

God's help is needed
to attain righteousness



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SUMMARY

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Hudhur (aba) read out extracts from the august writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explaining that an Ahmadi needs to attain very high moral status

An Ahmadi is advised to adopt the virtues of purity of heart, sympathy, kindness, regularity and focus in salat while avoiding materialism, arrogance, egoism and shirk

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that in the eyes of God, a worldly person does not really belong to his Community

As the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said God wants this Community to be on the model of the Companions (may Allah be pleased with them). May God enable us to do so

The Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Community that God initiated through the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) has been given the distinction that it was joined to the early Muslims

This is not an ordinary distinction or indeed an ordinary Community

Each one of us who associates him or herself to the Ahmadiyya Community should reflect over these matters

The Companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) took his Bai'at and by virtue of his moral training they forged such a connection with God that God stated in the Qur'an:

'And of men there is he who would sell himself to seek the pleasure of Allah...'
(2:208)

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The Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) put their lives on the line to seek God's pleasure and God in turn also blessed them greatly

God keeps a most benevolent eye on His servants and is exceptionally Compassionate to those who are every ready to put His commandments in practice

People who abide by His commandments try and imbue Divine attributes on human level, they are kind and gentle to God's creation

Such are the teachings of true Islam; they connect man to God and then turn man to serve mankind

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Ahmadis need to self-reflect

This is the path that the Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) followed and this is what the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came to teach us. **Therefore, we need to self-reflect and analyse ourselves**

The Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Elucidating the current-day situation, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the condition of the religious leaders of the time befits the Quranic statement of: **‘O ye who believe! why do you say what you do not do?’** (61:3). Their belief in the Qur’an is all but in name.. True purity and Taqwa had left the world. He said why else would God have established the Ahmadiyya mission?

He said God is Himself preparing a Community that would accept the Qur’an, every kind of contamination will be removed from the Community and a body of pure people will be created

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) enjoined us to fully abide by all the commandments, lest we mislead someone by our poor example.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) further said that this Community was based on Quranic teachings and Ahadith and is supported and corroborated by heavenly and earthly Signs. He said whoever comes from God is given a seal and in this age the seal granted to him was the Muhammadan seal

Hudhur (aba) explained that in the current age, anyone coming from God has to come in subordination of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and will work under his seal alone

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'O my Jama'at, may God Almighty be with you. May that Mighty Benefactor prepare you for the journey to the hereafter as the Companions^{ra} of the Holy Prophet^{sa} were prepared

Bear in mind that this world is nothing. Cursed is the life which is only for this world and unfortunate is the person whose grief and sorrow is for the world.

If there is such a one in my Jama'at, it is in vain that he considers himself to be in my Jama'at, for he is like a dry branch that will not bear fruit

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that according to him a fine way to purify oneself was to **shun all forms of arrogance**. Be it arrogance of learning, of one's lineage or wealth.

When God grants a person insight, he or she sees that all light that can rid one of these evils comes from the heavens and man is dependent on heavenly light at all times.

Just as the physical eye cannot see unless there is sunlight from the heavens, similarly the inner eye/insight that removes all kind of darkness and replaces it with the light of purity and Taqwa is from the heavens.

He said truly man's Taqwa, faith, worship, purity, everything comes from the heavens and is dependent on God's

Summing up, Hudhur (aba) said everything comes from God, therefore one should ever and only turn to Him.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that true spiritual insight is in considering oneself to be completely worthless and falling down on the threshold of God and seek God's grace and that spiritual light which burns selfish desires.

Once a person gets a measure of God's grace and at times has conviction of heart then he or she must not feel arrogant about it. Rather his or her humility and humbleness should increase. The more a person considers him or herself to be insignificant, the greater will be the lights that descend on him or her.

Abiding by this creed, it is hoped that one's moral condition becomes fine. It is arrogance to consider oneself to be someone in the world and it leads to treating others with contempt



Hudhur (aba) said we all need to self-reflect whether we try and follow this excellent advice.

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Calling on his Community, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said they should follow the teaching that has been given to him for the salvation of people.

They should associate no partners with God, from the heavens or from the earth. He said God does not forbid making use of worldly means but those who leave God and only rely on worldly means are idolaters.

God has always stated from the beginning that there is no salvation unless one purifies one's heart. Thus, one should free oneself of selfish rancour and anger. There are many kinds of impurities in the self that incites to evil (Nafse Ammarah) but the worst impurity is arrogance

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said had there been no arrogance no one would have remained a disbeliever.

