

Sacrifice of youth and establishment of Unity of God

Friday Sermon
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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) reminisced about the Ijtemas in Pakistan at the occasion of the inauguration of UK Khuddam Ijtema today

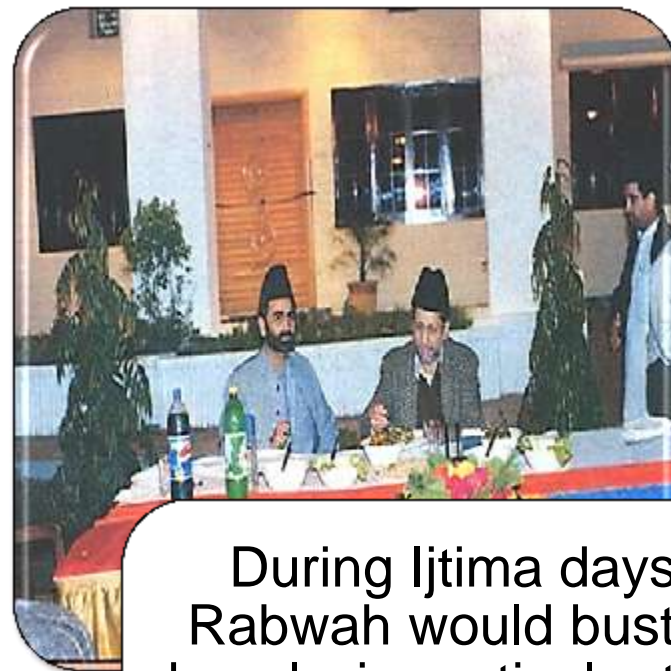
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The oppressed believers in Pakistan and some countries are praying with patience for steadfastness and guidance; this group is increasing in belief and in guidance

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Hudhur (aba) said that the inauguration of UK Khuddam Ijtema today reminded him of the Ijtimas of his childhood and youth

During Ijtima days Rabwah would bustle keenly, in particular the Atfal and Khuddam where *majalis* brought their own bed-sheets to make tents and this would result in an array of colourful, floral improvised tents

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The Khuddam Ijtema reminded Hudhur (aba) of

The victims who have been deprived of the right to hold Ijtimas due to the oppressive laws of the oppressors.

Ahmadis who cannot organise gatherings for their reformation, Tarbiyyat, and for the remembrance of God and His Prophet (pbuh)

Hudhur (aba) said, we are firm on the belief that this situation is not permanent

One day the oppression and the oppressors will be wiped off the face of the earth

May God continue to enable us to remain patient, steadfast and to remain engaged in prayer. Ameen

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Hudhur (aba) thought of addressing the subject in his Friday sermon because

1. In Pakistan Khalifa of the time gave opening address of the Ijtima

2. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih's UK Ijtima address is not broadcast live on MTA

3. Wherever in the world Ijtimas are being held, this should be considered as the message and the victimised Ahmadis of Pakistan be remembered

4. New *majalis* can derive direct benefit by listening

Youth mentioned in the Holy Qur'an

With reference to youth, the Holy Qur'an cites religious reformation and establishing the Unity of God twice in Surah Al Kahf



- The endeavors of the the youth who believed in the Mosiac Messiah (on whom be peace) and endured oppression for three hundred years are safeguarded in the Holy Qur'an; They had to go into hidings in caves off and on, yet they braved the persecution for the sake of religion and Unity of God.

إِذْ أَوْسَى الْفِتْيَةَ إِلَى
الْكَهْفِ فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا آتِنَا
مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ
لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا ۝

Chapter 18 , Verse 11

When the young men betook themselves for refuge to the Cave and said, 'Our Lord, bestow on us mercy from Thyself, and provide for us right guidance in our affair.

Youth mentioned in Surah Al Kahf

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We will relate to thee their story with truth: They were young men who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance.

نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُمْ
بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّهُمْ فِتْيَةٌ آمَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ
وَزَدْنَاهُمْ هُدًى

Chapter 18, Verse 14

Youth mentioned in Surah Al Kahf

Their endeavour was to establish the Unity of God, for which they endured oppression. They prayed to God for steadfastness on the belief of Oneness of God and guidance

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Chapter 18, Verse 15

وَرَبَطْنَا عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ إِذْ قَامُوا
فَقَالُوا رَبُّنَا رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ لَن نَّدْعُوا مِن
دُونِهِ إِلَهًا لَّقَدْ قُلْنَا إِذًا
شَطَطًا

And We strengthened their hearts, when they stood up and said, 'Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never shall we call upon any god beside Him; *if we did*, we should indeed have uttered an enormity

Sacrifice of youth mentioned in Surah Al Kahf

Unity of God

- As long as Christianity remained in its original form, it was the youth who safeguarded it.

