

Ramadhan and servants of the Gracious God



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SUMMARY

The more the world needs to turn to God the further it is going away from Him. People severely lack to make connection with God so that they can be saved from disorders and calamities and improve their future

After taking the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) we need to instil the true spirit of Ebaadur Rahman (servants of the Gracious God) in ourselves

The revolutionary change that Lord of all the worlds has announced to come about through the second Ahmad, has now to be maintained by his followers

Today, it is the duty of each Ahmadi to save the world from troubles and to connect it to God and we cannot truly fulfil this obligation until we attain high standards in our worship of God and try and be Ebaad of God

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The servants of the Gracious God

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ
أَجِيبْ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ
فَلَيْسَ جَبْوًا لِي وَلَئِن مِّنْ نَّوَابِئٍ لَّعَلَّهُمْ
يُرْشِدُونَ ﴿١٨٧﴾

Hudhur (aba) recited the following verse at the start of today's Friday sermon:

'And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.' (2:187)

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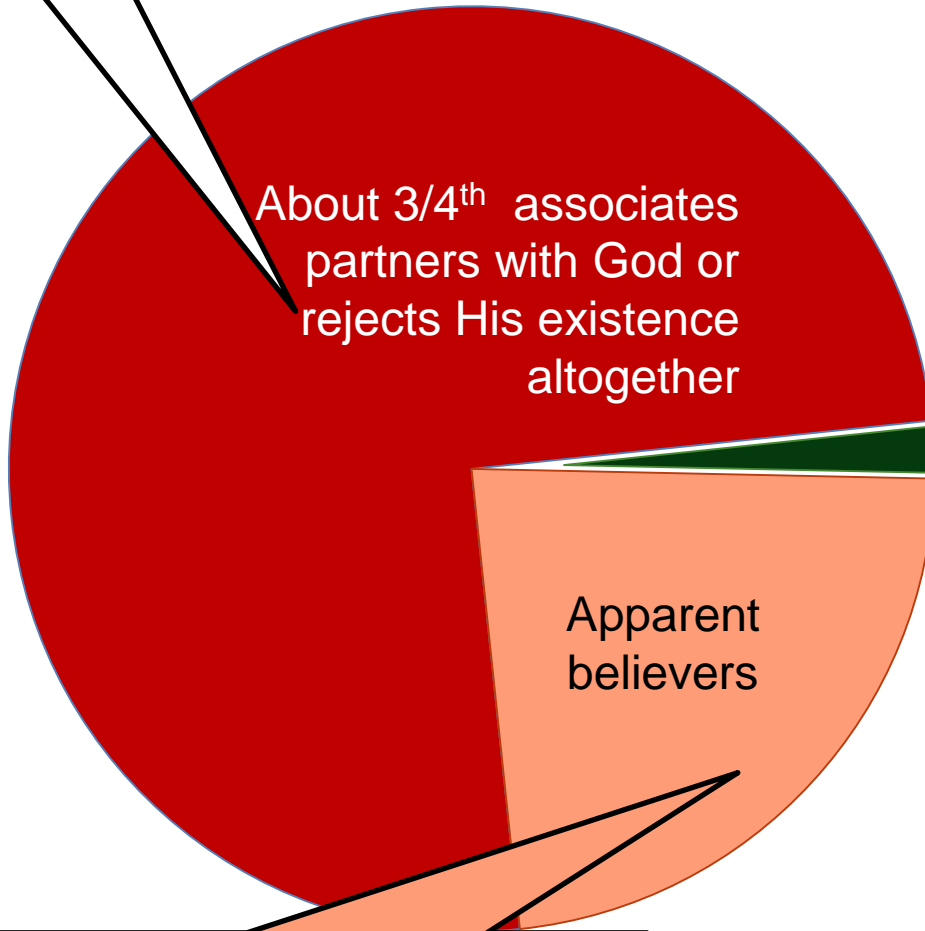
Human beings are Allah's best creations

They severely lack the bond with God so that they can be saved from disorders and calamities and improve their future!

