

**Laylatul Qadr**  
**(the Night of Destiny)**

**Friday sermon**  
**August 27<sup>th</sup> 2010**



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# SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) gave a discourse on *Laylatul Qadr*, (the Night of Destiny) and the last ten days of Ramadan.

Ahadith prove that *Laylatul Qadr* falls in the last ten days of Ramadan and it is a night of tremendous significance.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that when a reformer descends from heavens, angels descend with him and attract eager people to the truth.

Thus, at a time of spiritual darkness when people are inclined towards religion, it is a sign that a reformer is about to come down from the heavens.

At this time two types of actions take place. One that grants purification of the soul to people and as a result hones their wisdom. The second action although sharpens wisdom but the soul does not reach the truth leading to deterioration of their spiritual condition

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ  
الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ  
وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ

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الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ سَنَةٍ

تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَكِ  
وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا يَأْتِينَ  
رَبَّهُمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ امْرَأٍ

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّى  
مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

### Chapter 97 , Verses 1-6

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful  
Surely, We sent it down on the Night of Destiny.  
And what should make thee know what the Night  
of Destiny is?

The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand  
months.

Therein descend angels and the Spirit with their  
Lord's decree concerning everything.

Peace – so will it be even at the rising of the dawn.

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This is a night of particular spirituality in which God looks down on His servants in a special way.

## *Laylatul Qadr*

Muslims in general and People in our Community are also inclined to enhance their worship of God in the last ten days

Ahadith prove that *Laylatul Qadr* falls in the last ten days of Ramadan and it is a night of tremendous significance.

However, concentration of worship in search of a special spiritual night in the last ten days of Ramadan to make up for an entire life time's worship takes one away from this basic objective of one's creation that is to worship Allah.

The wondrous spiritual experience of this special night is granted by the Grace of Allah

إِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ  
الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا

The servant of Allah puts Divine commandments such as worshipping Allah, reciting the Holy Qur'an and fasting in practice to the best on his ability to promote devotion and supplicates

I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me

Allah out of His grace, not only listens to the prayers but also He grants *Laylatul Qadr* in accordance to His promise

During *Laylatul Qadr* Allah comes down to earth, near His servants.

**Laylatul Qadr**

# Laylatul Qadr; The spiritual experience

When man fulfils his pledge, God raises man's spiritual state.

God provides this blessed month every year with its last ten days and *Laylatul Qadr*, which is the highest point of attaining nearness to God

God states that when man endeavours to gain His nearness, honours and nurtures his pledge, Allah listens to prayers and continues to bestow.

In fact *Lalilatul Qadr* makes one a servant of God in an enhanced manner leading to the flow of Divine beneficence.

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# *Laylatul Qadr; Ramadan*

Hudhur (aba) said the month of Ramadan comes so that we may bring about such a transformation, search for *Laylatul Qadr* in the last ten days.

Holy Prophet (pbuh) made special, almost unimaginable effort during the last ten days of Ramadan to strive hard in worship of God and directed his family to do the same.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that *Laylatul Qadr* is a time of purification for man so that he may become compliant to all God's commandments.

Thus was the model he established for us. May God enable us to create such an environment in our homes to facilitate our forgiveness. Ameen

# Laylatul Qadr; Ramadan

*The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that Laylatul Qadr should be searched in the last ten days.*

Hudhur (aba) explained that if for some reason one cannot avail of the blessing of Ramadan, every excuse should be discarded in the last ten days.

*, 'It [Laylatul Qadr] has been shown to some of you in the first seven nights of the last ten days and to others in the last seven nights.'*

Hudhur (aba) said this clarifies the earlier Hadith that there is no specifically appointed night, rather it can fall on any night of the last ten days. Some ahadith mention looking for it in the odd nights of the last ten days.

# Laylatul Qadr; Ramadan

*The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that one who fasts with fervour of belief and to gain pleasure of God, has his/her previous sins forgiven and one who wakes up for Laylatul Qadr with a passion of belief will have his/her previous sins forgiven.*

Hudhur (aba) explained fasting in Ramadan is conditional that it is done to strengthen belief and gain God's pleasure, otherwise God has no interest in a person staying hungry.

