

Exemplary Lives of Companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) explained that Ahmad is also a name of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is his Baruz (re-advent by way of reflection) .

Therefore, the community of the Promised Messiah will also be regarded as among Companions.

Hudhur (aba) gave many faith-inspiring incidences from the lives of Companions explaining their piety, dedication, faith in Allah and love of the Holy Qur'an

Hudhur (aba) that may God also enable us to bring about pious changes in ourselves and to stay firm on them

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once stated: 'Do not assume the party of Companions to be only those who passed away in earlier times. Rather, there is another group which Allah the Exalted has mentioned in the Holy Qur'an. They too are included in Companions and will be with the Baruz [re-advent by way of reflection] of Ahmad. Therefore it is stated: **'And among others; from among them who have not yet joined them...'** (62:4).

That is, do not have a limited understanding of the party of Companions; on the contrary, the community of the time of the Promised Messiah will also be among Companions.

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The party of Companions

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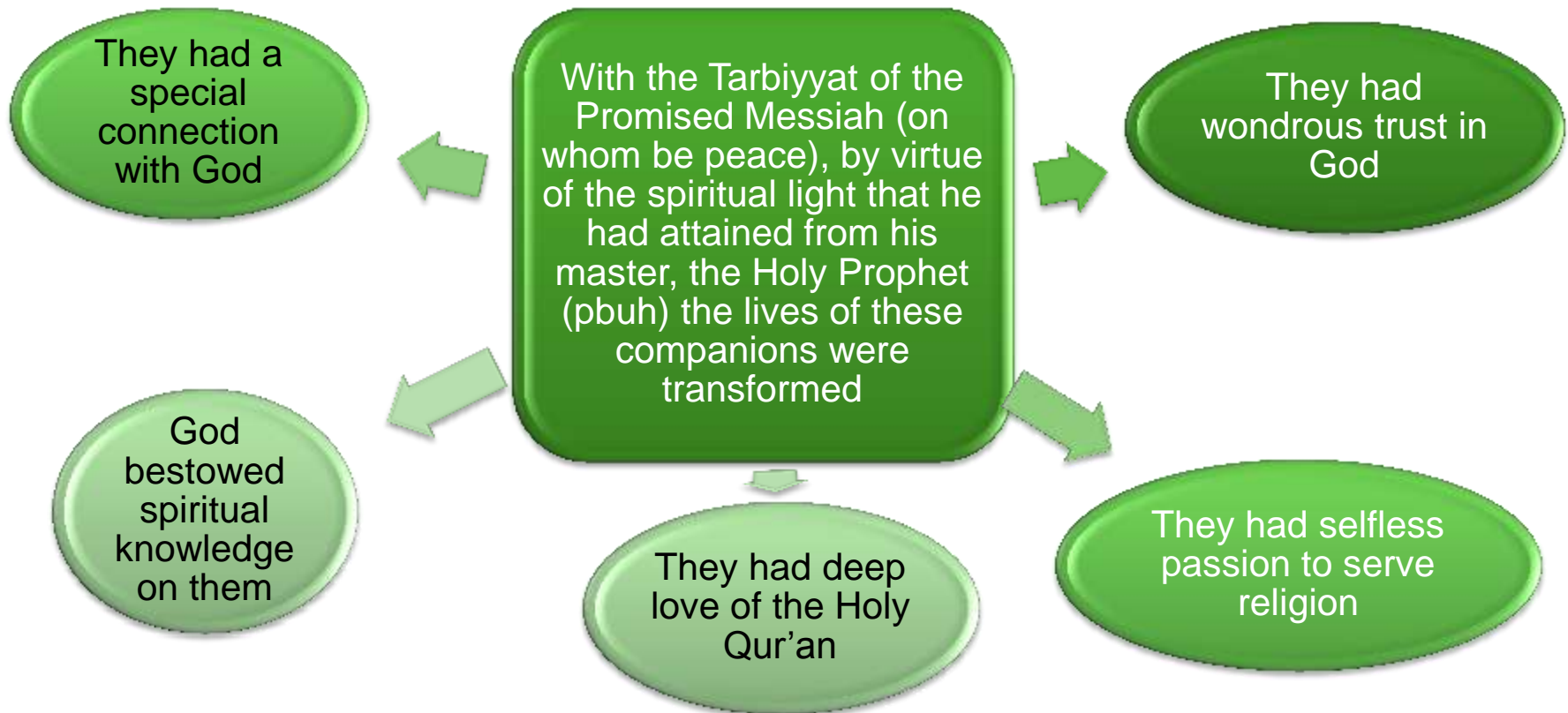
The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also stated: 'Commentators have accepted that this verse [62:4] is about the community of the Promised Messiah. The word 'Minhum' connotes that [their] inner inclination and proclivity will be like that of the Companions.'

