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In the latter days, the Sun shall rise from the west^{Phuh}
(Prophet Muhammad)



I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth.^{as}
(Revelation of Promised Messiah)

First Ahmadiyya Mosque in Ireland Friday Sermon; September 17th 2010



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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) delivered today's Friday Sermon from Galway in the Republic of Ireland; his first visit to Ireland to lay the foundation stone of the Mosque in Galway.

Hudhur (aba) said in a way Galway is an 'end of the earth'. So, here, at an end of the earth, the followers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) are being enabled to build a mosque to send out the message of the Unity of God

This is the part of fulfilment of Divine prophecy to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) 'I shall carry thy message to the ends of the earth'

We will have to pray that may our sacrifice for this mosque become a source of attaining God's pleasure

The first condition for one who builds a house of worship is that he is perfectly obedient and submissive to God

Along with building houses of God, prayers and effort should be made for one's progeny to stay connected with God, only then can the objective to build mosques be fulfilled

Hudhur (aba) delivered today's Friday Sermon from Galway in the Republic of Ireland



Hudhur (aba) said this was his first visit to Ireland in order to lay the foundation of the first Ahmadiyya mosque in Ireland.

He said that he advised the Irish Jama'at to build the first mosque in Galway and not Dublin as some had hoped, and everyone happily accepted this.

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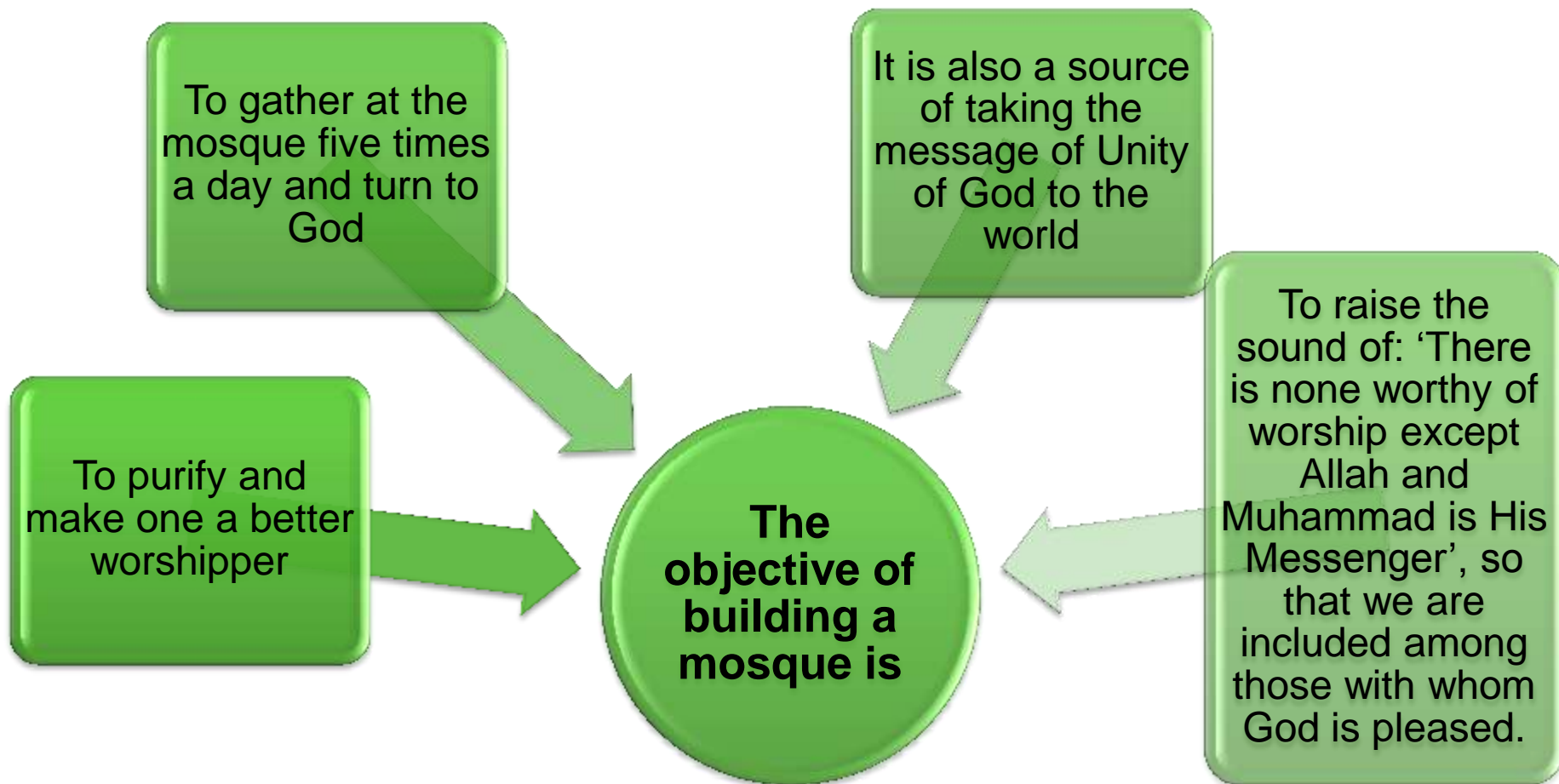
I shall carry thy message to
the ends of the earth



Hudhur (aba) said in a way Galway is an
'end of the earth'.

