God's help is needed to attain righteousness



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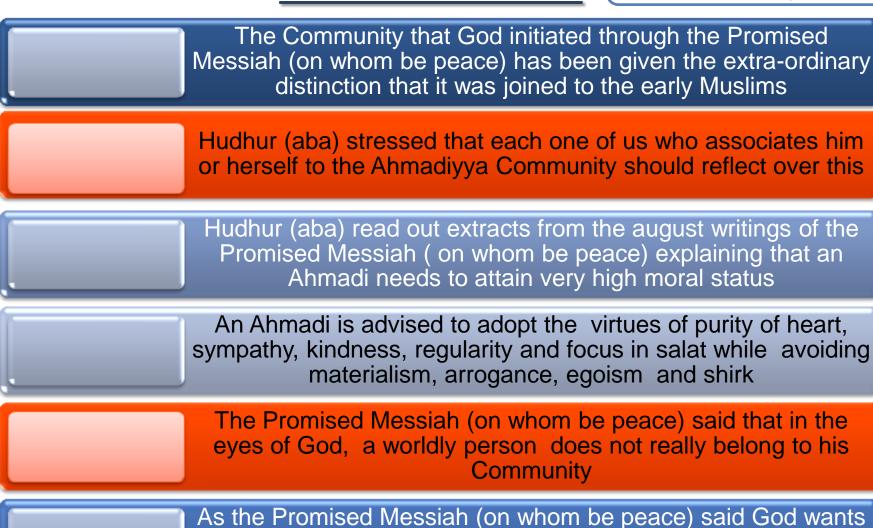




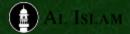


SUMMARY

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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 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)

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

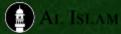
People who abide by His commandments try and imbue Divine attributes on human level, they are kind and gentle to God's creation

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

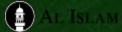


Elucidating the current-day situation, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the condition of the religious leaders of the time befits the Quranic statement of: 'O ye who believe! why do you say what you do not do?' (61:3). Their belief in the Qur'an is all but in name.. True purity and Taqwa 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





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

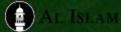
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'O my Jama'at, may God Almighty be with you. May that Mighty Benefactor prepare you for the journey to the hereafter as the Companions^{ra} of the Holy Prophet^{sa} were prepared

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



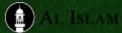


The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that according to him a fine way to purify oneself was to **shun all forms of arrogance**. Be it arrogance of learning, of one's lineage or wealth.

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 Tagwa 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.

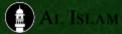


The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that <u>true</u> spiritual insight is in considering oneself to be completely <u>worthless</u> and falling down on the threshold of God and seek God's grace and that spiritual light which burns selfish desires.

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 selfreflect
whether
we try and
follow this
excellent
advice.



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.

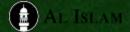
They should associate no partners with God, from the heavens or from the earth. He said God does not forbid making use of worldly means but those who leave God and only rely on worldly means are idolaters.

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.'



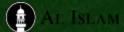
Explaining, Hudhur said our religious scholars, those who summon people to God, render great services



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?



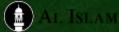
The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) continued to say that God's obligations should be undertaken with sincere fear or one will be held accountable.

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.

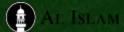




The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote

: '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.

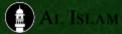
God has caused the Holy
Quran to reach you in its
pristine purity, therefore,
give the greatest
importance to the Word of
God and let nothing take
precedence over it,
because all truth and
righteousness are based on
it.



The 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.

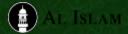
Hudhur (aba) said if this is how the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) felt, how greater should be our concern in the present time.



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: 6...and will place those who follow thee above those who disbelieve, until the Day of Resurrection... (3:56)

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.

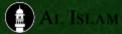
He said this showed that God had willed to give him a most obedient community that would follow him completely. This gave him assurance and hope.



The 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

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)

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

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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.

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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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.

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.