Hudhur (aba) explained that those who lived through the lifetime of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), met him, took his Bai'at and had the blessing of his company, advanced in their faith and belief and that is the group of people which is referred to here

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Hudhur (aba) added that most certainly they have a standing and each one of them is a model for us whose piety is worthy of emulating



The party of Companions

How fortunate were those companions that after 1400 years they found the time of the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Hadhrat Maulwi Sufi Atta Muhammad sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

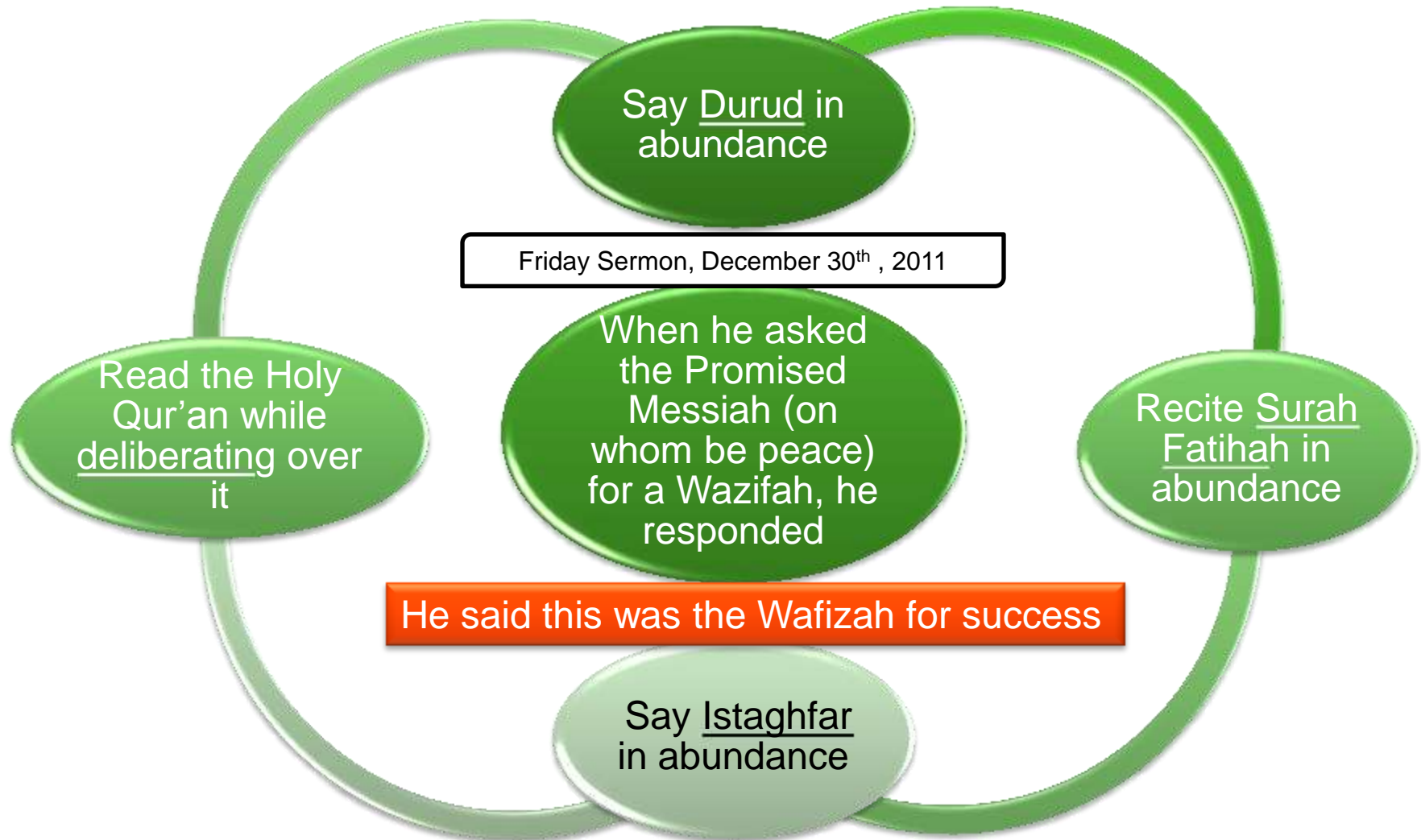
He walked to the station for 3 miles in the dark to get to Jehlum in order to see the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