He said: 'Be meek of heart, in general be sympathetic to mankind when you preach to them to seek Paradise.'

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Explaining, Hudhur said our religious scholars, those who summon people to God, render great services



However, at times when matters get personal, they are forgetful. At times, arrogance and egotism comes to the fore



As the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elucidates above, when one preaches others for them to seek Paradise, how can the preaching be right if the person who preaches wishes them ill in this world?

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) continued to say that God's obligations should be undertaken with sincere fear or one will be held accountable.

He advised to pray profusely during Salat so that God may draw to Himself and cleanse hearts. God's help is needed to remove every single ill.

The reality of Islam is that the very soul of a person falls down on God's threshold and gives precedent to Him over everything else.

Hudhur (aba) said these days each Ahmadi needs to adopt this state so that we may draw God's blessings.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote

: 'O ye of my dear Jama'at!

Believe firmly in the fact that the world is now approaching its end and a radical change has begun to appear. Do not, therefore, deceive your souls, and turn immediately to attaining perfection in piety and righteousness.

Make the Holy Quran your true guide and acquire true light from it for your every need.

You must not neglect the Traditions of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, either, and must not consider these to be useless. Nay, these also are most important ...

But beware when a Hadith happens to clash with the Holy Quran, disregard it totally so that you may save yourselves from going astray.

God has caused the Holy Quran to reach you in its pristine purity, therefore, give the greatest importance to the Word of God and let nothing take precedence over it, because all truth and righteousness are based on it.

The Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) enjoined that most certainly rich people who eat well and have fine clothes are not dear to God. Rather, those who give precedence to faith over worldly matters are the ones who are dear to God.

He said if he observed the current state of the Community, it saddened him to see it so weak, with so many junctures for it to accomplish.

Hudhur (aba) said if this is how the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) felt, how greater should be our concern in the present time.

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Yet, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said when he reflected over the Divine promises made to him, his sadness transformed into hope. Among the promises, one is: **‘...and will place those who follow thee above those who disbelieve, until the Day of Resurrection...’ (3:56)**

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said while it was true that his followers would be triumphant, **but everyone who took his Bai'at could not be included in his followers, until he or she was completely and perfectly obedient to him and did not consider anything of him or herself.**

He said this showed that God had willed to give him a most obedient community that would follow him completely. This gave him assurance and hope.

The Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that a worldly person who is included in his Community is not really from his Community in the eyes of God. Only that person is included in this Community who is free from this world. He said none should assume that the Community would be diminished due to this; such a thought took one away from God

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God does not ever waste a person who becomes wholly His, rather He Himself provides for such a person. A person, who loses something in the way of God, attains its equivalent. God loves those who obey His commandments and their progeny alone is blessed. A truly obedient person of God or his progeny is never destroyed. People who leave God and are inclined to the world have their world destroyed.

The Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Counselling his Community the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that they should be sympathetic to people without distinction, no matter which religion they belonged to for this is what the Qur'an taught: **'And they feed, for love of Him, the poor, the orphan, and the prisoner...'** (76:9)

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The Promised Messiah said that it pained him when he frequently heard about weaknesses of his community. He considered the Community like a child who takes one step forwards and two steps back. But he was firm in the belief that God would perfect the Community.

Therefore, he urged: 'you too make an effort; stay engaged in planning, spiritual exercise and prayer so that Allah the Exalted blesses because nothing can be achieved without His blessings. When grace falls He opens up all ways.'

Hudhur said with God's grace, the Community has matured in some ways but --

with the passage of time, some ills are taking root; like arrogance, selfishness, mutual rancour, taking each other through the courts etc

Hudhur said if one wished to be known as a deserving part of the Community one has to be keep an eye on oneself at all times

As the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, at times Tabligh efforts do not correspond with the state of individuals. Only that knowledge is of any use which is reflected in one's personality. Our knowledge is useless unless it demonstrates our internal/mutual connections as one.

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Today when opposition against the Community is very intense, we need to keep personal wishes in the background and present an exemplary model of unity at every level.



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Hudhur (aba) said following his long bout of cough during last Friday sermon many wrote him concerned about his health. Hudhur (aba) said may God reward everyone who wrote to him. Hudhur (aba) is treating himself with homeopathy; may God bless. Hudhur (aba) asked to be remembered in prayers.