Faith and Resoluteness of the Companions of Promised Messiah (a.s.)



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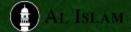
SUMMARY

Hudhur Aqdas related a few more incidents of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) highlighting their resoluteness.

Hudhur said that the Jama'at that God granted to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) remains just as extraordinarily resolute today

May God elevate the stations of these companions who accepted the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), grant resoluteness to their families and to those who are joining the Community now and in the future

We should all inculcate a high standard of faith, may God enable us so



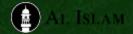
Hadhrat Mian Abdullah Khan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Mian Sahib took Ba'ait after understanding the concept of death of Jesus (on whom be peace)

 His father was most upset with him and threaten to disinherit him

Mian sahib tried to convince his father who refused to accept the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) despite being shown some signs from GOD

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Hadhrat Sheikh Abdul Rasheed (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes that [following his Bai'at] his parents turned him out of the family home

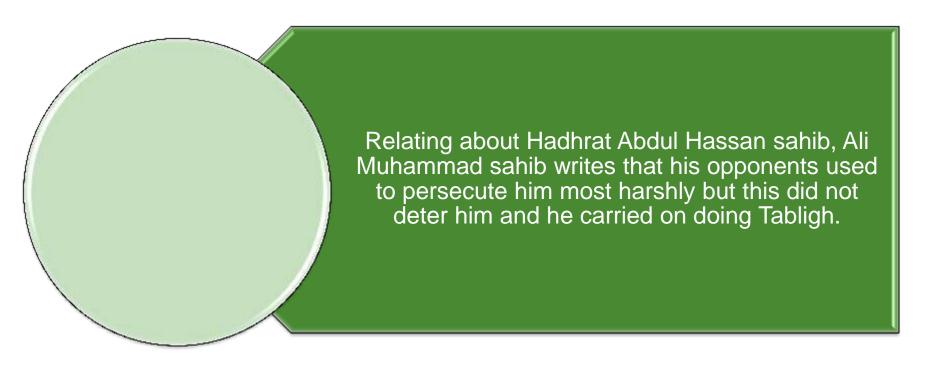
 His parent's friend arranged a meeting with a Maulwi so that it could be understood what Rasheed sahib had to say

After some disparaging comments, the Maulwi tried to discuss the Hadith 'How fragile will be your condition when son of Mary, who will be the embodiment of Messiah, will descend; he will be your Imam and will be from among you.'

Rasheed Sahib argued back with the correct interpretation of the Hadith and produced evidence from the Holy Qur'an which enraged the Maulwi.

Friday Sermon April 20th 2012 Hudhur Aqdas
explained that
with the grace of
God the
knowledge of
Maulwis cannot
even match our
youngsters but
Maulwis are
stubborn

Hadhrat Abdul Hassan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)



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Hadhrat Hafiz Ghulam Rasool Wazirabadi (may Allah be pleased with him)

He once arrived in Qadian exasperated by the opposition and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked him why he was so perturbed?

Hafiz sahib writes it appeared from the tone of voice of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that he wanted to offer financial help but Hafiz sahib only wanted peace of mind

He writes he had gone to Qadian to strengthen his heart by virtue of the power of holiness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

He writes one should not go to those commissioned by God to take financial help, rather one should make an offering

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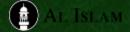
Hadhrat Babu Abdul Rahman sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes that his relatives, friends and neighbours were very pleased with him due to his humility and meekness but after they heard the news of his Bai'at, everyone apart from his Ahmadi relatives, became his great enemies

Hudhur Aqdas said this is what happens with Prophets of God and their followers.

Babu sahib writes that on the advise of the Maulwis his relatives shunned him, incited the public to do the same and even the milkman stopped serving him. It was said that anyone who passed from under an Ahmadi house will become a Kafir.

On offering congregational prayers, the landlord asked him to vacate the property. At this Babu sahib rented another house and carried on with congregational Salat there.



Hadhrat Sheikh Ataullah sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes that he received acceptance of his Bai'at via post from Qadian, accompanied by some literature including the newspaper Al Hakm

Sheikh sahib says he publicised the paper and this was followed by extreme opposition.

Under intense pressure and opposition, many weak Ahmadis left Ahmadiyyat and only two people remained Ahmadi

God had enabled Sheikh sahib to have enlightenment from the unseen and none of the opposition influenced him. In fact the more they tried to scare him, the stronger his faith grew

He writes that once opponents held a large rally in which animosity against him was voiced



One night Mian sahib left for the woodland and prayed and cried with anguish and God listened to his cries



He was shown two heartening dreams which granted him strength and courage to stand up to the intense opposition and animosity

Hudhur (aba) Ahmadis still have this degree of resolve and courage

HadhratMian Abdul Majeed Khan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes that after his Bai'at he returned to his village from Qadian

A very arrogant person of the village exceeded the limits in abusive language against Ameer sahib who bore it all with patience

This was the time of plague in India. The man's family was struck by it and one after another they all perished so much so that he had to go to his married daughter's house in the next village to eat

Eating at daughter's inlaws was worse than death for him.