He recorded that he saw a light that guided him to the station in the dark night

Hudhur (aba) explained that because of his trust in Allah and because of the fact that he was going to see the Messiah of his time, the light he saw was Divine guidance

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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

There is no power to avoid sin or to do good except through Allah

In another place the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that the prayer '*La Hawla wa la quwwata illa billa*' [There is no power to avoid sin or to do good except through Allah] should also be said.

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Hadhrat Khalifa Nur uddin sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Once he stopped in a jungle on a long journey to offer Salat and said the following prayer with the deepest of pathos and tenderness

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ

O Allah I seek Your protection against problems and anxieties...'

He writes that after this incident God provided for him in such a way that in spite of having no regular trade he never faced adversity and God provided immensely for him from the unseen

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Hudhur clarified that this was not an account of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him).

Hadhrat Maulwi Jalal uddin sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Maulwi sahib used to say that God provided whatever he was in need of and he did not need to ask anyone for anything

When he was working for Anjuman, he refused to accept any allowance from jama'at when his superior officer once said jokingly that he worked hard because of the wages he received

Maulwi sahib said that without any allowance, he would work even more diligently and with perfect obedience adding that work and obedience had nothing to do with money

Hadhrat Maulwi Jalal uddin sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Worries

After this Maulwi sahib then went on a Tabligh trip on foot, wondering how he would make ends meet from now on?

Response

He heard a thunderous sound which made him shudder. The voice asked him whether he had always received a wage and did he grow up on a wage?

Prayer

The moment he heard the sound all his anxieties vanished and he said in a most humble manner, 'O Lord, what need do I have of this wage; this wage is nothing compared to You.'

Following this incident God took such care of him that his financial situation became better than before

Hadhrat Maulwi Jalal uddin sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Maulwi sahib saw a dream that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) was gambling

He related the dream to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who answered, ‘, Maulwi sahib [Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I] indeed gambles, but with God. Just like gamblers put everything on the line, and does not leave anything for himself. Likewise, Maulwi sahib puts everything on the line for God.’

Hudhur explained that we are indeed aware of the numerous times God provided for Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I in extraordinary ways.

In 1912 he did his BA from Punjab University and asked Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) if he should memorise the Qur'an or go on to take his MA.

He was advised to memorise the Qur'an first. Sufi sahib did this in six months and when he informed Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) he offered a Sajda [posture of prostration] of gratefulness

Hudhur (aba) explained that this was the level of dedication and obedience of our elders

Hadhrat Sufi Ghulam Muhammad sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Hadhrat Syed Akhtar uddin Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him)

When he visited Qadian with a relative, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) instructed the workers to take special care of them and give them their staple diet of rice regularly

He used to attend the Dars of Qur'an at Qadian given by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) who was most affectionate.

He had to return home, owing to expenses. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) offered to meet his travel expenses whenever he wished to return to Qadian

Once when he was searching for Qur'an teachers, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) advised him, 'adopt God's Taqwa, He will teach you the Holy Qur'an Himself.'

Hadhrat Khair uddin sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)


Once someone asked a question that people say that Jesus (on whom be peace) used to create animals. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) replied, 'Sheikh sahib, God is the Creator; is Jesus also a creator'

Hudhur(aba) explained that short and to the point is a way to effectively answer questions


He saw in a dream that he had migrated to Qadian and is taking his luggage off in a field and is asking what the exact place is called. He is informed via heavenly signs that it is called 'Ibrahimi Jungle.'

