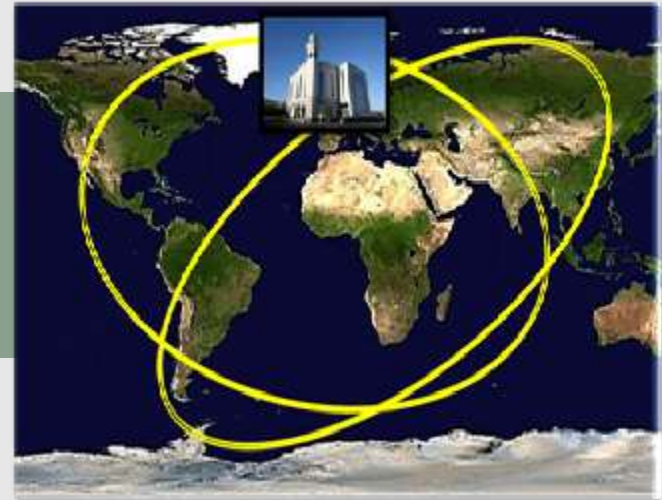


THE EXALTED STATUS OF THE PROPHET (PBUH)




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Summary



In today's Friday sermon Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih explained the love of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in light of his writings.



These writings elucidate the excellence of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) over other Prophets, his (pbuh) lofty morals and the miracles.



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The blessings of Durud Sharif were expounded.



Appeal for prayers fro Muslim Ummah.

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In today's Friday sermon Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih gave a discourse based on the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that illustrated the profound, sincere and ardent love and devotion he had for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

In his writings the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) illustrated his great love for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Here he expounds his excellence over other Prophets:

'In actual fact, the greatest among the Prophets has to be the one who proves himself to be the greatest reformer of mankind... History tells us, heavenly scripture testifies to it, and every discerning eye can see that, in the light of this criterion, the one who stands superior to all Prophets is none other than Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa [the Chosen One], may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.'

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God has said that the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] combined in his person all the high moral qualities which were found in the different Prophets and said with regard to him: Thou dost possess the highest moral qualities.

[68:5]

The word '*azim* in Arabic idiom is used as connoting the highest quality of a thing. For instance, when a big tree is called '*azim*, it would mean that it possesses all the height and width and bulk that is possible for a tree to possess. Thus, this verse means that all the high moral qualities and excellent characteristics which a human being can possess, were all present in the fullest degree in the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him].

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‘That light of high degree that was bestowed on perfect man was not in angels, was not in stars, was not in the moon, was not in the sun, was not in the oceans and the rivers, was not in rubies, emeralds, sapphires, or pearls; in short, it was not in any earthly or heavenly object. It was only in perfect man whose highest and loftiest and most perfect example was our lord and master, the Chief of the Prophets, the Chief of all living ones, Muhammad, the chosen one [peace and blessings of Allah be on him].

This dignity was found in its highest and most perfect form in our lord and master and our guide, the immaculate Prophet, the righteous one, testified to by the righteous, Muhammad, the chosen one [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]’

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Allah the Exalted states in the Holy Qur'an: **'Say, 'My Prayer and my sacrifice and my life and my death are *all* for Allah, the Lord of the worlds.'** (6:163) **'And say, 'This is My path *leading* straight. So follow it; and follow not *other* ways, lest they lead you away from His way. That is what He enjoins upon you, that you may *become able to guard against evils.*'** (6:154) **'Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me: *then* will Allah love you and forgive you your faults. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.'** (3:32)

'...I have submitted myself to Allah...' (3:21)
'...And I have been commanded to submit myself to the Lord of the worlds' (40:67).

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explains that the intense love that was generated in the hearts of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) for him, inspired them to sacrifice themselves most willingly. Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) argues that this kind of loyalty cannot be seen in the followers of any other Prophet of God...

... and explains that it was by virtue of the profound prayers of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that he had made during the thirteen years in Makkah that turned the once ignorant existence of the Companions into excellent models of piety and virtue.

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'When a person arrives at this exalted stage of meeting with God, he sometimes performs acts which appear to be beyond human power and have the colour of Divine Power. For instance, during the battle of Badr, the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] threw a handful of gravel at the opposing force not accompanied by any prayer, but with his own spiritual power, which affected the opposing force in such an extraordinary manner that everyone's eyes were struck by the gravel and they were rendered sightless and began to run around in confusion and helplessness.

In the same way, another miracle of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] which was the splitting of the moon, was displayed by Divine Power. It was not accompanied by any prayer as it happened merely by his pointing at the moon with his finger which was filled with Divine power.'