Hadhrat Ameer Khan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

One day when Khan sahib was reciting the Qur'an after Fajr at the mosque, he came to him and said, 'look at the state of me', He then faced the Qibla and said he had no animosity towards Mirza sahib.

Friday Sermon April 20th 2<u>012</u> Hudhur Aqdas said these were a few incidents of resoluteness of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). The Jama'at that God granted to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) remains just as extraordinarily resolute today.

Hudhur Aqdas receives letters and meets people in person, both men and women, who relate incidents regarding this. What the power of holiness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) cultivated in his companions, continues to prevail today.

May God elevate the stations of these companions who accepted the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and may God grant resoluteness to their families as well as to those who are joining the Community now and also to those who will join in the future.

Extreme resolve and miraculos protection

Next Hudhur Aqdas related some incidents of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) highlighting God's miraculous protection for them.

He writes that
during the
earthquake of
4.4.1905 he was
buried under the
rubble of his house
and was taken out
with great difficulty
and miraculously
survived

He writes that all the Ahmadis in the area were saved in the earthquake although he thinks 90% of people in the area lost their lives and the fact that Ahmadis survived the great earthquake was a magnificent sign

Later, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked him questions about the survival of all Ahmadis; he had clearly stated in his leaflet that not even one Ahmadi would lose his or her life in the earthquake

Hadhrat Barkat Ali sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

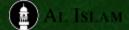
Blessed are those who take a lesson from this sign and accept the one commissioned by God.

He was introduced to Ahmadiyyat by the newspaper Al Hakm to read. He writes that he remembers that on the front page of Al Hakm there would be the sub-headings of 'Fresh Divine Revelation' and 'Blessed pronouncements of the Imam of the Age'.

In spite of others provoking him against it, he accepted Ahmadiyyat

He relates how God miraculously saved him from any disgrace or insult on his way to Qadian to see the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hadhrat Chaudhry Abdul Hakeem sahib (may Allah be pleased with him



Hadhrat Allah Ditta sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

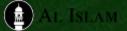
He writes that with His extraordinary grace, God saved him from a thousand close-to-death situations.

In the days of intense plague, his family experienced deaths of rats, lumps in the body and was saved with the grace of Allah. He wrote letters of prayers to the Promised Mesiah (on whom be peace)

Hudhur Aqdas said he wanted to clarify here that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had issued clear instructions with regard to the plague and it is possible that they had not reached Master sahib because the companions always promptly acted upon the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) instructions.

Hadhrat Master Wadaway Khan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Hudhur Aqdas said this is the general instruction. One should not knowingly put oneself in trouble.



The instruction of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) about plague

'Our instruction is that it is better if friends in Lahore issue posters that a house which has dead rats or which has disease nearby should be promptly vacated and move to a house outside the city should be made. It is the command of God that apparent arrangements should not be abandoned. It is forbidden to live in unclean, dark and narrow houses anyhow, whether there is plague or not. Every kind of uncleanliness should be avoided; clothes should be clean, the place should be tidy, body should be kept clean. These are important matters and alongside one should engage in prayer and Istighfar.'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also said that God had made two promises to him.

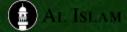
One was that He would save people of his/the house from plague.

The other promise was about the Jama'at that there was peace for those who have accepted and have not adulterated their faith with any injustice. They alone are the guided ones.

He said this was God's promise that those people of the Jama'at will be saved who will fully act upon the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) instructions and remove the dirt of their inner weaknesses and mistakes and will not be inclined to the evil of the 'self'. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said many people take Bai'at but do not correct their deeds.

Hudhur Aqdas said these two promises are guiding lights of protection from every trouble, every epidemic and for this we have to be mindful of our faith all the time.

Divine promise about plague



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

He writes that it was very difficult for him to go and see the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) because he could not get leave from work. Once he read in the paper that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was coming to Jhelum. The next day was a Sunday and Sufi sahib decided to go to Jhelum. He walked through mountainous track to reach the train station at a distance of 3 miles. The track was difficult to cross even during the day but Sufi sahib put his trust in God and started off in the evening. He ran through most of the track in the dark, but by coincidence he had a light in front of him throughout, making it easy for him. Perhaps another person was making the same journey. The train was about to depart when he reached the station. He travelled to Jhelum and saw the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).



Hadhrat Ghulam Rasool Rajiki sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes that when he was a young man he saw in a dream that he is crushed under an elephant

He was invited to go to riverside picnic on elephants and under intense pressure had to go to riverside against his will

In there, he was caught in a whirlpool and was unable to get away; his friends could not help

While he was totally at the mercy of the whirlpool, emerging, submerging in it and having no energy of his own, as if a very strong hand threw him out of the vortex

by the sheer grace of God alone, he came to the river bank

Hudhur (aba) prayed



Hudhur Aqdas said these incidents highlight the state of the faith of his companions as well as they show their belief in the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace

Hudhur (aba) said that this is the state of faith of the Ahmadis that we should all try to inculcate in us

May God enable us so