Observation of *Laylatul Qadr* is also conditional that it is done to gain sincere pleasure of God and not for the fulfilment of any worldly reasons.

**Hudhur said God's pleasure should be foremost in our prayers**

# *Laylatul Qadr*; The spiritual experience

Hudhur explained that whoever experiences *Laylatul Qadr* does so by virtue of a very special blessing of God. It is most important to value this experience and that can be by continually developing in one's spirituality.



The worship of this one night is better than that of a 1000 months (83 years). Thus if one experiences it, one's lifetime's prayers - that are good for a believer - are accepted.



All prayers made are not good in God's sight; He thus accepts what He deems good.



This night also gives a believer a higher spiritual status and the descent of angels brings a revolutionary change in a believer's connection with God. And one night's worship becomes equal to a lifetime's worship.



This is because one attains the objective of one's creation; for once having attained it, a believer continually strives to develop in this.

Hudhur (aba) said this night has extensive significance as explained by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The complete *Shariah* that was revealed in the month of Ramadan. The Qur'an was revealed in Ramadan, and angel Gabriel (on whom be peace) would repeat its recitation with the Holy Prophet (pbuh) each Ramadan

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي  
أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى  
لِّلنَّاسِ

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The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down

## Laylatul Qadr

It also signifies that it was a need of the time that a perfect guidance is revealed, as the Qur'an states, it was a time when: '**Corruption has appeared on land and sea...**' (30:42). The disorder that engulfed the world at the time was of incomparable scale

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Hudhur (aba) said thus this clear and open Book of guidance was revealed in this blessed time to the perfect man as a source of salvation.

It was in acceptance of the prayers of the perfect man (pbuh) that this perfect *Shariah* was revealed as a source of enlightenment till the Day of Judgement

Similarly, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) will remain the Seal of all the Prophets and the last law-bearing Prophet.

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And each time, distraught by the state of the world, God's servants will supplicate to Him and implore Him, He will console them by fulfilling: '**...Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-knowing,**

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that an exquisite point found in Surah Al Qadr is that when a reformer descends from heavens, angels descend with him and attract eager people to the truth.

Thus, at a time of spiritual darkness when people are inclined towards religion, it is a sign that a reformer is about to come down from the heavens.

At this time two types of actions take place. One that grants purification of the soul to people and as a result hones their wisdom. The second action although sharpens wisdom but the soul does not reach the truth



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1. One that grants purification of the soul to people and as a result hones their wisdom.

At the time of spiritual darkness, people are made to inclined towards religion before a prophet is sent. When the prophet arrive, two types of actions follow

2. Those who do not have the capacity to accept piety are arrogant, self-centred and their wisdom also becomes negative leading to deterioration of their spiritual condition

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# Laylatul Qadr; the concept

When angels descend with Prophets of God each soul is stirred.

Those who have truthful nature are drawn to the truth

Those who were inclined to satanic ways although drawn towards religious matters, do not turn to the truth

Each Prophet's era has a *Laylatul Qadr* when the Book that has been given to him is revealed.

The greatest *Laylatul Qadr* was that of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

The extent of his *Laylatul Qadr* reaches up to the Day of Judgement

At a time when a deputy of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is about to come, hearts are stirred again.

The *Laylatul Qadr* of the deputy is in fact a shadow of the *Laylatul Qadr* of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

During this time, which will last till the Day of Judgement, spiritual knowledge will be spread all over the world.

# *Laylatul Qadr; our era*

Those who wish for peace and are looking for a reformer and are awaiting the Messiah should think and reflect as the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that if at a time of spiritual darkness people are inclined towards religion, it is a sign that a reformer is about to come down

At the time of his advent people were desperately waiting for someone but when he made his claim, a section of the society opposed him while some accepted him and thus accomplished their worldly life and the Hereafter.

