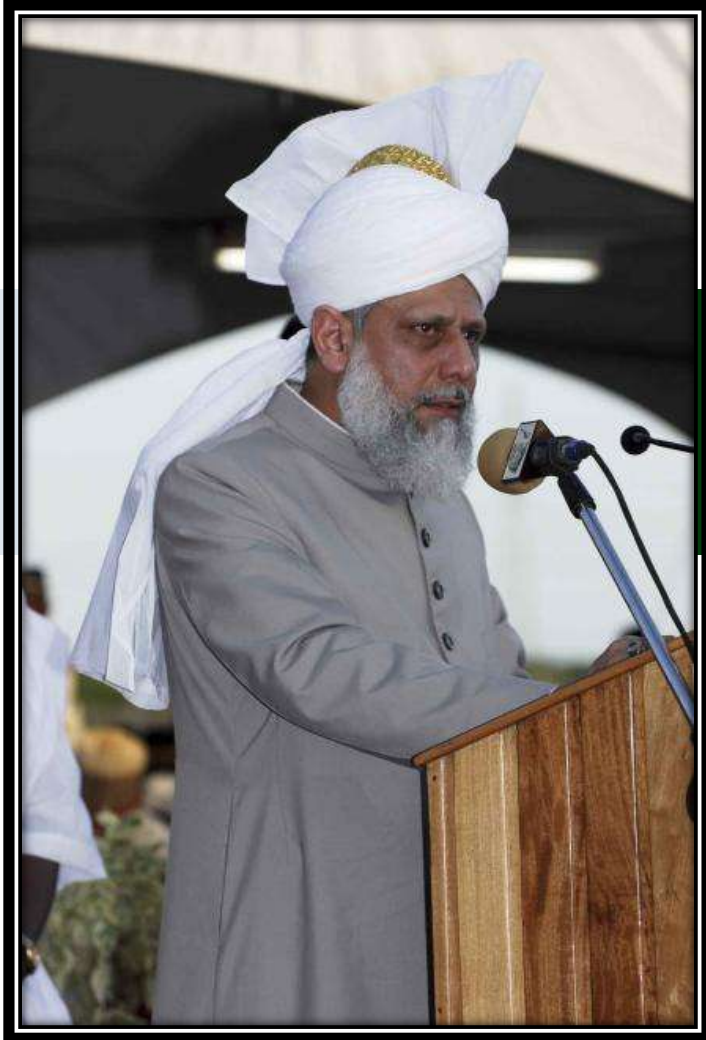


Faith-inspiring accounts of
love of God and His
chosen people



Friday Sermon
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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) gave a sermon on faith-inspiring accounts of love of God and His chosen people by a number of companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hudhur (aba) explained that to love others for the sake of God is an intense expression of love of God

When God blesses the act of loving ordinary believers for His sake, then how much greater would be His blessings for loving His Prophets and chosen people

After narrating many faith-inspiring incidences, Hudhur (aba) said that these model of love and sincerity should be kept alive in generations to come. May God enable us to uphold these models for His sake

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وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ

-...those who believe are stronger
in *their* love for Allah....

Chapter 2, Verse 166

Hudhur (aba) said it is love of God
alone that, step by step, inclines one
to love beloveds of God

One makes efforts to enhance in love
of God and to find ways that would
please the Beloved

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Hadith relates that on the day when there will be no shelter apart from the Divine shelter of security, among those who God will take in His shelter of security will be two people who loved each other for the sake of God

