Truth

Non-Muslim invited guests

Jalsa duty is a means of earning God's pleasure for every man and woman worker at Jalsa. May God enable everyone to fulfil it in an excellent manner.

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The [ID] cards issued by the Jama'at should be completely verified through the scanning system for absolutely everyone

Slight and brief annoyance of a guest should be tolerated but no compromise should be made in this duty.

The security workers should always be confident and must never panic.

During Jalsa as well as the Friday Prayers, the checking at entrances as well as the security needs to be carried out with great alertness.

Security during Jalsa

This year apart from the good arrangements at Jalsa Germany, their security system was extremely commendable. May God reward all the young Ahmadi men and further enhance their capabilities who worked most diligently in devising this system

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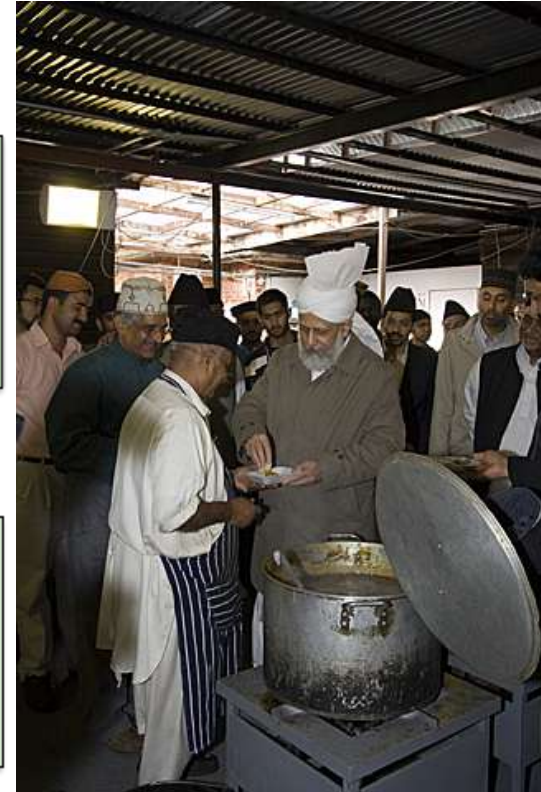
Though with God's grace it does not happen often but if there is a delay in the serving of food, because during Jalsa food is not cooked on-site, the guests should be assured in a calm manner.



Similarly, at times there is overcrowding on the transport provided. Workers should remain calm and also calm the guests about the temporary inconvenience, assuring them gently.



If faced with difficulties in water supply, the workers need to stay calm and they also have to guide the guests with patience and in a calm manner.



Other Departments

Hospitality is a distinction of a believer.

Guests of Imam of the age

- **Their religion motives are**
- 1. To seek maximum knowledge of the faith that was revealed to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)
- 2. To bring about pure changes in themselves and in the process try and gain Divine nearness.

The guests of the Imam of the age should be looked after with that much more care.

Next Hudhur cited examples of the most excellent hospitality of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). When a guest arrived he would send message to all his wives to arrange for food for the guest. Each household would reply that they only had water to serve [and no food]. Hudhur said this also illustrates the steadfastness of his blessed wives, who, by virtue of his power of holiness did not ever even slightly protest at the lack of food.

Hudhur cited examples of the most excellent hospitality of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who took an unexpected guest to his house where although some food is available, it is only enough for the children. So, the children are made to go to sleep without food and the parents extinguish the lamp when serving food to the guest so that the guest may eat satisfactorily unaware of the scarcity of food.

God is so pleased at this act that He informs the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of this incident and says that the act of the believing man and believing woman made Him laugh.

Hudhur (aba) said whoever's act makes God happy has indeed attained the blessings of both worlds.

Hospitality of a Muslim

Then there is the incident where a guest left the bedding soiled and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) insisted on washing it himself, telling his Companions that as he was his guest he must wash the bedding.

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

Hadhrat Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that a believer who believes in God and the Day of Judgement has three signs: Firstly, have fine morals, always says what is good and do not injure anyone's feelings for discourtesy tarnishes faith. This would gain God's pleasure and will strengthen faith as well as guarantee peace in society. Secondly, respect their neighbour. Thirdly, honour their guests.

Hudhur (aba) said God has given very clear commandments with regards the neighbour and the term neighbour also connotes temporary neighbours, like those who we are together with for short periods of times. They too have rights over us, whereas this [with reference to Jalsa] is about our brothers in faith

Hudhur (aba) said hospitality strengthens faith and it is important to express it. It is a source of attaining nearness to God. Whereas here, [at Jalsa] we only have to sacrifice our time and emotions.



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*God revealed to him:
'Be not arrogant
towards God's
creatures and be not
tired of receiving
visitors'
(Jadhkirah, page
73, 2007 edition)*

Hudhur explained that the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) also followed this blessed example.

The hospitality of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was on going and was extensive.

Hudhur explained that God repeatedly drew the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) attention to hospitality to stress upon his followers and the Khalifa of the time to never forget the significant task of hospitality.

Hudhur said this is an important attribute that each one of us who presents him or herself to serve the guests of the Messiah has to adopt

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

- He would be delighted at the arrival of guests and would instruct the workers at the Langer Khana to make every possible effort to make them comfortable.

The diet

- He would take special care about the dietary requirement of the guests in view of the region they came from. He would also say that guests should candidly express their requirements.

Health and faith

- He would say if their health was not right how would they learn about faith.

Maulwi Abdul Kareem sahib relates that once he fell asleep on a bed in the heat of June in a newly built house of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as he took a stroll. When Maulwi sahib woke up he was startled to see that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) laid on the floor next to the bed. He smiled and explained that he was in fact looking out for his guest, stopping some boys from making noise so that his sleep was not interrupted.

Hudhur (aba) said such was the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) hospitality. While these lofty standards only belong to Prophets of God, we, who are appointed on the task of serving Jalsa guests should try and partake some measure of it

Hudhur (aba) explained

Apart from serving his guests, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had two objectives of his hospitality; their Tarbiyyat and Tabligh.



Indeed, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) did not make any difference in his hospitality even when his opponents came as guests.



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) instructed the Khuddam to serve them and if they were intemperate to give no response.



May God enable us to follow the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who had adopted his ways by following the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

While paying the dues of our guests, Hudhur said he wished to say again that we should be vigilant, keeping an eye on the surroundings.

May God enable all of us to fulfil our responsibilities in an excellent manner and keep us safe from all evil.

Hudhur said today enmity and opposition of the Jama'at has made the mischievous elements devoid of any moral limitations and any kind of mischief can be expected from them.

She was extremely devoted to Khilafat and even during her brief illness before passing away she asked after Hudhur not caring about her own illness. She was a beneficent person for every one and had a great sense of sacrifice.

She was kind, caring and always prayed for anyone who asked her for prayers

She had two sons who are Waqfe Zindgi and a daughter is married to a Waqfe Zindgi

She had a very content nature and gave her jewellery in Maryam Shadi fund. She had some savings which, before passing away, she said should be given to Sayyedina Bilal fund.

Hudhur (aba) gave the sad news of demise of Mubaraka Begum sahiba, wife of Sufi Nazir Ahmad sahib

May God forgive and elevate the status of the deceased. Hudhur (aba) said that he would lead in her Janaza Prayer in absentia.

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