He writes that at the time of the dream he did not know that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had said that God had given him the name of Ibrahim


Hadhrat Khair uddin sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)




Hadhrat Khair uddin sahib related that he benefitted through the spiritual light of Prophethood. Whoever connects to this light attains a measure of it in accordance with his capacity



He writes that before accepting the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) he had no idea what revelation was or what vision was or indeed what true dreams were. By connecting to the one sent by God not only did he gain knowledge of the three but personally experienced them all



Hadhrat Khair uddin goes on to write that he once received a revelation while in Masjid Mubarak that people of this community alone will be prosperous.



He said he observes that ordinary people [of the community] are meeting good ends and they are doing good deeds and their prayers seem to have special effect.

Hadhrat Khair uddin sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes that once he asked God to let him know ways to gain Divine nearness.

God informed him that there are two ways to gain His nearness; **by paying chanda or doing Tabligh.**

He submitted to God that he was not very well – educated, how could he do Tabligh?

In response God said that He had taught him the Qur'an.

At that moment Khair uddin sahib was reminded of the verse: **'And thou throwest not when thou didst throw, but it was Allah Who threw...'** (8:18)

Hudhur (aba) explained this verse is about the Divine help to the Prophet (pbuh) during the battle of Badr.

He had ardent love for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



He was employed in the department of waterways and as such had to walk long distances even in intense heat. He used to get exhausted but always woke up to offer Tahajjud and kept his fasts during Ramadan



He encouraged his children to keep fasts and to offer Salat and kept a strict eye on them in this regard

Hadhrat Hafiz Nabi Buksh sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He personally taught the Qur'an to his children and when due to work he had no time during the day, he would teach them at night

He submitted to the will of God at times of grief and demonstrated a most excellent example of this when his eldest son passed away three days before his daughter's wedding. Hafiz sahib said the death was God's decree and decided to go ahead with the wedding

When his son was posted in Africa twice for Tabligh for long periods of time, his father advised him not to show any kind of impatience under any circumstances

Even during the time of great personal hardship, his father told him to only return when Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih ordered him back

His great-grandson was martyred during the 28 May 2010 incident in Model Town, Lahore. He leaves behind two young children, may God be their Protector and Helper

Hadhrat Hafiz Nabi Buksh sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Hudhur (aba) said we should pray for the bereaved families of the young martyrs, may God facilitate marriages of the young widows.

He took his Bai'at in 1900 and saw the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in 1904

He recalls that he would play in the lap of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for long and gaze at his face which was light upon light

Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) visited his house, a crowd of villains started throwing stones at the house. His father and uncles consulted what to do. Yaqub sahib was young at the time so the servant who looked after him was asked to take him away. The adults then valiantly contended with the throng of villains until they went away. The Promised Messiah said, 'let them go.'

Hadhrat Muhammad Yaqub sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes Qadian was a very small place at the time and it could not be envisaged that the revelations of the Promised Messiah would be fulfilled in this [magnificent] manner

They adhered to and had insight of the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) words

Hudhur (aba) said such were the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who, brought about pious changes in themselves and forged a connection with God. Their sense of honour for faith was reminiscent of the earlier Companions.

God has established this community and has demonstrated hundreds of signs in its corroboration. From this His objective is that this community becomes a community of companions and then the best age returns. As those who enter this community enter in the category of '**... among others from among them...**' they should forsake the apparels of false pastimes and turn all their attention towards God.'

The party of Companions

Hudhur (aba) said the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) fulfilled this teaching and wish of his

Hudhur (aba) prayed



May God also enable us to bring about pious changes in ourselves and to stay firm on them

May the New Year be more blessed for our Community and may God restrain our enemies and may He enable them to recognise the Truth

May He immensely bless each Ahmadi in personal and communal capacity

Next Hudhur announced that he would lead the funeral Prayer in absentia of Jamal uddin sahib who was auditor of the Anjuman.

He was born in Qadian and had started his service to the Community at the age of eighteen. He was a Moosi whose service spanned fifty five years

He served in various departments and was appointed the auditor in 2003, a post he held till his death. He was a quiet person who led a simple life, he was a decent person and was most affectionate towards his workers. He was sympathetic towards everyone and was a brave man. He had ardent love for Khilafat and gave preference to Jama'at work over personal work. He carried out his work in true spirit of Waqf.

Sad news of demise of Jamal uddin sahib

May God elevate his station, grant steadfastness to his children and enable them to carry on his virtues.