

Muharram and status of Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him)

Friday Sermon
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SUMMARY

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Hudhur (aba) said this poem was written in 1935, advising patience and steadfastness, when commotion against the Community was at its height



For every Muslim, these lines depict a most tragic and heartrending event in the history of Islam



However, only those who are being cruelly persecuted can have a true insight into these words

Every Muslim has sympathy and compassion regarding tragedy of Karbala

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Today, who but the Ahmadiyya Community can encompass the tragedy of Karbala

In the aforementioned poetic verse
two individuals are mentioned; both
professed the *Kalima* (Muslim
declaration of faith)

Yet one comprehended the
reality of the *Kalima* and was
a victim

The other perpetrated cruelty
while disregarding the *Kalima*

Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be
pleased with him), along with his
family and a few associates was
martyred at Karbala

This tragedy was a
continuation from the
martyrdom of Hadhrat
Uthman (may Allah be
pleased with him)

This is what happens when
taqwa declines

What could be more unfortunate than to carry out brutality in the name of God and His Prophet (pbuh)?

When *taqwa* lessens, personal gain overrides, communal gain and worldly matters are given precedence over faith



Then a height of barbarity is committed and people of God are murdered in the name of God



Children are murdered and all manner of cruelty is perpetrated against people of God who sacrifice their all for God



People who profess the *Kalima* persecute other *Kalima*-followers

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وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِّدًا أَفْجَرُ أَوْهُ جَهَنَّمَ
خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ
عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا

Chapter 4, Verse 94

And whoso kills a believer intentionally, his reward shall be Hell wherein he shall abide. And Allah will be wroth with him and will curse him and will prepare for him a great punishment

God's most intense displeasure for such people is that they will be in Hell for a long period of time and His cruse is on them

It could not be more unfortunate that a person who professes the *Kalima* is given such a punishment

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On the other hand, God states about those innocents against whom cruelty is perpetrated

بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ

they are living, in the presence of their Lord, *and* are granted gifts *from Him*

Chapter 3, Verse 170

Hudhur (aba) explained nothing could be a greater reward than this

Huzur (aba) explained prayer of the Holy Prophet (phuh)

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that Hadhrat Hussein and Hassan (may Allah be pleased with them both) will be the leaders of young men in Paradise and prayed for them in these words: 'O Allah, I love them, You too love them.'

One who acquired such a high status will certainly be the inheritor of lofty stations in Paradise

The murderers of Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) will receive God's severe chastisement

Hudhur said we are currently going through the first ten days of the month of Muharram

On the 10th of Muharram, the beloved of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) was murdered

When faith diminishes, fear of God is gone and it becomes immaterial what station anyone holds in the sight of God and His Prophet (pbuh)

The barbaric people did not realise the station of the person they committed the violence against

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Against all Qur'anic teachings of justice and moderation and despite clear commandment against the mutilation of bodies, the body of martyred beloved grandson of Holy Prophet (pbuh) was treated in the most barbaric way

The very grandson about whom the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said, 'one who loves my grandsons loves me and one who loves me loves God and owing to love of God will go to Paradise

Once during the time of his Khilafat Hadhrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) saw Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) playing. He picked him up and said, 'he was very dear to my master, the Holy Prophet (pbuh). That is why I am also expressing love to him

Hudhur (aba) explained that those who truly love also hold dear the loved ones of their beloved. They do not claim to ardently love someone and only cherish their dear ones during their life-time.

Tragedy of Karbala

Hudhur (aba) added, the teaching of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) were disregarded in how Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) was treated at Karbala

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Traditions relate that when Hadhrat Hussein's (may Allah be pleased with him) soldiers were overcome by the enemy he turned his horse towards the Euphrates.

Someone said, 'come in between the stream and them' and people blocked his way

Prior to martyrdom he was heard saying:
'By God, after me you will not murder anyone from among people of God on whose murder God will be angrier at you than my murder. By God, I hope that God will humiliate you and thus bless me. He will take my revenge in a way that will astonish you. By God, if you murder me, God will create a warring situation among you and your blood will be spilled. God will not suffice at this, so much so that a great punishment will be increased manifold for you'.

A man threw an arrow at Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) which struck under his chin and he was martyred

Tragedy of Karbala

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After martyring Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) the people of Koofa (enemy) started pillaging the tents and even snatched coverings from the heads of women

A man cried out, who would stamp on the body of Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) with their horses

- Ten riders responded and trampled his body with their horses, crushing his chest and back

A tradition relates his body had 33 spear wounds and 47 sword wounds

The height of cruelty was that the head of Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) was sent to the governor of Koofa for display

What can be worse than this barbaric treatment?