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There are many other miracles which the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] worked purely with his power and which were not accompanied by any prayer. On many occasions, he multiplied water so much by dipping his fingers into a cup of water that the whole host and their camels and horses drank of it and yet the original quantity of the water was not diminished. On many occasions, by putting his hand upon three or four loaves of bread, he satisfied the hunger of thousands. On some occasions, he blessed a small quantity of milk with his lips and a company of people drank from it and were filled. On some occasions, by adding his saliva into a well of brackish water, he rendered it sweet. On some occasions, he healed severely wounded people of their injuries by placing his hands upon them. On some occasions, he replaced the eyeballs of people which had fallen out in consequence of some injury received in battle and healed them with the blessings of his hand. In this way, he did many other things by his personal power behind which worked Divine Power.'

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) always stated that whatever he was granted was by virtue of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

'Any, by God, this success of mine is for me from God, So, I praise Him, and ask for blessings of the Arabian Prophet. By him were all blessings made to descend and of him is all this warp and woof. It is He Who made available to me the root and the branch. And He caused my seedlings and my field to grow. He is the best of Growers.'

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If I had not been part of the Holy Prophet's^{sa} Ummah, and had not been his follower, then, even if my good deeds had matched all the mountains of the world, I would never have received this honour of converse with God, for all Prophethood has come to an end except the Prophethood of Muhammad^{sa}. No law-bearing Prophet can come after him. A Prophet who does not bring a new law can come, but he has to be a follower of the Holy Prophet^{sa} first.'

'Countless thanks be to You, O Allah, for guiding us to the path that leads to You, and for saving us from errors of thought and reason by sending down Your Holy Books. We invoke blessings on the Chief of Prophets, Hadrat Muhammad Mustafa ^{sa} [the Chosen One], on his progeny and on his Companions. Through him God guided an entire world that had lost its way to the right path.

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Bless, O Allah, Muhammad and his people as Thou didst bless
Abraham and his people. Thou art indeed Praiseworthy, the
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allāhumma bārik `alā muhammadi(n)wwa `alā āli muhammadin
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Prosper, O Allah, Muhammad and his people as Thou didst
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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said it is incumbent upon every Muslim to invoke salutations and blessings (Durud) on the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) because without it one cannot fulfil the requisite of love for him. In addition prayer that is without Durud does not gain acceptance. The real motive of invoking Durud should be love of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

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'Just as I also advised in person, it [Durud] should be said with the purpose that God Almighty may send His perfect blessings on His noble Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and makes him fountainhead of blessings for all the world and manifests his eminence and splendour in this world and the Hereafter. This prayer should be said with complete devotion...

... the pure objective should be to send perfect Divine blessings on the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his majesty to shine in this world and the Hereafter. This should be the strength of purpose

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'Remain extremely focussed in saying Durud Sharif. You should want blessings for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) with the same sincerity and delight as someone wants blessings for his dear one in real life. Want it with utter humility and the humility and supplication should have no pretence. On the contrary it should be borne of true love and bond with the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The blessings that are inherent in Durud Sharif should be sought for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) with one's heart and soul...And the sign of personal love is that one never tires and does not get weary and is free of any selfish motives and says it merely for the purpose of sending blessings of God Almighty on the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

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‘It is my personal experience that through invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him], Divine grace in the shape of wonderful light proceeds in the direction of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] and is absorbed into his breast and then issuing therefrom numberless streams of it reach everyone deserving them according to his capacity.

Certainly, no grace can reach anyone without the agency of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. Invoking blessings on the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] brings into movement his throne from which these streams of light issue. He who desires to obtain the grace of God Almighty should invoke blessings on him persistently, so that divine grace might be moved.’

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Explaining the wisdom behind saying Durud, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote: 'The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is not in need of anyone's prayers, but therein is a profound mystery. A person who wishes grace and blessings for someone out of personal love, borne of this personal love he becomes an element of that person's being. And as the One God has bestowed boundless beneficence on the Holy Prophet, those who invoke Durud on the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and send blessings on him out of personal love, partake of his boundless blessings in accordance with their own fervour. However, without spiritual fervour and personal love, this beneficence manifests itself very little.'

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih prayed that may we be enabled to truly understand the high station of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and follow it.

He appealed for prayers for the Muslim Ummah, no matter what they think of us. Majority of them oppose us either due to lack of knowledge or due to fear of the religious leaders. However, as they are associated to our master, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) we should pray for their doleful state.