It is on the coast of the Atlantic ocean and
if a straight line is drawn from its coast, there is no further European island.

So, here, at an **'end of the earth'**, the followers of the Promised
Messiah (on whom be peace) are being enabled to build a mosque to
send out the message of the Unity of God.



I shall carry thy message to the ends of the earth

The Messiah of Muhammad (peace be on him) was sent to raise the slogan of *Allaho Akbar* and to take the message of the Kalima (Muslim declaration of faith) to the world.

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This revelation means that the mission of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was to take the perfect *Shariah* given to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to the people of this world



God had promised to the Messiah of Muhammad (pbuh) that the ultimate triumph of Islam was destined, so not to be perturbed by the impediments along the way



He was told by God that it was not only his mission, it was also the decree of God and that is why God's help and succour was always with him



The mission of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), will be accomplished by God, in spite of lack of resources and human frailties

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[Tadhkirah p. 381]

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Hudhur (aba) said today's Friday Sermon was also a link in the same series, as Galway was also one of the 'ends of the world'.

Hudhur (aba) added, the history of the Jama'at is witness to all this. For instance, MTA transmits the message of Ahmadiyyat, true Islam from wherever the Khalifa of the time is

Hudhur (aba) said that from Fiji and other places like this the message of Ahmadiyyat has reached from the ends of the Earth by Khulafa e Ahmadiyyat

It is a tremendous proof of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) if only there was someone with insight to perceive this

Divine promises and prayers and efforts

Hudhur (aba) said we should be mindful that whatever task was entrusted to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is now also the task of his followers.

- In spite of the Divine promise of triumph, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) did not lessen his efforts, prayers and concern lest the Divine promises were averted due to some shortcomings.
- He learnt this from his master, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).
- During Ghazwa of Badr despite Divine promises of victory, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) persevered with his intense passionate prayers, lest any weaknesses averted Divine promises.
- Hudhur (aba) said this is the view that true followers should adhere to.

The true followers adopt humility at all times and seek God's blessings and do not ever entertain the thought that any blessing is a result of their efforts.

وَأذِیْرَفَعِ اِبْرَاهِمَ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ
وَاسْمِعِیْلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا اِنَّكَ اَنْتَ
السَّمِیْعُ الْعَلِیْمُ

And *remember the time* when Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundations of the House, *praying*, 'Our Lord, accept *this* from us; for Thou art All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

Chapter 2, Verse 128

Divine promises and prayers and efforts

Hudhur (aba) explained that the very same lesson is given in the verses he recited by citing the incident of father of all Prophets, Ibrahim and his son Ishmael, (peace be on them both) while re-building the Ka'ba. They made the prayer with remarkable humility for God to accept the sacrifice that they were making with His commandment.

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Prayer of
Ibrahim and
his son
Ishmael,
(peace be on
them both)

They prayed that when compared to the beneficence they would receive, their sacrifice was insignificant AND dependant on God for acceptance.

They prayed to the All-Hearing God with utmost humility to accept whatever they submitted in the building of the house

They beseeched God of His attribute of All-Knowing, that He knew the state of their hearts and the sincerity with which they had turned to Him. They implored for their prayer to be accepted

As a result of acceptance of prayers, they sought for them to be made heirs of the building, for as long as the Unity of God was to be proclaimed from it; and those who came to this house remembered them in their prayers.

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And of Abraham who fulfilled *the*
commandments?

وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ الَّذِي وَفَّى

Every time Muslims say the Durud, they also invoke blessings on Hadhrat Ibrahim (on whom be peace) and his people.

Chapter 53, Verse 38

Obedience of Abraham (on whom be peace)

This honour was granted to him
because of his perfect obedience

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained that unless man becomes God's servant with complete truth and sincerity it is difficult to attain spiritual status.

With reference to Hadhrat Ibrahim (on whom peace) the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that God declared him as one who fulfilled the commandments.

He said to purify one's heart from all else and to fill it with love of God, to practice in accordance with what God wills and to be complaint to God just as shadow follows the actual, and for God's and a person's will to become the same, all this is attained through prayer.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said one's worth and status is attained through one's sincerity as in the case of Hadhrat Ibrahim (on whom be peace).

He was put in fire yet he did not accept to worship the idols.

Obedience of Abraham (on whom be peace)

The essence of the spirit of these verses must be understood

We will have to pray that may our sacrifice for this mosque become a source of attaining God's pleasure.

