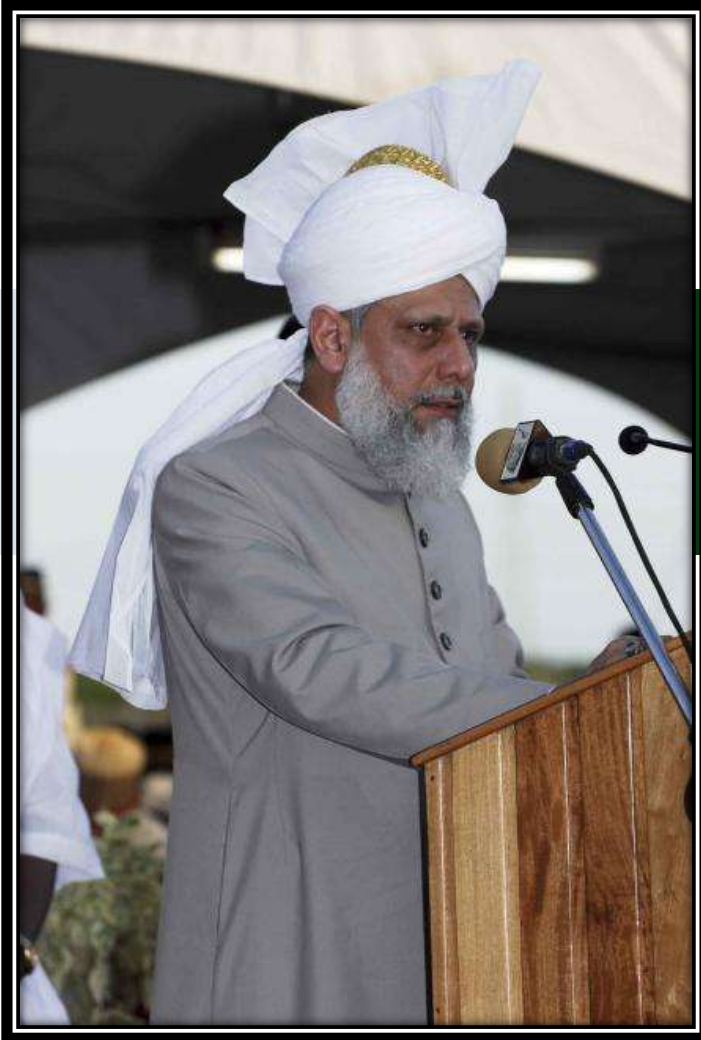



Virtue of Steadfastness and Practice of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)




Friday Sermon
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SUMMARY




Hudhur (aba) said that the practice of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was to follow the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who abided by most excellent patience



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) endured all kinds of adverse circumstances with exemplary patience and steadfastness



Hudhur (aba) gave many faith inspiring examples of the extreme patience observed by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



Hudhur (aba) advised that in these times of increased hostility each Ahmadi should seek patience and help from God more than ever

وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ إِنَّهَا
لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ

And seek help with patience and Prayer; and this indeed is hard except for the humble in spirit

Chapter 2, Verse 46

Hudhur (aba) said that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) followed the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who abided by most excellent patience

Only those people can put such steadfastness in practice who have complete faith and trust in God

Patience and Steadfastness

In the current age it is the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which demonstrates patience and resoluteness and in their hour of need they only turn to God

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'It will be a trial,
then be steadfast
as were steadfast
those of high
resolve.

Allah will frustrate
the plan of the
disbelievers.

Hearken! it is a
trial from Allah so
that He may love
thee with a great
love, love from
Allah, the Mighty,
the Lord of
Honour; a bounty
that will not be cut
off...'

[Tadhkirah p. 444]

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) displayed a practical example of steadfastness

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) endured all kinds of adverse circumstances with exemplary patience and steadfastness. God directly guided him in these matters

Patience and Steadfastness

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ إِنَّ
اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

Chapter 2 , Verse 154

O ye who believe! seek help with patience and
Prayer; surely, Allah is with the steadfast

Patience and Reward

Some examples of the steadfastness and
patience shown by the Promised Messiah
(On whom be peace)

Patience and Steadfastness

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Patience in the face of such abuse was a proof that God bestows high determination to His Prophets

1898 Maulwi Muhammad Hussain sent a journal to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which was full of abusive language. The Promised Messiah's patience and fortitude was exemplary

Once an obnoxious person started hurling abuse at the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) during a convention where a Braham leader was holding a question and answer session with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) listened to this foul mouthed person in complete calm and put his hand on his face as if listening to sweet conversation

The Braham was very impressed with this and said it was a moral miracle

Patience to written and verbal abusive language

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'steadfastness should be practised.
What do these abusive words do?

Such was also the condemnation of the people of the times of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) which he used to laugh off saying what can I do about their condemnation, Allah has named me Muhammad'. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) added, 'similarly has God sent me'.

