

'Everything will Perish except God'

Life of Hadhrat Nasira Begum sahiba,
late mother of Hudhur Aqdas



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SUMMARY

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Hudhur began the Friday Sermon today by reciting the Quranic verses: **'All that is on it (earth) will pass away. And there will remain *only* the Person of thy Lord, Master of Glory and Honour.'** (55:27 – 28).

Hudhur (aba) said that recently, his mother passed away. *Inna lillahe wa inna illahe raji'oon*

Hudhur (aba) explained her many qualities, including dignity, piety, high levels of worship, love for the Holy Qur'an, hospitality and high commitment to Tarbiyyat

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Explaining further, Hudhur (aba) quoted from the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that everything is destined to perish and ultimately only God will remain and that He has decreed death for everything apart from His Being

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DESTINED TO
PERISH

Hudhur (aba) quoted a few verses of the poem, which broadly translate as follows:

The world is like an inn,
whoever one meets will be
parted
Even if one stays for a
hundred years, one
ultimately separates
There is no room for
complaint, this very house
is transitory

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) taught that

All our attention should be drawn towards God and for this each act of ours should be to attain the pleasure of God

Once this insight is realised, at the times of joy and sadness we will endeavour to attain the pleasure of God

Acting upon the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) told that a time will come when one would have to leave behind the world and all that is in it

So, it is pointless to love this world for it will not last

Lasting benefit is in having a connection with the Being that always was and always will be and that Being is God, the Master of Glory and Honour

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Two important points

Hudhur(aba) said the above verses cite two important matters

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1. Everything is prone to decline and will gradually perish and each human ultimately dies

2. Those who endeavour to attain God's pleasure should be hopeful. Those who ever search for God, who endeavour for the piety of their children, when they depart from this world they are granted an eternal life in the Hereafter and are taken in the loving embrace of God

Believers, worship and eternal life

Hudhur (aba) said God draws attention to such matters **to those** who believe in Him with sincerity. He also provides opportunities for attaining high standards of worship



No doubt therein is the teaching that death is a reality but those who absorb themselves in God achieve a new life



These are those who understand the objective of creation. Indeed, fortunate are those who make an effort to comprehend this subject and then act upon it.



May God enable each one of us to understand this subject and act upon it and may this Ramadan take us closer to this, for which our elders made endeavours and prayed for and breathed this spirit in the new generation.

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Reflecting on her life Hudhur (aba) reflects over her life, he notes her standard of worship as a model. Her reading of the Qur'an for hours, deliberating over it and her engrossment in Salat were exemplary for Hudhur

She had the love and prayers of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) and had the blessings of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

She had the positive and distinctive influence of the time closer to that of the Promised Messiah

She was the eldest daughter and second child of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him)

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She carried herself with dignity, the sort of dignity which should be evident in a believer. She had angst to cultivate love of God

The Holy Prophet has said that when people praise the virtues of the deceased, God makes arrangements for his or her forgiveness

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Hudhur (aba) said people who knew his mother are writing her many attributes in the numerous letters of condolence. In light of these letters and what Hudhur (aba) had himself observed, he hoped and prayed that her prayer 'I seek the mantle of Your mercy' is fulfilled and God has wrapped her in the cover of His mercy and forgiveness.

Her angst for God was heart-felt and could be seen in her poetic compositions.

Your love, Your mercy, Your
forgiveness too
I seek Your pleasure each moment
Having lost everything in His
obedience
I only seek my Master's support
May You alone be in my heart
I seek the mantle of Your mercy

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Hudhur (aba) prayed



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‘O my Dear God, extend the treatment to my mother that she sought in this prayer, and make us, her children also understand this concept. In this world and after death, keep us also wrapped in the cover of Your mercy. May we never be distant from the expectations that she had from her children. May God also enable her next generations to attain His pleasure.’

Hudhur (aba) said his mother was the eldest daughter of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) and Syedda Mahmooda Begum sahiba and was born in 1911

The Nikah of the parents of Hudhur's mother took place in 1902 and they were married in October 1903.

Hudhur (aba) read out some excerpts from the sermon for the Jama'at in general and the family of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in particular so that they realise their responsibilities

Two Nikahs were announced at the time, first was that of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) and the other of Hudhur's parent

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The Historical Nikah Sermon

The passing away of Hudhur's mother, who always strived for high levels of Tarbiyyat of everyone, has drawn Hudhur's attention to the historical Nikah sermon delivered by the Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him)

Hudhur explained the verse

- ‘**And among others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise.**’ (62:4) Hudhur said that this signified the coming of the perfect spiritual manifestation (Buruz) of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) as prophesied by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) among people of Persian descent

Persian descent

- The particular word (Rijaal) used by the Prophet (pbuh) in his prophecy connotes not just the people of Persian descent, rather it also signifies their generations to follow will have the same responsibility.

Continued responsibility

- Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) thus passed the message and the trust onto the family of those of ‘Persian descent’.