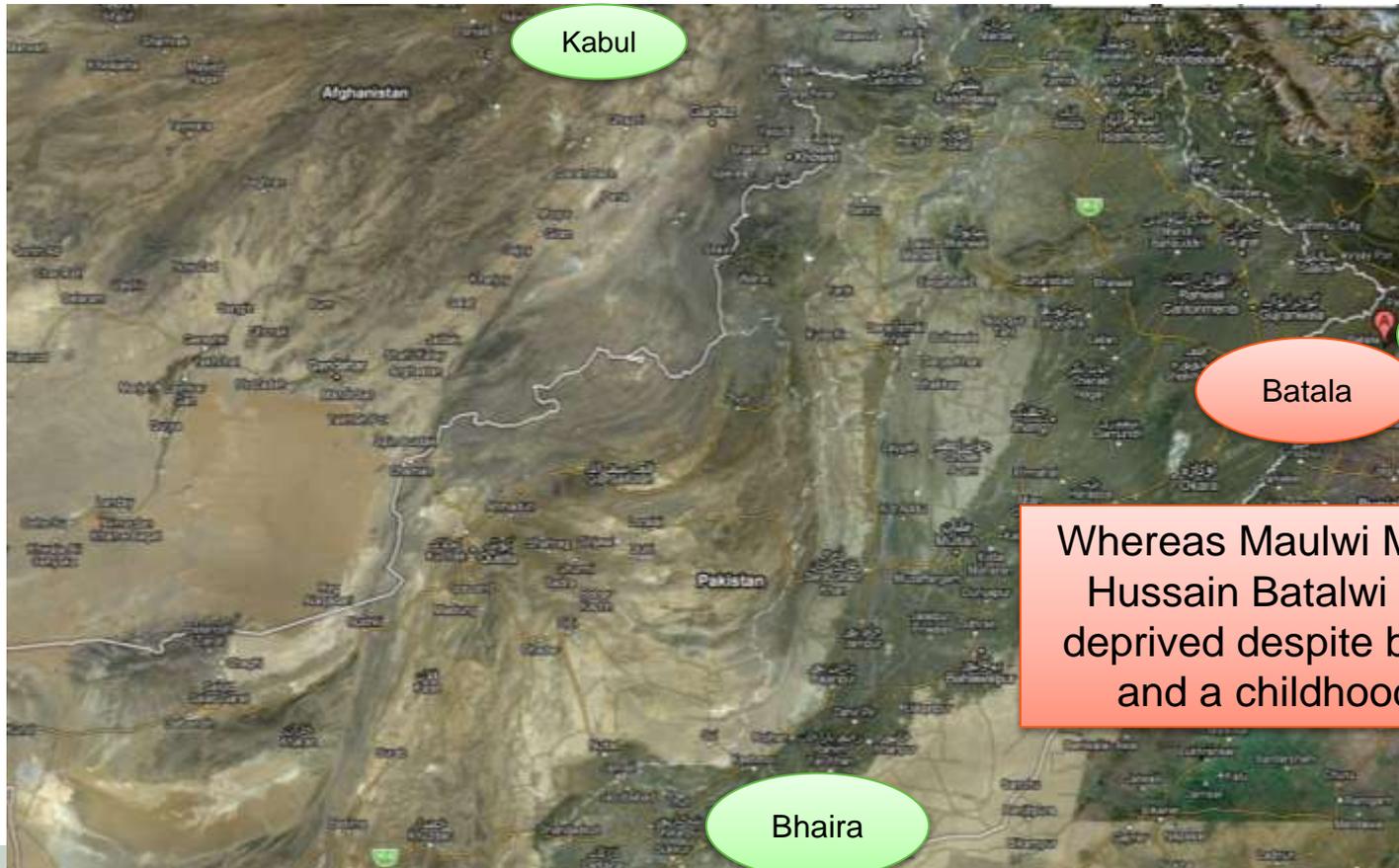
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# *Laylatul Qadr*

In the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) the pious-natured recognised him



But people like Abu Jahl who considered himself very wise was destroyed



Whereas Maulwi Muhammad Hussain Batalwi remained deprived despite being close and a childhood friend.

