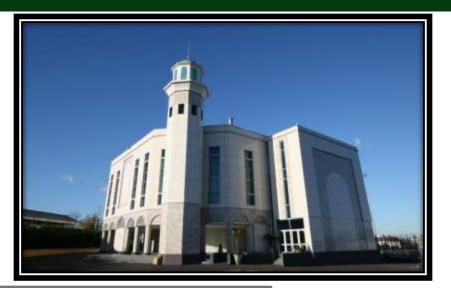


Persecution and prayers

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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'

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Persecution of Ahmadis Ahmadis of today are the models 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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Persecution of Ahmadis 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?

Persecution of Ahmadis 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

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

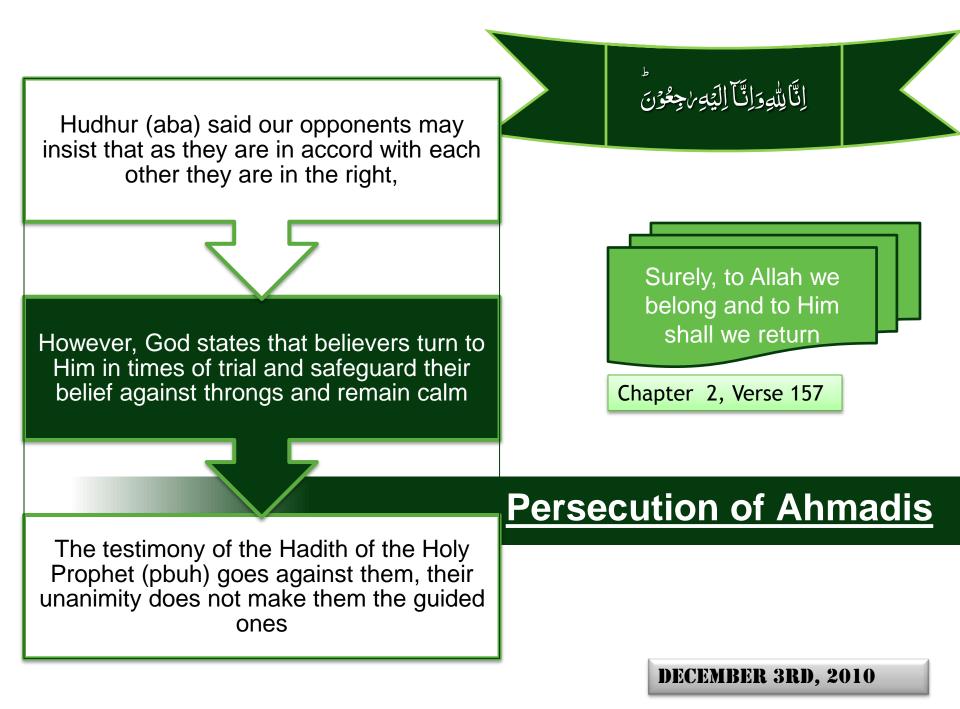


Hudhur (aba) said as the enemies unite against us, this increases us in our faith

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?



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

Persecution and Prayer

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

Persecution of Ahmadis Hudhur (aba) directed

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

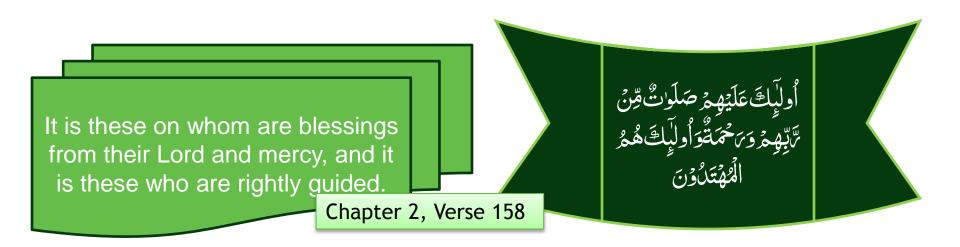
Those who are not directly troubled should pray for their brothers and sisters

