

# ACHIEVING GOD CONSCIOUSNESS THE PURPOSE OF JALSA SALANA

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# SUMMARY

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The purpose of these  
conventions is that the  
participants gain the  
blessings that will lead them  
to a better life in this world  
and in the Hereafter.



These blessings can only be  
reaped by attaining a truly  
high standard of Taqwa in  
our lives

## Jalsa Salana USA

The Promised Messiah (as) expected that each and every participant of Jalsa shall attain this high standard of Taqwa in his or her life and expressed his intense dislike towards those participants who did not take any measures to attain this standard of Taqwa

If an Ahmadi truly understands the blessings of Jalsa and then makes every effort to receive these blessings, and accumulates the transformations that each annual convention bring about in him,

- then he will progress towards a new standard in Taqwa each year, which will eventually lead him to the point where the Promised Messiah (as) wished to see us.

Thus, we must focus towards that desire of the Promised Messiah (as) that he held in his heart, which he expressed in these words: Pay attention towards your afterlife, rather than focusing on this world.

- He emphasized that one must inculcate Taqwa in his heart.

## Blessings of Jalsa; Taqwa

What is Taqwa? Taqwa means that one must fulfil the obligations and duties towards Allah Almighty and towards his fellow human beings with a fear of His displeasure in one's heart.

# Obligations to Allah

Among the duties and obligations towards Allah Almighty, the first and foremost is His worship, and among the acts of worship, the first and foremost is the performance of Salat

The Holy Prophet (saw) says that salat is the essence of worship

During these days of Jalsa, pray to Allah Almighty that He may enable everyone to implement regular offering of Salat in their lives in the most excellent manner

Huzoor (aba) said that the five salat are the fundamental requirement. We should also inculcate a habit of offering nawafil. Many of us will offer tahajjud prayers during the days of Jalsa, however we should make every effort to continue these efforts even after Jalsa is over

# Obligations to Allah's creations

After the primary obligations towards Allah Almighty, a Momin must perform his duties towards his fellow brethren



He says that one should inculcate tenderness and sympathy for others in one's heart, and this should not be limited to Jalsa Salana but should be carried forward into our daily lives



Huzoor (aba) said that it has come into his observation that brothers stop talking to each other over trivial matters, and sometimes, remain in this state for years, and these conflicts continue to create fissures in other relationships as well, sometimes resulting in breaking up of family units



An Ahmadi must be in control of his or her emotions in every aspect of his or her life. Thus, during this Jalsa, pay special attention to this issue; try to make amends, and then stick to these amendments beyond the days of Jalsa

We must remember that we have taken the baiat of obedience at the hands of the Promised Messiah (as) and taken the oath of treading the path of Taqwa

If we forget, then we will neither be loyal to our pledge of bai'at nor will we derive any benefit from the blessings of Jalsa

## Obligations during Jalsa

The Promised Messiah (as) says that this Jalsa is not a worldly fun fair; therefore we must try to reap the actual benefits of this occasion. By following his instructions, every Ahmadi can become a Godly person, and this is the objective of the advent of the Promised Messiah (as).

## The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> said

The Promised Messiah (as) says: You have taken the pledge of bai'at and affirmed your faith in me as Hakam and Adal. After this affirmation, if you have any doubts in my actions, then you must re-evaluate your faith in me. The faith that is full of doubts has no significance whatsoever. But if you have declared your faith that this is indeed the Promised Reformer, and is Hakam and Adal, then you must surrender your actions before him and esteem his decisions as final, so that you are counted among those who hold in high regard the words of the Holy Prophet (saw).

The Promised Messiah (as) has instructed the members of his Jamaat in the following words: God Almighty has established this community, and has shown millions of signs to prove its truthfulness. The true purpose is that this community is akin to that of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (saw). Those who enter this community must remember that they are entering the Community of the likes of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (saw), therefore I advise them to shun their attire of worldly lustre so that they can divert their complete attention towards God Almighty.



Khilafat is another promise that has been given to this community, therefore, we should strive to maintain the standards set forth by the Companions of the Holy Prophet (saw).

One generation should instil the desire of submitting one's will to that of Allah in the next generation

The Promised Messiah (as) further elucidates: Where there is a special demeanour during the remembrance of Allah by my followers, there should be a special loving bond amongst members well.

## Khilafat and our responsibilities

# Circle of supplications

The Promised Messiah (as) has elaborated upon the fulfilment of our obligations towards our fellow brethren.

If we implement his instructions in our lives, then we can bring about a spiritual revolution within a matter of few years

He states that my belief is that sympathy towards humanity is incomplete till one prays fervently for his enemy and vacates his heart of all rancour towards him.

Huzoor (aba) said that how many amongst us widen thus the circle of our supplications

God promises that whoever gives precedence to the commandments of God above all else, then God removes his fears and anxieties

The Promised Messiah (as) says that we must not become content that we have become Ahmadi, but continue to strive and progress in our moral condition

It is a favour bestowed on us by the Promised Messiah (as) that he inaugurated this event of Jalsa, where we are exposed to a unique environment which is conducive to our moral uplift and strengthening of faith

## Jalsa and Taqwa

Another important aspect to remember is that we must raise our standards of educating ourselves and gaining knowledge



The Promised Messiah (as) states that in order to bring about a true transformation and increasing in your Taqwa and purity, one must increase in religious knowledge and this knowledge can only be gained through the Promised Messiah (as) who has left a treasure trove of gems for us to read



Most of the books have been translated into English and therefore you should try to read those books or abstracts

## Taqwa and knowledge

It is our duty to recite and understand the beautiful teachings of the Quran and implement them in practice, and then convey them to the world

# Bai'at and Taqwa

The Promised Messiah (as) says that pledge of bai'at should instil a new life in an individual such that it transforms him/her completely.



He should remain steadfast in face of any opposition. He must not feel that trials are difficult, but in fact he should consider them an opportunity to gain the pleasure of God.



Huzoor (aba) said that we must make every effort to practice these instructions so that we can bring about a transformation within ourselves such that God is pleased with us

This is how we can gain the blessings of Jalsa, otherwise, this will also become a worldly celebration for us.

Huzoor (aba) reminded each Ahmadi to pay special attention to their surroundings as this is important for security purposes. Duty holders should pay special attention towards offering salat.

## Jalsa Salana

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