## *Laylatul Qadr; our era*

In the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) Hadhrat Maulana Nur-ud-din and Sahibzada Abdul Lateef shaheed (may Allah be pleased with them both) accepted him despite coming from far away places.

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# *Laylatul Qadr; our era*

Those who do not have the capacity to accept piety are arrogant and self-centred and their wisdom also becomes negative and because of their negativity their spiritual condition deteriorates.



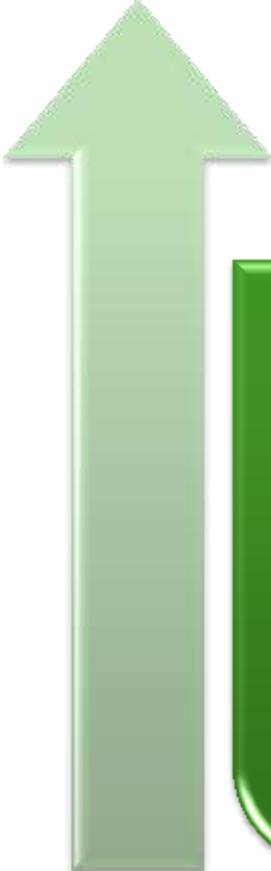
Hudhur (aba) said the condition of those who reject the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in the current times is the same.



In their assumption they make pious statements but they have no effect because they are the detractors of one who has been sent by God.



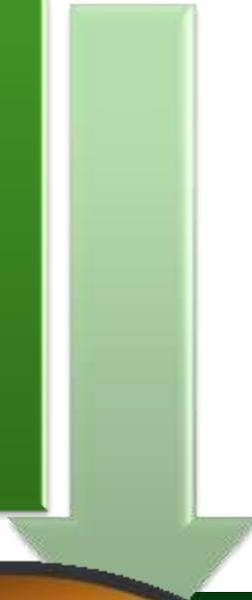
Using the example of acceptance of Ahmadiyyat by Tahir Hani sahib, Hudhur explained in spite of possessing religious knowledge those who reject the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) run out of reasoning.



It is worth noting here that God states that the descent of angels continues till **'the rising of the dawn'**.

The angels have been descending from the time of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) when Islam was triumphant. This is when religion was perfected

This light remained for thirty years during the era of Khilafat e Rashida. Gradually spiritual darkness spread and was followed by complete darkness.



Today, again *Laylatul Qadr* has re-emerged with the advent of the Promised Messiah on reflective basis. This is the age following the **'rising of the dawn'** which, in a way came to an end at the passing away of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).



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God reminds  
us of *Laylatul*  
*Qadr* each  
year in  
Ramadan in  
order to

Seek  
beneficence  
from this new  
day that has  
dawned

To protect the  
triumphs that  
are destined for  
Ahmadiyyat  
Islam from  
worldly  
flamboyance

Continue to  
raise the levels  
of spirituality

*Laylatul Qadr; our era*

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Finished at his passing away with and the revelation of the Holy Qur'an

But in another way it will continue with the message for the *Ummah* to pay the dues of the Qur'an and Ramadan and reap the benefits of this very special night

The era of the Holy Prophet's *Laylatul Qadr*

By creating this recurrent spiritual ambiance, God has bestowed a huge favour.

## *Laylatul Qadr; our era*

If, in appreciation of this, we discharge of our obligations, we will continue to avail of the beneficence issued by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

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May God always confer His blessings on us.

May the harassment that has been ongoing in Pakistan bring about an arrangement of *Laylatul Qadr*

May we see that manifestation of **'the rising of the dawn'** which manifests in the form of enduring peace and triumph.

Ameen

Hudhur (aba) said that our detractors, in their presumption, harass us and wish to see us in darkness, wish our destruction and hope to devastate us, but Divine communities are not wasted nor can they be destroyed

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