



Persecution and prayers

Friday Sermon
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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) said that only Ahmadis of today are the models of victimised believers

Hudhur (aba) referred to a poetic verse of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) outlining the principle to deal with such persecution

‘When the enemy exceeds in noise and clamour; we take refuge in the Hidden Friend’

Hudhur (aba) explained that in order to attain complete sincerity and absolute devotion to God, it is needed to lose oneself in the Hidden Friend

When the world persecutes God’s peoples, He and His angels shower every blessing on those who ‘hide/absorb themselves in the protection of Allah’

Hudhur (aba) said that each Ahmadi should offer two *Nafil* Prayer a day for the persecuted Ahmadis

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Victimised believers

When the enemy tries his utmost and adopts the ploys that belie humanity in order to persecute and eliminate God's people



The enemy wishes to deviate believers from following ways that attain God's pleasure



At such times, steadfast and resolute believers turn ever more to God to seek His help

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Response of victimised believers

The Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
has captured the
scenario of the enemy
exceeding all limits
and the resulting
condition of the
believers in an Urdu
poetic verse:

**When the enemy
exceeds in noise
and clamour
Hide do we in the
Hidden Friend**

The poetic verse makes it clear to the enemy that while he persecutes in the assumption that we will beg for mercy, he is mistaken

We are the followers of the great Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) who demonstrated a model of supreme courage and with his power of holiness his Companions too displayed great bravery

In the face of extreme cruelty they only ever raised the slogan of One God and always turned to Allah

Thus, when the commandment given to us is to follow this model, how could we be in step with our opponents?

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Help for victimised believers

Indeed, all the schemes of the enemy against Ahmadis will rebound on them because in following the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) we have seen God's practical testimony to be in his favour

How could we leave our God Who has placed tranquillity in the hearts of the Community at every challenging occasion!

It is not possible for us to leave our God and make these people our idols and if they are persecuting us in these presumptions, they are wrong

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Those to whom men said, 'People have mustered against you, therefore fear them,' but this *only* increased their faith, and they said, 'Sufficient for us is Allah, and an excellent Guardian is He

الَّذِينَ قَالَ لَهُمُ النَّاسُ إِنَّ النَّاسَ
قَدْ جَمَعُوا لَكُمْ فَاخْشَوْهُمْ
فَزَادَهُمْ إِيمَانًا
وَقَالُوا الْحَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

Chapter 3, Verse 174

Hudhur (aba) said as the enemies unite against us, this increases us in our faith

Because we note that it is in fulfilment of a prophecy of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) that all the sects will get together against the community that will have God's support in the time of the Messiah.

God's quality of being 'Sufficient' encompasses every aspect

Who else can better understand the matters of His servants and seize the enemy and declare blessings for the believers?

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Hudhur (aba) said our opponents may insist that as they are in accord with each other they are in the right,

However, God states that believers turn to Him in times of trial and safeguard their belief against throngs and remain calm

The testimony of the Hadith of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) goes against them, their unanimity does not make them the guided ones

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إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return

Chapter 2, Verse 157

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The Promised
Messiah (on
whom be
peace) said,
'lose yourself in
the God Who
grants all the
blessings and
Who accepts
prayers

Hudhur (aba) said this is the only formula which
has always come in useful for believers

When the world persecutes God's peoples
He and His angels shower every blessing
on those who 'hide/absorb themselves in
their Friend'

And declare these people to be recipients
of God's mercy and blessings and to be
indeed the guided ones

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In addition, guidance of the world is also
associated with them

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Hudhur (aba) directed

Those Ahmadis who are currently enduring persecution should put greater focus in their prayers

Those who are not directly troubled should pray for their brothers and sisters

Hudhur (aba) said that each Ahmadi should offer two Nafil Prayer a day for the persecuted Ahmadis, those who are deprived of their civic rights through vicious laws



A true believer feels the pain and troubles of his brother as his own trouble

If each Ahmadi presents his/her concerns before God in an increased manner, God will take them in His refuge in a greater way

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It is these on whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy, and it is these who are rightly guided.

Chapter 2, Verse 158

أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ

Hudhur (aba) said those who 'hide in their Friend' endure all difficulties to seek the pleasure of God and God states about them

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They do not let go of their God even after enduring the harshest of tortures, on the contrary, they try and hide/absorb in their God even more

God states that these are the people who will attain spiritual heights and will also be granted material blessings and they indeed are the guided people

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Hudhur (aba) said Ahmadi students write to him about how their peers and teachers harass them

Hudhur (aba) said there was a time when teachers imparted knowledge to everyone regardless of religious background etc.

Persecution of Ahmadi students

But today, those who deem themselves to be the best of Muslims are making a mockery of the honourable profession. They claim they do so out of a 'sense of honour for religion'. As a matter of fact it is nothing but the height of ignorance

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وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰٓ اَلَّا تَعْدِلُوْا

(Chapter 5: Verse 9).

and let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice

Referring to teachers, who persecute Ahmadi students. Hudhur (aba) said that they are educated ignoramuses who do injustice by following the ignorant mullah and ignore this Qur'anic injunction

Persecution of Ahmadi students

One solution for the believers for all the persecution is to turn to God, to lose themselves in Him

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Hudhur (aba) said our enemies are enacting their ploys, be that in Pakistan, India, African countries or Indonesia

In Indonesia persecuted Ahmadis returned to their homes after a period of time to resettle but extremist mullahs, who are paid by some countries, burnt down their homes and beat them up

As a result they had to abandon their homes and their properties

Hudhur (aba) said believers will continue to turn to God when faced with such persecution and this is the only weapon of our triumph which will make the enemy's evil rebound on him

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Apart from prayer, we do not have anything

The greater the intensity with which we will use this weapon, the quicker we will see the triumph of our Community

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God has repeatedly told me through revelation that whatever will come to pass will be through prayer

The best prayer is that God's pleasure and deliverance from sin is attained

God waits that believers pray to Him so that He may grant

Prayer is like a sweet fountain availed to believers. Whenever a believer wishes, he can satiate himself on this fountain

The great aspect that is achieved with prayer is Divine closeness

Certainly, consider that prayer is a great treasure

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

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Hudhur (aba) said in this age the prayer is a significant weapon that has been granted to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

- Through prayers opponents like Lekh Ram, Alexander Dowie and others met his bad ending

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the correct station of prayer is Salat

Thus we should offer two Nafil Prayers for our persecuted Ahmadi brothers and sisters and make it obligatory on us

Claimants to demolish Qadian were also contended with through prayer

- Those who called Ahmadiyyat a cancer and those who claimed to reduce us to beggars were also dealt with prayer

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Hudhur (aba) said today too, the opposing storms will rebound through prayer and the world will witness the progress of Ahmadiyyat

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Hudhur (aba) explained that in order to attain complete sincerity and absolute devotion to God, it is needed to lose oneself in the Hidden Friend

This will safeguard one as if in a fortified enclave guarded by armed soldiers

May God enable us to understand this very important point and also to put it in practice. Ameen

Hudhur (aba) said the following quote of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) should always be remembered:

‘When a believer’s prayer attains complete sincerity and absolute devotion to God then God feels mercy towards him’

رَبَّنَا آفِرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا
عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

Chapter 2, verse 251

O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make
our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving
people

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In conclusion Hudhur (aba) read the Qur'anic prayer

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