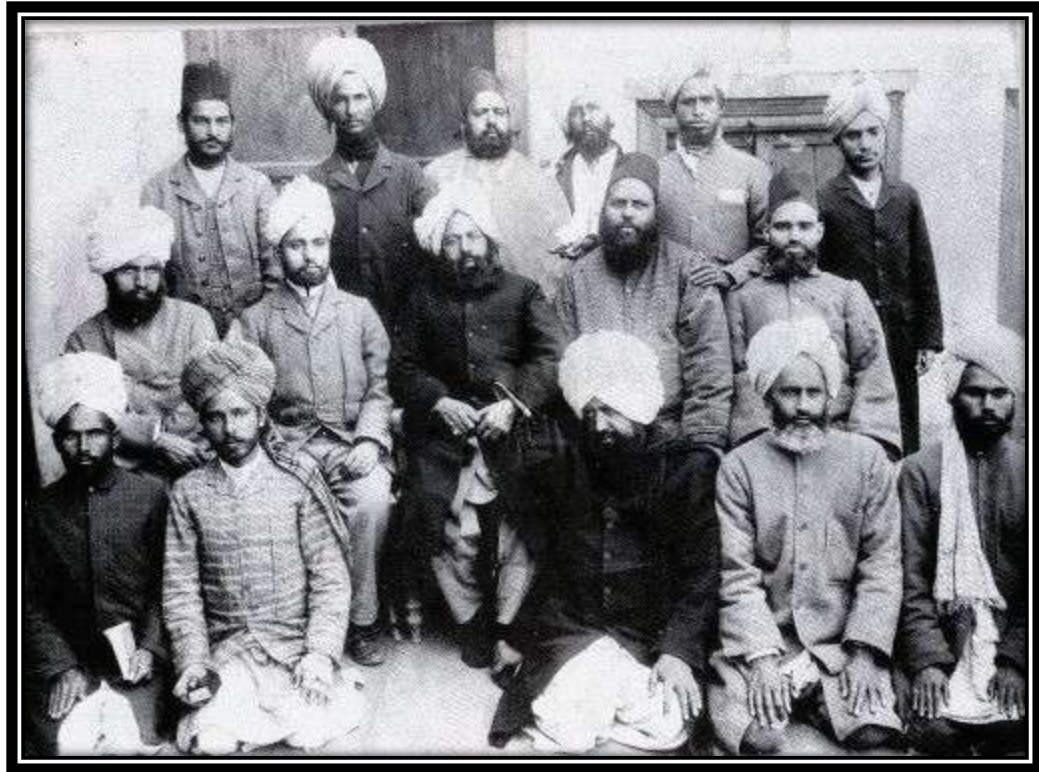
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When God blesses the act of loving ordinary believers for His sake, then how much greater would be His blessings for loving His Prophets and chosen people

The pinnacle of such love is the Being of God

How fortunate are those who have witnessed the time of the messenger of God

How blessed were those who experienced the companionship of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



Hudhur (aba) said the ancestors of some of us experienced the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and expressed their love and devotion directly to him and in turn received his affection and love

Hadhrat Wali Daad Khan sahib May Allah be pleased with him) of Narowal

He had the good fortune to take his Bai'at on the hand of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) at the 1907 Jalsa



He arrived at Qadian for the purpose of Bai'at one night before the Jalsa.

A huge crowd had gathered in the street from where the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was expected to access Masjid Mubarak.

As a newcomer, he stood in the next street and prayed that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) would pass from there instead, so that he could have the opportunity to shake his hand



This came to pass and when he first set eyes on the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) it felt to him as if the sun had emerged from behind clouds

Hadhrat Madad Khan sahib (May Allah be pleased with him) of Kashmir

He had the offer to join the army as a junior commissioned officer and wished to visit Qadian before starting his employment. He had a great desire to see the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

When he first saw the blessed face of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) he felt that no attraction in the world could make him leave Qadian now.

He wrote daily to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for prayer

He gave up the idea of returning home and considered it would be an accomplishment if after his death the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) would lead his funeral Prayer

He witnessed a miracle of health and rejuvenation at the hand of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) after a frantic effort to help in a court case against the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hadhrat Master Muhammad Sohail sahib (May Allah be pleased with him) Kamal Dera Sindh

With the grace of God, he took his Bai'at in 1905 on the blessed hand of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

In those days Masjid Mubarak was extremely small in size and he used to fan the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) while in the mosque in the summer heat, sitting right next to him.

Once Maulwi Muhammad Ali sahib gestured to Master sahib to move so that he could approach the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). However, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked him not to move and Maulwi Muhammad Ali made his submission standing up

Later, Master sahib felt delight in the fact that while he was a humble person compared to the scholarly Maulwi Muhammad Ali, a prophet of God had treated them both equally.