Guidance

- Due to their faith that God alone was worthy of worship, God kept them guided

Resolve

- Their stance was that they could sacrifice their rights, loved ones and their wealth and lives but they could not turn away from the Unity of God.

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Sacrifice of youth mentioned in Surah Al Kahf

Hudhur (aba) said such is the example before us of those who believed, and they did not have the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and his Companions.

These lofty standard of our blessed model demands that we fulfil the pledge of sacrificing our lives, property, time and honour in order to tread the paths of Unity of God. No trial or worldly greed should stop us from doing so.

Hudhur (aba) said when one is presented with trials faced by divine communities, one is reminded particularly of the Pakistani Ahmadis, as well as some other countries where persecution is carried out.

Apart from the physical and mental torture, Pakistani Ahmadis are also sacrificing their lives and their property.

Arab Ahmadis living in their countries, are also facing difficulties and are spending a life like that of the People of the Cave (reference Surah Kahf).

Some write in to Hudhur (aba) anxiously, asking how much longer do they have to wait!

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Hudhur (aba) said he always give them the example of the People of the Cave and advises them to be steadfast.

These times will, Insha' Allah, change.

For oppressed Arab Ahmadis, who are perturbed by not being able to practice their religion openly, Hudhur (aba) gave the example of Ahmadis in Pakistan

They are deprived of the joys of holding Ijtema and Jalsa under the direct auspices of Khilafat; a blessing they have actually experienced

Yet, for the past twenty eight years, these followers of the Muhammadan Messiah have safeguarded their belief and their pledge and given all sorts of sacrifices.

Our effort to reach our objectives has not stopped because of persecution in a few countries.

Sacrifice of Ahmadis today

The Ahmadiyya Community has been entrusted with the task of propagating the message of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and the establishment of Unity of God. This task has not stopped because of these enmities and restrictions.

In fact each day dawns with fresh progress for us

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Thus, if on one hand attempts are made to oppress us, on the other hand new avenues of Tabligh are opening.

كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَأَغْلِبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي إِنَّ اللَّهَ
قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

Chapter 58 , Verse 22

For instance last week Hudhur (aba) laid the foundation of a new mosque in Ireland; a hub of Christianity and corner of the earth

Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty.

The beautiful teaching of Islam conveyed at this occasion received a good coverage by the national TV and newspapers and thus the message reached hundreds of thousands.

New avenues of Tabligh

By capitalising on this introduction, if the current passion is sustained, one day the followers of the Muhammadan Messiah will make Irish people turn to One God

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Ahmadis who have religious freedom

Hudhur (aba) said with the grace of God, today the world of Ahmadiyyat has expanded greatly.



Ahmadis are oppressed in a few countries, but Ahmadis of Australia, America, Africa and the Islands are living a life of freedom, free to practice the real teaching of Islam and free to practice Tabligh



Addressing the Ahmadis living in these countries, Hudhur (aba) said these facilities, prosperity and freedom should be made sources to attain our objective.



God did not simply intend the words '**...and We increased them in guidance...**' for the People of the Cave. In fact they expound the principle that whoever will safeguard belief, will stay firm on faith, God will continue to increase them in guidance

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الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ
الصَّلَاةَ وَهُمْ رِزْقَهُمْ
يُنْفِقُونَ

Chapter 8 , Verse 4

Who observe Prayer and
spend out of that which We
have provided for them.

God states that only those who possess the
qualities described in these two verses are true
believers in God's sight and deserving of His
blessings.

مِمَّا أُمُومُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ
اللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ
عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُ رَبِّهِمْ إِيمَانًا
وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ

Chapter 8, Verse 3

True believers are only those whose
hearts tremble when *the name of Allah*
is mentioned, and when His Signs are
recited to them they increase their faith,
and who put their trust in their Lord.

True believers

These blessings are: '**grades of rank with their
Lord...forgiveness and an honourable provision**'.

