

Seekers of Companionship of The Promised Messiah(as)

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SUMMARY

This Friday sermon was based on accounts of some companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) illustrating the ardent keenness with which they travelled to keep his company.

Such delightful was the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), when once the companions reached in his presence the rest of the world did not matter anymore.

Hadhrat Mian Zahoor sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that the presence/countenance of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) surpassed his expectations and he felt complete satisfaction after seeing him.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said he had come so that man could progress and reach high stations.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that **'Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help'** (1:5) is the essence which can grant salvation.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V said that today's Friday sermon would be based on accounts of some companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) illustrating the ardent keenness with which they travelled to keep his company.



Hadhrat Mian Zahoor ud din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that once he felt spontaneous urge to visit Qadian. Mian sahib mentioned it to another person and he agreed to travel with him.

They both travelled till Batala from where they walked to Qadian and were extremely gratified to meet the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Reminiscing, he relates how delightful was the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), when once they reached in his presence the rest of the world did not matter anymore.

Overjoyed by meeting the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), they stayed for a few days and had the honour of offering Salat behind the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

He relates that it was his routine for many years to keep a bicycle at Batala railway station with someone.

Hadhrat Haji Muhammad Musa sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Each Friday he would board a train from Lahore to Batala and from Batala ride the cycle to Qadian to attend Friday Prayer and then make the return trip to Lahore.

Hadhrat Ghulam Ghos sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that he had done his Bai'at through letter but in 1901 he went to Qadian to take Bai'at in person.

He asked Maulwi Abdul Kareem sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) for a Wazifa. He told him the Wazifa was to visit Qadian frequently.

He sent money to Maulwi Abdul Kareem sahib (may Allah be pleased with him) for the purpose of building a house.

On his return visit Maulwi sahib returned his money and apologised for not having had the opportunity to build his house. At the time Maulwi sahib spoke in most positive terms about the Jama'at acquiring substantial properties in Qadian.

This came to pass through the blessings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Hadhrat Mian Zahoor ud din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that he realised the enormity of the matter if 'Mirza sahib' was truthful and he did not accept him. He mentioned this thought to his cousin and told him that he was determined to visit Qadian. The cousin told him not to mention it to anyone but he too would come along.

They both left early in the morning by train and reached Qadian at Zuhr time. Masjid Mubarak was very small in size in those days.

Fifteen minutes later Hadhrat Maulana Nur ud din (may Allah be pleased with him) arrived. Seeing him, Mian sahib felt he was an esteemed man and stood up. Hadhrat Maulana Nur ud din (may Allah be pleased with him) realised his misunderstanding and told him to keep sitting as Hadhrat sahib was to arrive shortly.

Soon, the adjoining window opened and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) entered the mosque. It was as if the sun had risen to its zenith. Mian sahib relates that the presence/countenance of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) surpassed his expectations and he felt complete satisfaction after seeing him.

Hadhrat Sheikh Abdul Kareem sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that he became an Ahmadi in 1903 through someone who had come to Karachi. In 1904 he visited Lahore and when at the mosque for Friday Prayers he heard that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was about to arrive.

The Friday sermon was delivered by Maulwi Abdul Kareem sahib who also led the Salat. Sheikh sahib relates that he went about the place in a frenzied state to somehow meet the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

when suddenly Dr Yaqub Baig sahib took him by the hand and pulled him to the front row of Salat. He found himself next to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

During the q'adah posture of Salat he felt overwhelmed at the thought of his sins while his shoulder touched the shoulder of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and he wept. Seeing him sobbing, [after the Salat] the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) patted him on the back and reassured him.

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ۝

'Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help' (Surah Al-Fatihah, verse 5)

Sheikh sahib further relates that he went along when the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) returned to Qadian. Soon after he had to go to Gurdaspur and Sheikh sahib followed him there as well.

He writes that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that people say it is sufficient for their salvation that they have seen the Promised Messiah and taken Bai'at,

whereas **'Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help' (1:5)** is the essence which can grant salvation. He said he had only come to show the way.

Hadhrat Sahib Din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that it was probably in 1904 when he heard that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was coming to Lahore.

He went to the railway station with others, having prepared a horse carriage for the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) transport.

Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was seated in the carriage, following custom of the time, young men unfastened the horses from the carriage, wishing to pull the carriage themselves.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said he had come so that man could progress and reach high stations and not to make man pull carriages like animals.

Din sahib says he stood at the back of the carriage with an umbrella over the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and felt immense honour in doing this.

Hadhrat Choudhry Ghulam Rasool Basra (may Allah be pleased with him)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that he had been foretold by God that multitudes of people would come to visit him and he was not be weary of them and he was not to tire of meeting them.