Indeed this was done by people who were materialistic and had exceeded all limits to attain their objective

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Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) did not take the bai'at of Yazid because of his materialistic tendencies

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) writes that people were unanimous on the bai'at of Yazid, the impure, but Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) did not accept him

Hadhrat Hussein's (may Allah be pleased with him) effort was to have conciliation

He told the representatives of Yazid that he did not want war and asked to be allowed to go to the border so that he could be martyred in the cause of Islam or asked to be taken to Yazid so that he could make him understand

However, war was imposed on him which he faced valiantly

Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) only had 70 odd people against a large army and they gave their lives for the right cause

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The principle of Khilafat

Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) wrote that the principle which Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) stood for was that the people of a country, a community have the right of electing/choosing seat of Khilafat

Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said this principle is as sacred today as it was before and Hadhrat Hussein's (may Allah be pleased with him) martyrdom has made this even more prominent

After Yazid's death, his son Muawiyah, took bai'at as a Khalifa but then went to his house and did not emerge for 40 days.

When he re-emerged, he announced that he had taken bai'at only to avoid divisions

He said he was not worthy of Khilafat as was not his father or his grandfather.

He said his father was much less in status than Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) and his grandfather lesser than Hadhrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him)

For this reason, he said, he resigned from leadership and it was up to the people whose bai'at they wished to take

He went home and did not come out again and died

Events after Karbala

Yazid's own son did not agree with his Khilafat.

The sacrifice of Hadhrat Imam Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) gives us many lessons. He gave his life to establish truth.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that Messiah/Jesus (on whom be peace) has been likened to Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) . This means that the Messiah to come will also partake of this metaphor.

But the time of second Messiah will Insha'Allah not repeat the matters which weakened Islam. Yet, we should always pray that there is no slip-up in our faith



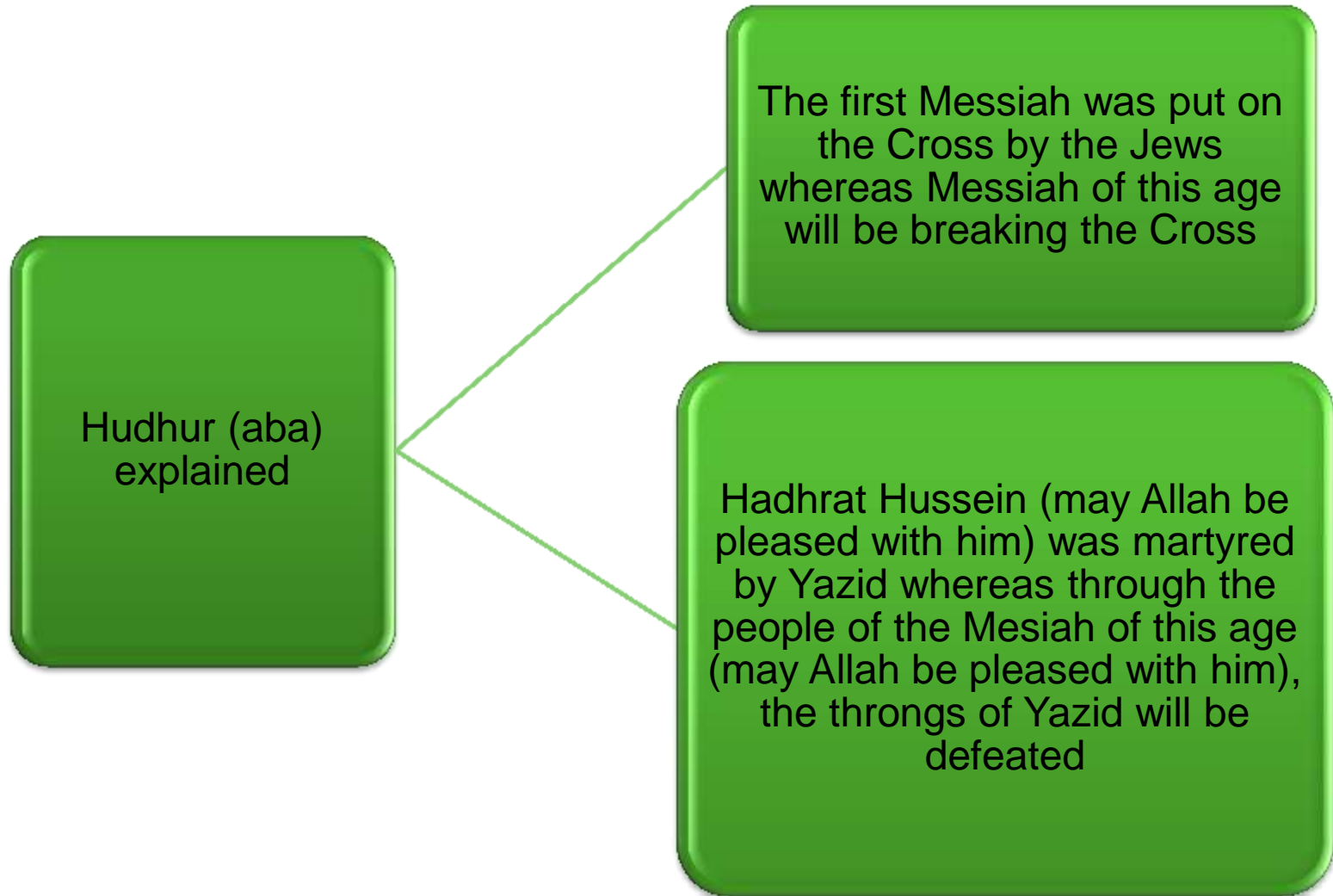
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Messiah/Jesus likened to Hadhrat Hussein (ra)