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Chapter 8, Verse 5

أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا
لَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ
وَمَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ

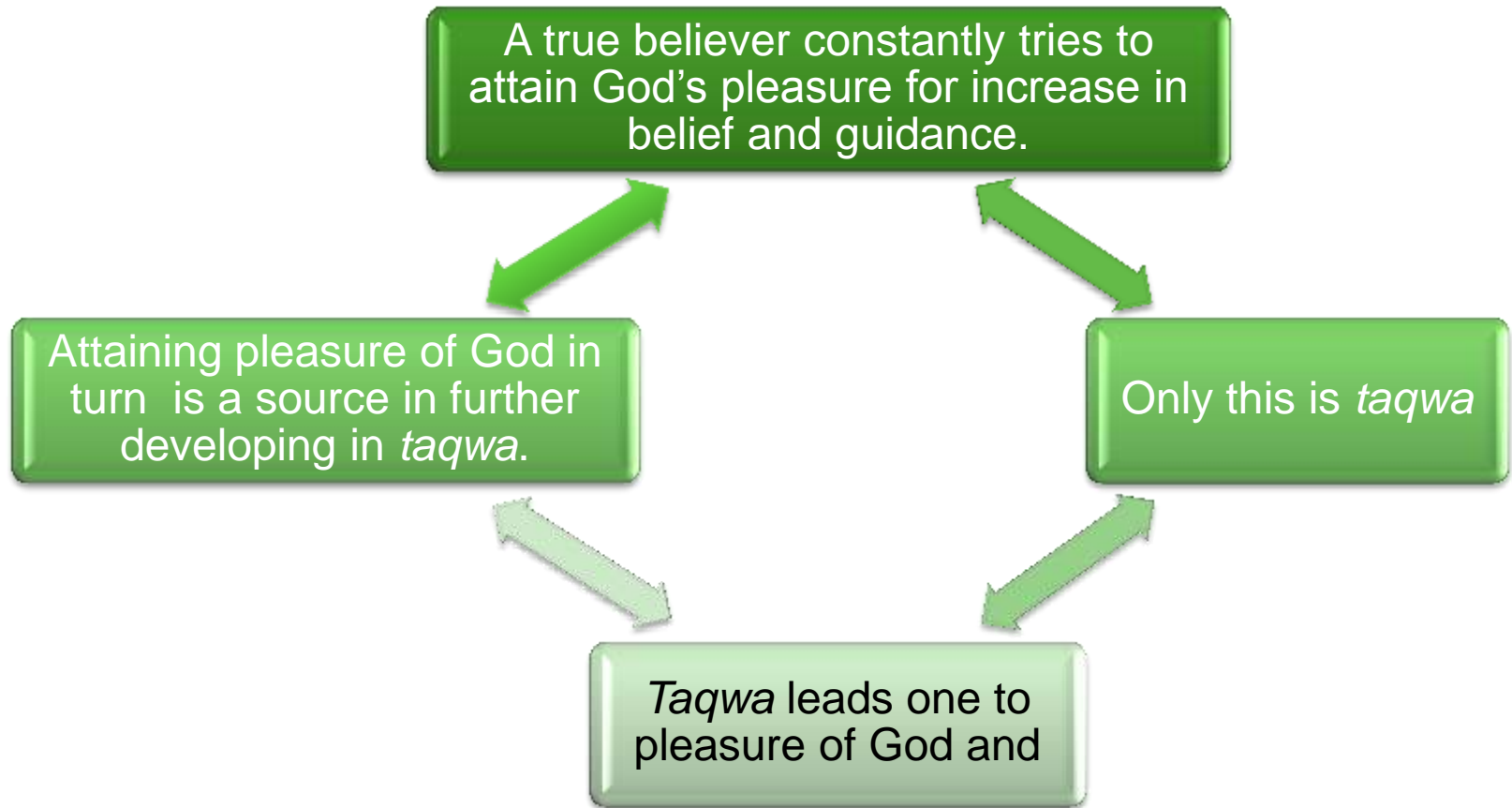
These it is who are true believers.
They have grades *of rank* with their
Lord, as well as forgiveness and an
honourable provision.

Hudhur (aba) explained the
provision mentioned herein
is provision in this world as
well as the Hereafter.

True believers

Increase in belief, increase in guidance makes one a recipient of God's blessings.

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True believers

Hudhur (aba) explained God also increases the belief of those who spend in the way of publication of faith and Unity of God

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Hudhur (aba) said the aforementioned verses cite the qualities of a true believer.

If one claims to have belief, one's each word and deed should be for the sake of attaining God's pleasure.

For a true believer, God is that Beloved Being Whose pleasure is always first and foremost in his intentions.