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

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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



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

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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



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

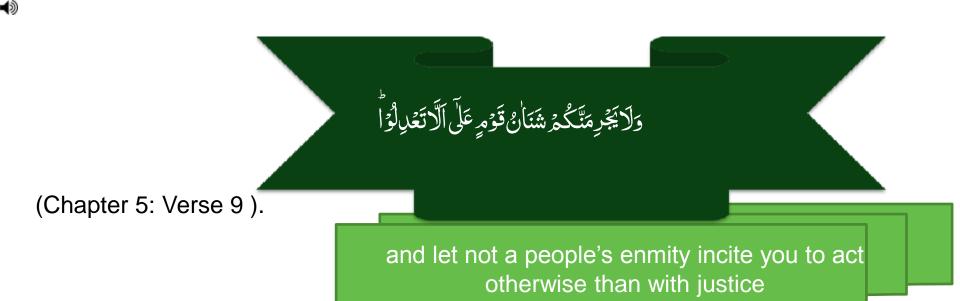
Hudhur (aba) said there was a time when teachers imparted knowledge to everyone regardless of religious background etc.

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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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

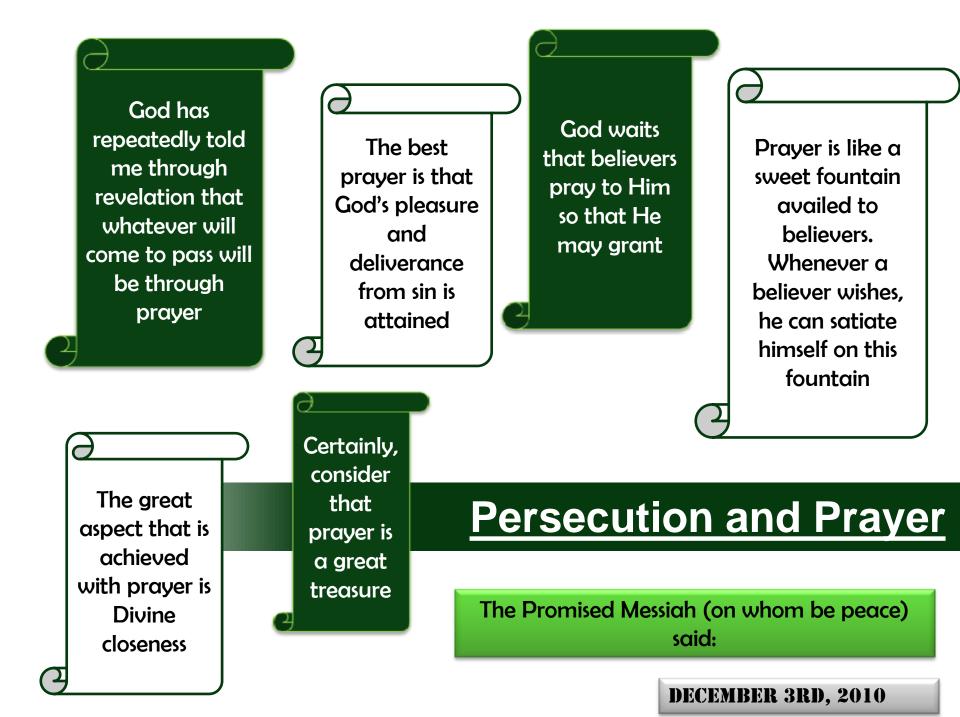


Hudhur (aba) said believers will continue to turn to God when faced with such persecution and this is the only weapon of our triumph which will make the enemy's evil rebound on him

Persecution of Ahmadis

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



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 Nafl Prayers for our persecuted Ahmadi brothers and sisters and make it obligatory on us

Persecution and Prayer

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

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

Persecution and Prayer

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'



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

Persecution and Prayer

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