He relates that at the time of Jalsa of 1907 he heard that on the Thursday the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was going to go for an early morning walk.

Choudhry sahib said to his friends that on the morning of the walk they should join the walk and if God enabled them, form a circle of hands around the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) so that they could have a close look at him.

Soon, they saw the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) appear with a huge crowd and the crowd simply trampled past them. Later, after the walk the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) rested under a tree and shook hands with everyone.

Hadhrat Dr Umer Din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)



He relates that he so craved to shake hands with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that he often made his way through jostling crowds to do this but he never felt satiated.

He relates that once he was about to travel to Qadian from Batala. An elderly blind person was also about to make the journey.

Dr. sahib offered him a ride on his carriage as there was space, but the elderly person declined the offer and said he had the money to travel on his own.

Hadhrat Dr Abdullah sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that apart from the obvious display of dignity this account also shows that people found frequent visits to Qadian as life-giving.

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He relates that [prior to his Bai'at] when Hakeem Ahmad Din sahib was about to go and see the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) at Lahore, he made fun of him.

When Hakeem sahib asked him to join him on the travels, he did. He relates he had no intention of Bai'at at the time.

When they reached the place of residence of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) they learned that he was not feeling very well.

A huge crowd had gathered outside. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came to a window so that people could see him.

Hadhrat Chiragh Din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Chiragh sahib relates that when he saw the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) he knew that face could not be of a liar. Subsequently, he took Bai'at.


Hadhrat Malik Barkat ullah sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that he was informed via post in 1905 that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace was travelling to Delhi and would pass a certain train station at a specific time.

It was Malik sahib's duty to inform the Jama'at. He and friends travelled 30 miles to reach the railway station. Local Ahmadis had arranged food for them.

The expected train came and went and it was found out that the Promised Messiah's travel date had changed. Everyone was extremely saddened.

Malik sahib relates that earlier on he had travelled long distances overnight [in anticipation of seeing the Promised Messiah] and after the news of change of schedule he could barely walk a few steps.



He relates that during his adolescence when he was a student of class/year/grade 8, he used to listen to the discussions between Hanafi and Wahhabi Muslims.

He would hear people refer to Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (on whom be peace) as Kafir in the Wahhabi discussions, so he was inclined to find out for himself.

Having learned the specific prayer for Istikhara, Qazi sahib performed the prayer. When he went to sleep after making the prayer he saw a dream.

In the dream he is told to sit up because the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is about to come.

Hadhrat Munshi Qazi Mahboob Alam sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He saw someone in pristine white clothes hold the Promised Messiah by the hand and stand him up and said something in Arabic. He then left and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) pointed to himself and said something in Punjabi which meant that this person has been made Khalifa by God and was should be recognised as the Mahdi.

Qazi sahib relates that next morning rather than go to school, he went to Qadian. On the way there when he arrived at Batala he stopped to offer his Salat. People asked him who he was and where was he going. When he told them, they started hurling verbal abuse at the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

- They chased him to the bus stop to deter him from going to Qadian. Once in Qadian he asked for the esteemed Mirza sahib and was shown an elderly person (Mirza Nizam Din) who sat on a divan smoking a Hookah his body still wet from bathing.

Qazi sahib felt revulsion and very disappointed and turned back. On his way he met Hamid Ali sahib who asked him who he was and who did he want to meet. Hamid Ali sahib told him he had not seen the Mirza sahib that he had come to see and offered to arrange a meeting for him.

- Qazi sahib instantly knew he was the holy person from his dream and was truthful, he embraced the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and started sobbing. He relates he has no idea why he sobbed. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) soothed him and when he calmed down asked him where had he come from.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said some people came to see him to ask for specific prayers, did Qazi sahib too have such a need? Qazi sahib replied that he did not have any need. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was very pleased to hear this and said 'Mubarak' and then added that it was very beneficial to come to people of God without any need.

Hadhrat Malik Ghulam Hussein sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that he did not have the money to travel to Qadian. He only had Rupees 2 on him. He travelled till Jhelum on foot and then felt he could carry on walking.

He reached another town from where he could have caught a train but when he found out there was some wait before the arrival of the train he restarted his journey on foot. This happened at yet another train station.

He stayed in Qadian for a few days. When leaving he told the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that as a child he used to pray 'O' God make us soldiers in the time of the Mahdi', he also related how he had walked to Qadian.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) told him that he had been very courageous. When asked Malik sahib said his only skill was bread (roti) making. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked him to put his name down and said he would be asked to come and help when required.

Thus are the accounts of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who keenly wished to see him and endured many hardships for this. In return they were blessed with beneficence.



May God enable us to not merely enjoy these accounts but may each of these accounts be a source of enhancing our faith.