Once a man was protesting to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) while he responded to him in a very calm manner. The gentler his response would be, the more audacious the man became until such time that he completely abandoned decency. Meanwhile the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) continued to address him in the politest of terms

Once a very arrogant man came to the mosque and was very rude about the claim of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). His language was extremely offensive and brazen but the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) remained absolutely calm

Patience to written and verbal abusive language

In 1904 a journal that used abusive language for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was brought to the attention of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), who said

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Often abusive letters would arrive without any stamp, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to pay postage to receive the letter. These letters had nothing but abuse from start to finish and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to pray for the senders and put all such letters in a bag

Once Maulwi Muhammad Hussein sent a journal with abusive material. On receiving the journal, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) sent it back with the following written on it:
'O my Lord, if this man is truthful in the words that he has written in the book, give him honour and if he is not truthful then bring him to reckoning and seize him for this falsehood'.

Patience to written and verbal abusive language

Patience in response to false accusations

Once during a lecture or a sermon of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in a mosque, a Sikh entered the building and started being verbally abusive

Everyone listened in silence due to fear of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

When the man's words turned vulgar, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said 'take him out gently'.

During the construction of Minaratul Masih a deputy commissioner came to visit Qadian to investigate a complaint that the minaret would intrude into the privacy of homes

When meeting him, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said to deputy commissioner to ask a Hindu present at the meeting that since childhood, was there any occasion where the Promised Messiah could have benefitted the Hindu and he did not and if there was ever any instance when Hindu could harm the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and he did not!

Patience in response to personal attacks

Once An arrogant doctor from Lucknow came to Qadian who spoke to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in an impudent way

- Criticising, he said that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) claimed to know eloquent Arabic but could not even pronounce a specific letter properly.
- His criticism was most hurtful but most companions stayed quiet due to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).
 - Sahibzada Abdul Lateef could not bear it and responded to him. The unpleasantness mounted
- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked to desist, he said he was not upset as Prophets are always ridiculed and abused.
- He explained to the doctor he said he did not hail from Lucknow so his pronunciation could not be thus, and that he was a Punjabi.
- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave the example of Hadhrat Moses (on whom be peace) who also was accused of not being able to express himself clearly (43:53)
 - The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also mentioned that ahadith relate that the Mahdi will have minor speech impairment

Patience and kindness in response to abusive language

Some close relatives of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) would utter verbal abuse all night long

At dawn the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) could ask that the person be given something to eat as he had spent the night uttering abuse and would have a dry throat

People used to send unstamped letter to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), who would pay the postage and would find that letters were full of abuse

He once said that people send these letter anonymously fearing legal action, if he knew who these people were, he would help them understand

Patience and kindness in response to physical aggression

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said 'I have such control over my *nafs* (self) and God has made my *nafs* such a Muslim that if a person sits in front of me for a whole year and gives the worst possible personal abuse to me, ultimately it will be him who will be embarrassed and will have to confess that he could not disturb me.'

Once irreligious and antagonist cousins of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) closed off a path that led to the mosque causing extreme inconvenience to those who wished to meet the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Some legal recourse was taken which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) won.

However, without the knowledge of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), the lawyer also filed for expenses

His cousins wrote to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) about this

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) waived these expenses and admonished the lawyer

Patience in response to aggression

Once some Sikhs of Qadian unjustly attacked and damaged the house of an underprivileged Ahmadi and were violent towards the Ahmadis. The police took action against them, upon which they went to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asking for forgiveness and he pardoned them

Cousins of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to incite the Sikh to verbal abuse to physical aggression against Ahmadis

The animated among the Ahmadis would ask for permission to respond

-- but the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) always used to ask them to be steadfastness

يُحْسِرَةٌ عَلَى الْعِبَادِ مَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِّنْ
رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ

--The Promised
Messiah (on whom
be peace said,

**'for us the
court of God
is sufficient.**

**Be
patient.'**

A self-styled *mujaddad* published an extremely offensive supplement against the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). When his companions suggested to take him to court- - '

In conclusion Hudhur (aba) read an extract from the august writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) stating that the ultimate triumph will be of his Community and it has been the way from time immemorial that Prophets of God are derided, as the Qur'an states: **'Alas for mankind! there comes not a Messenger to them but they mock at him'**. (36: 31)

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Hudhur (aba) said our so-called supporters should look after themselves rather than provoke us about the level of our steadfastness

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) did not say that difficult times will be over quickly

Rather, a hundred odd years ago he wrote that three centuries will elapse before people will finally realise that the promised one has indeed come

The evergreen tree planted by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is being irrigated by steadfastness and prayers and will continue to blossom



In these times of increased hostility each Ahmadi should seek patience and help from God more than ever and continue to be a part of the blossoming tree. May God enable us all to do so, Ameen

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