One aspect that God will not repeat is regarding Khilafat, which will now be permanent

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Second Messiah likened to Hadhrat Hussein (ra)



Muharram and Ahmadis

Hudhur (aba) said the month of Muharram teaches us to always send blessings and salutations (Durud) on the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and his family and bring about pure changes in ourselves to play our role



We should display steadfastness in front of people with Yazid-like nature and be resolute



Only the Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) -like will be successful



God has commanded prayer and patience

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Patience

- Patience does not only signify enduring cruelty but also entails doing pious works with resolve.
- To express the truth without any fear is also patience

Durud

- Durud is most significant as explained in ahadith and by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and most significantly, the Holy Qur'an draws our attention to it
- We should concentrate on it especially during this month

Love of
the Holy
Prophet(
pbuh)

- As directed by the Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him), Hudhur (aba) said invoking Durud was the most excellent way of expressing one's sentiments about Karbala and love for the beloved of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Patience and Durud

Hudhur (aba) prayed that may God enable us to especially say the Durud these days and may it also be a source of personal and communal blessings for us

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Hudhur (aba) read an extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) regarding which he said every Ahmadi should have it in his/her view.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that it is our belief that Yazid was an impure person who did not fulfil what a true believer signifies. Love of world had blinded him

whereas Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him) was pure and among those chosen people whom God purifies Himself. He was among those who are of Paradise. His devotion to God is a model for us.

Destroyed is the heart who is his enemy and successful is the heart that demonstrates his love by practice. It is extreme lack of faith to deride Hadhrat Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him), one who does this, wastes his faith.

Hudhur (aba) said we should pray that may God remove the cruelty that is being perpetrated in the name of God and His Prophet in Pakistan and some other countries.

May God always enable us to love the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and his family and also to send Durud on him

May God protect Muslims and may this month pass in peace for Muslims countries

May Muslims understand the objective of martyrdom of Hadhrat Imam Hussein (may Allah be pleased with him)

May Muslims recognise the Imam of the age



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Next Hudhur announced that he would lead Funeral Prayers in absentia of three people:

Mehdi Tapani sahib was from Zimbabwe where he had served as the national Tabligh secretary. He passed away on 15 Nov. He had taken his bai'at in 1990, was very helpful in acquiring land for a mosque. He leaves behind his widow, five sons and two daughters who are all married and are Ahmadis.

AlHaaj Abu Bakr Gai sahib was from the Gambia. He passed away on 2 December. He took his bai'at in 2004 although from 1999 to 2004 he had worked as a doctor under the Nusrat Jehan scheme. He became a minister of health for the Gambian government in 2009. After his bai'at in 2004, he was foremost in chanda contributions and was very active in Tabligh work. He always said that he had experienced a miraculous spiritual change since taking bai'at. He had a great connection with Khilafat. Hudhur said his governmental position was helpful to us, may God provide us with a good substitute.

Izzatul Nisa sahiba, who passed away on 17 November in Bangladesh was the mother of our missionary and in-charge Bangla desk Feroz Alam sahib. She was a very pious lady, very regular with her Salat and Tahajjud. She was a sincere Ahmadi. She had taken great care of the education of her children and in spite of having a humble background cared for others in the family who were disadvantaged. She had tremendous devotion for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and Khilafat and told our detractors they had no idea of the blessings they were rejecting. She was a Moosia and leaves behind three sons and five daughters. May God elevate her station in Paradise and grant steadfastness to the bereaved.