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The world today

They lead the world astray



About 3/4th associates partners with God or rejects His existence altogether

Ahmadis believe in God and accept that when the world forgot its Creator then to take the world out of the state of disorder, God sent the Imam of the age

Apparent believers

They do not seem to understand that outward faith and worship are not sufficient

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**However, if we
Ahmadis**

- Do not keep an eye on our condition, don't have a living connection with God and do not inculcate this bond in our next generation and if we do not make those around us aware of the message of the Promised one, then having found it, we have now lost it

**In this way, we
have incurred
the enmity of the
world**

- and have not found God either

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Ebaadur Rahman (servants of the Gracious God)

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was informed by God that his followers will suffer a temporary deterioration, but through one of his ardent and true devotee among the latter-ones, people of the Ummah will once again become Ebaadur Rahman.

Disorder in the world

At times, the aalam (realm) of misguidance and disbelief and transgression and excess flourishes until the earth becomes full of injustice and tyranny and people abandon the ways of Allah, the Lord of Majesty

Then Allah initiates another aalam (realm) and -- men are granted perceiving hearts and eloquent tongues -- and their faces turning wistfully to the Provider of all needs with a resolve in submissiveness --

Then an Imam (leader) descends from the Rahman (the Gracious One) to fight the armies of Satan ---. That Imam dominates the enemy and lends constant support to the rightly guided, raising aloft the banners of guidance, reviving the seasons and gatherings of piety --

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[Commentary on the Holy Qur'an, pp. 91-92]

Imam of our age

Hudhur (aba) explained that this revolutionary change came to pass through the Holy Prophet (pbuh), but it was not a temporary revolution because he was/is the Seal of all the Prophets and his extends to the Day of Judgement

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There was also to be another aalam when Allah was to bring forth the other party of the faithful, in the latter period, as a mercy for the seekers. There is an indication of that in His Word: To Him belongs all praise in the beginning and in the end (28.71).

Here Allah has referred to two Ahmads describing them as His two great bounties. The first of them is Ahmad the Mustafa (the chosen), our elect Prophet (on whom be the peace and blessings of Allah) and the other is Ahmad of the latter days, named Messiah and Mahdi by Allah, the Gracious.'

[Commentary on the Holy Qur'an, pp. 93 – 94]

Imam of our age and our responsibilities

Hudhur (aba) further explained that it was owing to the perfect devotion and ardent love of the perfect servant of God, and wholly absorbing himself in the Being of God that God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in the latter-days



The revolutionary change that Lord of all the worlds has announced to come about through the second Ahmad, has now to be maintained by his followers

These are the people who truly accept him and try and be counted among Ebaadur Rahman and also help others become Ebaadur Rahman



We have to understand our responsibilities

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Today, it is the duty of each Ahmadi to save the world from troubles and to connect it to God and we cannot truly fulfil this obligation until we attain high standards in our worship of God and until we try and be those Ebaad of God who abide by '**...they should hearken to Me...**' and who are a model of, '**...and believe in Me...**'.

Duty of Ahmadis today

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Hudhur (aba) said we are fortunate to have experienced yet another Ramadan, during which greater paths to attain spiritual development are opened

Those who will achieve the epitaph of **'My servants'** in this Ramadan will certainly be fortunate

Hudhur remarked what makes Ramadan an excellent month?

It is because in this month God has combined two forms of worship, i.e. Fasting and Salat.

Salat is offered with such devotion and purity that God may listen to us in accordance to His assertion **'...I am near...'**.

Fasting should be with the intent that whatever pure changes it brings in our life will be enduring and for further strengthening our faith.

All this is because today our survival as well as that of the world is in that we become true servants of God and are thus able to show the world the way.


The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, 'this month is a fine instance for illuminating the heart'.