Chaudhry Abdul Hakeem sahib (May Allah be pleased with him) of Gujaranwala

Originally, he belonged to the Ahle Hadith community. He was given Alhakam newspaper, which made him attracted towards Ahmadiyyat

Despite meagre financial means, he and a friend miraculously made their journey to Qadian

When the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) arrived in Masjid Mubarak , the associate of Chaudhry sahib put some questions to him. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) responded adequately

A companion of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) commented that answers to all questions were already published but people still troubled the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) with questions. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) commented that it was he who did the speaking, why were others troubled

Chaudhry Abdul Hakeem sahib (May Allah be pleased with him)

Hakeem sahib says that on the evening of the Bai'at he went to see Hadhrat Maulana Hakeem Nur-ud-din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) who sat on a small bedstead on the rooftop and answered many questions, of which one was memorable

Hadhrat Maulana Hakeem Nur-ud-din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) said that he had found God by taking the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hadhrat Hamid Hussein Khan sahib (May Allah be pleased with him) of Ali Garh

Death of Jesus

- He heard the speech of an Ahmadi scholar on the subject of death of Jesus (on whom be peace) and was enthused to meet the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and went to see the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) when he visited Delhi

Visit

- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came quietly and most informally sat next to him. When told who had just arrived, Hamid sahib was nervous and got up. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked him to be seated.

Ba'ait

- He had no intention of taking Bai'at, but when the process of Bai'at started, his hand involuntarily extended and reached the back of the person ahead of him to take Bai'at

Transformation

- He noticed a complete spiritual transformation after this



Hudhur (aba) said the ancestors of some of us experienced the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and expressed their love and devotion directly to him and in turn received his affection and love.

How blessed were they to have had the physical presence of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). Below are the highlights of these blessed elders.



Hadhrat Mistri Allah Ditta sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) of Gurdaspur

He took his bai'at in 1894 and also met the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

He had basic knowledge of the Qur'an and was told by his teacher to take the Bai'at of Imam Mahdi and this is why he took the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

He often heard the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) say,

'our mission is true and Insha'Allah will never wane/decline'

Hadhrat Meeran Baksh sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) of Gujranwala

He and was disowned by his father for taking Bai'at in either 1897 or 1898

Out of love and dedication, despite his meagre means he made an outfit for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and took this to Qadian

He hoped and wished that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) would wear this for Juma Prayers

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) graciously tried this on, the outfit remained a bit tight even after last minute alteration by Meeran Baksh Sahib at a local tailors' shop

Yet the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wore it

Hadhrat Master Khalilul Rahman sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) of Jammu Kashmir

At the Jalsa of 1907 when the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had the honour to offer his Salat very close to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Master sahib relates that he was immersed in dedication to the Promised Messaih (on whom be peace) during the session, and listened to the most exquisite discourse on Surah Al Fatihah given by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hadhrat Ghulam Rasool sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) of Pasroor

He took his bai'at in either 1901 or 1902



He relates that when he saw the face of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) all the doubts that the mullah had put in him were dismissed



He had heard that the face of the Messiah would be luminous like a star and he found the blessed face of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) exactly like that

The Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)

When Rahmat Ullah sahib saw the blessed face of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), he felt that the face was full of spiritual light

Izala Auham

The Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) book 'Izala Auham' revealed the truth of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) on him

Death of Jesus

Other Mullahs were unable to give satisfactory answer to the concept of death of Jesus and advised him not be drawn to discuss this matter anymore

Hadhrat Rahmat Ullah sahib Ahmadi (may Allah be pleased with him) of Ludhiana

He saw many spiritual dreams and his family also accepted Ahmadiyyat

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Maulwi Fatah Ali sahib Ahmadi (may Allah be pleased with him) of Jehlum

He took his Bai'at along with his family in 1904 and visited the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) every year with his family

During travels to Qadian the ladies of his family were unable to carry their heavy bedding with them. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) arranged that bedding be provided for them

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was most affectionate to his son. Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was resting when the boy went up to him to say something and removed the duvet from his face to speak to him

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) did not mind at all and gently listened to the child

Hadhrat Bahawal Shah sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) of Ambala

He was inclined to religion from childhood and was on the look out for someone to guide him. He met the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in Masjid Mubarak with many of his companions in attendance

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked him if he had come to take Bai'at but he said, no he had come to request for prayers. He was asked if he was scared of the mullah to which he replied he was not scared of the mullah and that the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) truth had become evident to him by looking at his face.

Therefore, he took the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) Bai'at and Bahawal sahib was strongly drawn to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as if he was being pulled by a rope. His spiritual condition changed completely after Bai'at and he felt ardent love of God day and night



Families of these elders should be mindful of their great favour on us

We should pray for our elders and also for resoluteness of our own faith

We should try and walk in the footsteps of our elders

Their model of love and sincerity should be kept alive in generations to come

May God enable us to uphold these models for His sake, Ameen

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