We must not entertain the notion that we are making a big sacrifice

We do not know whether we are making the sacrifice for this Mosque for pretentious reasons or sincerely. God knows best, may He always include us among those who make sincere sacrifice

These verses are recited at the inaugurations of our mosque

If Africa, Pakistan and other parts of world Ahmadis forgo food to build mosques and still wish to give more

Obedience and Sincerity

God has granted the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) with people who have amazing sense of sacrifice, yet they do not think they make any sacrifice.

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Obedience and Sincerity

Sincerity also signifies fulfilling one's pledge.

Every Ahmadi has pledged to be always ready to sacrifice his life, property time and honour; therefore, each Ahmadi will selflessly participate in this to the best of his ability. This is what the demand of the time is. What could be more worthy of financial giving than a building that is to be constructed for the worship of God?

We are commanded to build mosques while keeping the sacrifice of the prophet Abraham in view. So that we analyse our own level of sincerity.

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Our Lord, make us submissive to Thee

Chapter 2, Verse 129

اجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ

The first condition for one who builds a house of worship is that he is perfectly obedient and submissive to God; the sole way to attain sincerity.

A man need to pray to achieve obedience and submission

And to try his best to display an excellent model of submission

This will entail discharging of the dues of God as well as dues of mankind; to raise the standard of worship and to completely obey the administrative system of the community.

When man makes such efforts he wonders lest these good acts are lost after him.

Obedience and sincerity

Therefore, God taught the prayer, for one's offspring to be pious, to remain connected to the administration of the community and to pay the dues of others while presenting high morals.

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This blessed model established new and greater levels of worship.

After arriving at Medina, the first thing the Holy Prophet (pbuh) did was to build a mosque so that people could gather in one place and worship God.

The world witnessed how the Prophet's Mosque became a hub for worshippers of God day and night and this continues to this day.

Thus, along with building houses of God, prayers and effort should be made for one's progeny to stay connected with God, only then can the objective to build mosques be fulfilled.

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

Verily you have in the Prophet of Allah an excellent model,

Chapter 33 , Verse 22

It should not be deemed that by making financial sacrifice one's responsibility is over. From the laying of the first brick to the last brick of the roof, it is the obligation of each one of us to pray for the mosque to be populated as well

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رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً
وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ مَسْلُومٌ لَكَ
أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

Chapter 2, Verse 129

Our Lord, make us submissive to Thee and *make* of our offspring a people submissive to Thee. And show us our ways of worship, and turn to us with mercy; for Thou art Off-Returning *with compassion and Merciful*.

Obedience and Sincerity

We are going to raise mosques the foundations of which are raised on *taqwa* (righteousness). The real happiness of a mosque is when it makes one turn to God more than ever.

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Hudhur (aba) said the mosque in Galway will place a huge responsibility on the Ahmadis of Ireland.

If they comprehended this reality, with God's grace, they will gain acceptance.

Hudhur (aba) said repentance gains acceptance when one does not knowingly get embroiled in errors.

If this sequence of avoiding ills is maintained God also blesses and is Merciful and with reference to building of mosques, He enables us to be drawn to the task of our growing responsibility.

Irish Ahmadis

Hudhur (aba) said the attention of the media will be drawn to the foundation-laying of the mosque today. This will become the source of an introduction of our Community. Each Ahmadi who lives here will have enhanced significance. The locals will notice them, avenues of Tabligh will open and they will have to make greater efforts than ever.

First Mosque in Ireland

Hudhur (aba) said he hoped that Ahmadis of Ireland will be forced to widen their Tabligh scope. Each Ahmadi that lived there, man, woman, young and old will need to present good models, engage in *Istaghfar* so that God may grant strength.

Hudhur (aba) said Hadhrat Ibrahim and Ishmael (peace be on them both) were only two at the time of re-building of Ka'ba. However, they were resolute on the belief that God was enabling them to do a significant task and will extend their future generations. Therefore, they also prayed for their progeny at the time.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that if you wish to introduce Islam somewhere, build a mosque there.

God called the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) Ibrahim in revelations.

First Mosque in Ireland

In one revelation
it is said: 'I shall
comfort you and
shall not wipe
out your name
and shall raise a
people from
you.'
[Tadhkirah
p. 797].

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that he understood from this that God made Hadhrat Ibrahim a nation/body of people.

Hudhur (aba) said the body of people that is forming through the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is forming through His special help and support. He is also enabling them to build mosques for the worship of God

However, in order to avail real benefit we need to engage in repentance and *Istaghfar* and form a strong bond with God so that we, as well as our next generation, can seek the benefits and our sacrifices continue to be accepted



May the standards of our worship of God be enhanced and may we continue to foster the spirit of a strong connection with Ahmadiyyat, true Islam in our next generation

May God enable us all to do so.
Ameen

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