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The Historical Nikah Sermon

He said that he thus passed on the responsibility to the next generation, be they his children or the children of his brothers

The Historical Nikah Sermon



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Hudhur (aba) prayed that having listened to this heartfelt message



May God make us feel responsible



May the Jama'at in general and the family of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in particular get drawn towards the important obligation that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has stated

Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said in a poem about his daughter

Hudhur said these attributes are not simply borne out of the love of a father. Many Lajna who worked with Hudhur's mother have verified these sentiments

My Nasira , a virtuous
star
Wise, dutiful, a pure
gem

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she was very keen regarding Tarbiyyat and always thought of new ideas and plans in this regard

She wished for each girl and each woman from Rabwah to have a very high standard of Tarbiyyat and to maintain the dignity of Purdah and general deportment

If she found someone not conducting themselves as they should, she would go up to them and lovingly explain about maintaining dignity

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Hudhur (aba) said that in an address during his first Jalsa as Khalifatul Masih, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) spoke about Hudhur's mother as a sister who strictly abided by Purdah. She followed whatever she saw Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) do. He said this sister of his truly followed her strict ways while firmly abiding by Taqwa.

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Some younger women of the time thought that such ideas were of earlier times. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) then added that the earlier times he knew of was the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessing of Allah be on him).

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Hudhur (aba) said his mother had served as Lajna sadr for Rabwah for a long time and during her term she always aspired and worked hard for Rabwah Lajna to secure prominent position within Pakistan




This was not simply to be high on the league table but was owing to the thought that Rabwah was the seat of Khilafat and no one should have the chance to say that there was 'darkness under the lamp'.



She always consulted others and respected each person whom she consulted

One of her approaches to increase education and knowledge was to ask every member to memorise two couplets from the books Durre Sameen and Kalaam e Mahmood for meetings. Not only did this enhance spiritual knowledge, it was also most helpful towards Rabwah winning first position in Bait Bazi competitions

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She was very discerning and could gauge situation by looking at faces, asked after people and gave them good advice and prayers

She used to pray for people in difficulties and would send message of support and affection to them

She would hold Lajna meetings for 150 to 200 ladies and would personally arrange for refreshments to be served

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She was most hospitable and once invited a revered elder for lunch when she heard him go about in the street at lunch time

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Hudhur (aba) said his mother related one of her dreams to Hudhur in which she saw the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

She once told Hudhur (aba) about a dream she had about the bright future of German Jama'at

Another of her attribute was that she was very particular about all kinds of chandas. As long as Hudhur was in Pakistan, she used to ask him to organise it for her and would repeatedly say that the payments should be accurate.

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Her humility shone through in a letter to Dr Noori after Hudhur (aba) was released from prison in 1999



She does not mention her own prayers that she is bound to have made as a mother. Rather, she mentions the prayers of people of Jama'at. She also does not say may God protect my children, rather she prays for everyone



Hudhur (aba) said that her expression here is borne of the high standard of Tarbiyyat that Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with her) gave her

Dear Noori,
Assalamoalaikum
warahamtullah
wabarakatahu.

I have received your letter in which you have expressed delight on the safe release of dear Masroor. It is great grace of Allah, otherwise the enemy had very dangerous plans. With His blessings God has demonstrated his power.

We could not thank Him enough. Almost everyone in Rabwah as well as people outside Rabwah made many heart-felt prayers. God accepted their prayers.

Alhamdulillah, Thumma Alhamdulillah. May God also protect everyone in future.'

Hudhur (aba) said, knowing that he was quiet and said little, his mother would pray that may God bless Hudhur's words and his speeches

Hudhur (aba) said his dear mother gave precedence to the relationship of Khilafat over every other relationship

Hudhur (aba) said after Khilafat her relationship with Hudhur took on a different tone

When Hudhur (aba) met her at Qadian in 2005, Hudhur (aba) experienced that the reverence she had shown for earlier Khulafa now extended to Hudhur; the mother and son connection was replaced by a connection of Khilafat which had respect and deference.

In the interview she said that she had respect and regard for Hudhur because he was the Khalifa of the time

Once she asked him to pray to be enabled to take the *Bai'at* of the next Khalifa and also to develop an emotional connection with him

Hudhur (aba) prayed may God bless her with Paradise.

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مدیر اعلیٰ: نصیر احمد قمر



In 1913 when Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) wished to start the newspaper Al Fazl, his wife Hadhrat Umme Nasir gave two pieces of her jewellery to be sold to fund the launch of the newspaper.

One of these were her own gold bracelets, the other were her childhood gold bracelets that she had kept for the use of her daughter Nasira Begum.

By selling this jewellery the newspaper was launched

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Hudhur (aba) appealed that the readers of Al Fazl remember the dear daughter of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him), his mother, in their prayers when reading the newspaper

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Chaudhary Nazir Ahmad Sahib He devoted his life for Jama'at in 1981, after retirement from Government service. He was appointed as Naib Nazir Agriculture and Naib Wakeel Aggreculture till 2003. He was also sent to Africa. He was a Humble man who had a relationship of respect with Hudhur (aba) despite being older. Chaudhary Sahib helped Maulvi Sher Ali Sahib in translation of the Holy Quran while he was a student. He was regular in Tahajjud prayers from early youth. He had two sons and one daughter. May Allah exalt his status.

Mirza Rafiq ahmad Sahib He was youngest son of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih second. He passed away few days ago. He has three sons and one daughter who have a strong bond with Khilafat. May Allah have mercy on him.

Funeral Prayers

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