My servants'

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Hudhur said today there is disorder all over the world, be it the West or the East, Muslim countries or developed Christian countries

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- A sense of restlessness has engulfed the world

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- The recent riots and disturbances in this country [England] has brought about the realisation that it is not just the underdeveloped countries where peace is in danger

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- Hudhur said there is only one solution for this and that is to make the world servants of God

But how can this be done

The only way to do this is to also seek God's help through prayer. Wherever one takes the message of peace one should enhance one's efforts through prayers. Acceptance of prayer as well as Divine help is given to those who strengthen their faith.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has explained to us various ways and means for acceptance of prayers

The first of these is Taqwa

One should always have fear of God and humility in view and be aware that God is ever watching over us, lest we do something which incurs His displeasure



Our physical body and its various parts, our all over morals and our interaction with God's creation should be in accordance with His commandments



Our eyes, ears, nose, tongue, hands and feet all should do what pleases God

This is possible when one has perfect belief in the Being of God

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Perfect
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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that perfect belief in God is essential for acceptance of prayers. Belief that there is a God and all the universes and everything that we have knowledge of, as well as that which we have no knowledge of, is created by God and He is the Master of all powers. He gives life and death and can create a revolution through prayers which infuses new life in the dead. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said 'God listens to those prayers which He deems better'.

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Another requirement of prayer is that it should have tenderness and pathos

One's heart should be full of passion and one should cry in desperation realising that God is one's last support Who listens to prayers
The prayers should reflect the distress of comprehending that one would be doomed if God's succour is not forthcoming

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that a prayer that is filled with humility and anxiety gains acceptance. This too cannot be achieved without the grace of God

*Deem yourself to
be worst of all*

*For this may take
you to the abode
where you meet
God*

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also said that prayer is one door that has been opened by God for the good of people. When man enters through this door while weeping, he is given a covering of purity by God and is awed by the greatness of God to such an extent that he becomes remote and distant from bad practices

Humility; a condition for acceptance of prayer

Hudhur (aba) said fortunate are those who purify themselves with weeping and crying and are brought closer to God. However, to attain this station, one has to make an effort and turn to God first

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Another requirement for acceptance of prayer is to pay the dues of God and dues of mankind

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Hudhur (aba) explained that God's commandments are stated in the Holy Qur'an in their hundreds



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has said that we should make our lives subservient to the commandments of the Qur'an



He said, 'worship God because the Creator has a right over you to be worshipped'.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, 'be such that none of your obligation to God or mankind remain outstanding'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that it is important for acceptance of prayers that one brings about pure change in oneself.

If one does not avoid ill and breaks God's boundaries, one's prayers are not accepted



Hudhur (aba) prayed that may we understand this point during this Ramadan and gain the pleasure of our True Benefactor

Having compassion for creation for creation of God demands of us to be included in the sincere servants of God, who bring about revolutionary changes in themselves and out of compassion for humanity try and save it from God's chastisement

This Ramadan has come to give us training in these very matters as well as to strengthen our faith and burnish it

Importance of Ramadan

Hudhur said along with prayers for ourselves and our next generations, we should also pray for the world to be saved from destruction

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Power of prayers

Our God listens to prayers and there is no need for despair



Most certainly all the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) told us regarding the progress of the Jama'at will come to pass



The day will come when the banner of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) will be raised over the world and the majority will be of those servants of God who are guided

Hudhur said he would remind us yet again never to forget to pray that may God include us in those people who are His guided and sincere servants

May God continue to enable us to seek the beneficence of this Ramadan

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Subedar Raja Muhammad Mirza Khan sahib passed away in Rabwah on 4 August at the age of 90. He was in the army and had served in WWII. Later, he came to Qadian and served under Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him). He was a devout worshipper, a content person who was eager and keen in Tabligh matters and had a great bond with Khilafat. May God elevate his station.

Ameena Begum sahiba passed away in Rabwah on 7 August. She was one of the earliest residents of Rabwah who had migrated from Qadian. She had a fervent bond with Khilafat, had served Lajna and attained commendations for this. She had a very good relationship with her neighbours and was a Moosia.

Hudhur (aba) announced two funeral Prayers in

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