True believers

Belief is not just verbal utterance; it is a practice that should be continuous. Verses of the Qur'an increase belief. The sign of a true believer is to avoid lame excuses and pay heed to all the commandments of God.

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وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ
رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّوا عَلَيْهَا
صُمًّا وَعُمْيَانًا

And those who, when they are reminded of the Signs of their Lord, fall not deaf and blind thereat;

Chapter 25, Verse 74

Verbal claim that one believes in the Unity of God does not enhance faith, unless effort is made to abide by the commandments of God.

True believers

Establishment of Unity of God is successful when man sacrifices his *nafs* (self) for the sake of God.

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One sign of a true believer is observance of Salat. Our progress and triumphs are associated with prayers. The most excellent source of prayer is Salat and without it belief and Unity of God cannot be established.

It is important to offer Salat on time and in congregation.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has repeatedly drawn our attention to this

The five daily Prayers are a source of breaking many idols; in particular in this materialistic world they break the idols of our inner-self as well as the idols of apparent sources/means.

True believers and Salat

Salat is a fundamental formula to spread and establish Unity of God

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وَالَّذِينَ اهْتَدَوْا زَادَهُمْ هُدًى
وَأَتَاهُم تَقْوَاهُمْ

But *as for* those who follow guidance, He adds to their guidance, and bestows on them their righteousness.

Taqwa is enhanced as a result of attaining God's pleasure. God teaches new ways to those who seek His pleasure and continually work for it.

True believers

Their sacrifices gain acceptance with God.

Rather than be frightened by the scare-mongering of the enemy, it takes the true believers closer to God.

نَحْنُ أَوْلِيَاؤُكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ
الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ

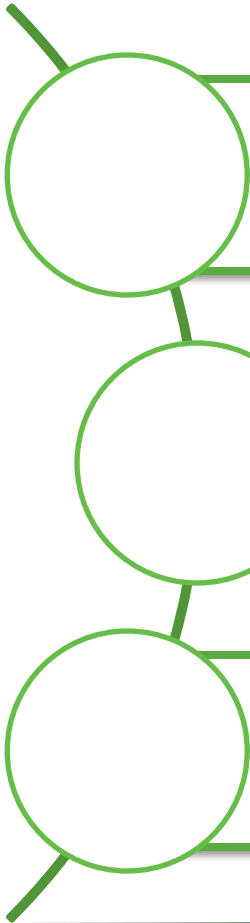
Chapter 41, Verse 32

“We are your friends in this life
and in the Hereafter.

Sacrifices of Ahmadis today

It was belief in God that convinced the adherents of Mosaic Messiah to give sacrifices. God’s promises with us are far greater than those they were given.

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A group of believers in Pakistan and some countries is praying with patience for steadfastness and guidance; this group is increasing in belief and in guidance and God is listening to its prayers.

The strengthening of its faith and its fearlessness is proof that in acceptance of its prayer God has granted strength to hearts.

Pakistani Khadims leave home for Mosques, considered a place of danger by the authorities, saying if they return that would be good, but if they do not then may God fulfil His promises for us.

Sacrifices of Ahmadis today

May God sustain their passion and with His special grace, also protect them. These young men are creating amazing history; they are in reality ever ready to sacrifice their life, property and honour. Certainly these people are those who attain God's pleasure.

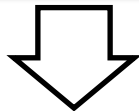
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Addressing the congregation present as well as the Khuddam at the Ijtima, Hudhur (aba) said

Hudhur (aba) said you have the freedom to hold Ijtima, to organise Tarbiyyat and Tabligh programmes. You should understand their responsibilities.



The absurd attractions of the West should not entice you.



As a mark of thankfulness, you should actively participate to take the message of Ahmadiyyat everywhere, while enhancing your standards of worship and *taqwa*.

Today, the young Ahmadis have to face two types of 'outer' trials, in addition to the inner challenge of self-reformation



One of these outer trial is to defend Islam against the attacks made on it and the other is to defend Ahmadiyyat



With the help of modern resources the Khuddam of the Muhammadan Messiah can create a revolutionary change in the entire world

Next Hudhur (aba) read an extract of the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) and prayed that may God enable us to put his pronouncements in practice

May Allah be with you and prepare you well for the next world; Ameen

Do not associate partners with Allah

Arrogance is a dangerous sentiment that takes one away from Allah

You are accountable for carrying out your responsibilities towards Allah

This world is but a temporary abode so do not choose it over Hereafter



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