

LEARN THE BEST WAYS OF WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE



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relayed live across the globe





From newly built Bait ur
Rahman mosque in Valencia,
Spain.


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Summary

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- Today's Friday sermon was relayed live from newly built Baitur Rahman mosque in Valencia, Spain
 - Valencia has a huge historic significance for Islam

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- Old Muslim communities of Spain were forcefully converted to Christianity but they covertly kept their faith
 - Servants of the Muhammadan Messiah should try to spread the message to every person in the land


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- Prayers are needed to instill a spirit of sacrifice in future generations and for the fulfillment of our tabligh responsibilities

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following Quranic verses at the start


'And remember the time when Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundations of the House, praying, 'Our Lord, accept this from us; for Thou art All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

***'Our Lord, make us submissive to Thee and make of our offspring a people submissive to Thee. And show us our ways of worship, and turn to us with mercy; for Thou art Oft-Returning with compassion and Merciful.'* (2:128 – 129)**


Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said all praise belongs to Allah that we have been enabled to build a second mosque in Spain



The significance of building the second mosque in Spain, in Valencia has an important historical significance



Jama'at Ahmadiyya was enabled to raise a mosque in Spain after 700 years. In the last 30 years many Muslims have come to Spain and they have built mosques. These avenues were opened for them by the construction of Basharat Mosque.



The current number of Muslims in Spain is around 1 million and it is estimated that by 2030 there will be 80% increase and the Muslim population can reach 2 million

The location of Basharat Mosque is close to motorway along the route that leads to Cordoba. Many outside people come to see Basharat Mosque

The planning given by the centre or Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih or indeed, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) before him was not implemented.

If the other Muslim sects can bring back 20,000 'early Spanish Muslims' to Islam, how could our Tabligh, which is comprised of true Islam, not attain this?

Jama'at office-holders on every level in Spain should appreciate their responsibility, plan targets and try and attain them.

Early Spanish Muslim communities should be searched and love of the true religion should be reignited in them and they should be transformed into missionaries of faith

People from early Spanish Muslim communities need to be made aware that now is that time to avenge the cruelty perpetrated with their forefathers. However, this response is not to be done with force,

The true picture of Islam that we present needs to be propagated in the world today.

Hearts that were forcibly made to associate partner with God should be inculcated with love of Oneness of God and Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) as His Messenger.

Love of the God Whose attribute of mercy overrides all His other attributes and love of the Messenger who is Rahmatullah A'lameen (Mercy for all mankind)

Spanish history tells us that when the cruel king and queen forcibly converted Muslims to Christianity

Valencia was an area where in spite of the persecution Arabic continued to be spoken.

Spanish Muslims of the time were financially weak and they had been gradually expelled from large cities and were scattered around.

Muslims in Valencia continued with their worship of God and maintained their teaching

When the king decided to expel Muslims from Spain in 1600s, Muslims of Valencia were the first to be banished because they tried to practice their faith

Italian forces perpetrated cruelty and later expelled some adult Muslims and sent their children to Christian families who brought them up as servants and slaves


These children were forbidden to worship One God and were forced to adhere to the concept of Trinity.

Today it is our task to once again make them worshippers of One God. We also need to take this message to others, out of milk of human kindness and wish for them what we wish for ourselves.

The decline and downfall of Muslims in Spain came about because of their own greed and conspiracies.



Neither the token Khalifa nor the King honoured his responsibilities and the dignitaries acted similarly



Every person had created his own faction and this resulted in the way all self-centred matters end



Now that the Khilafat of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is in operation, it is the task of its followers to re-establish the lost glory and once again introduce these people to the creed of: 'There is none worthy of worship save Allah and Muhammad is His servant His messenger.'

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The verses comprise of the prayer Hadhrat Ibrahim (on whom be peace) made while building walls of the Ka'ba. We need to reflect on this matter so that in our generations to come people are born who will honour the dues of God.

After years of sacrifices by the father, his son and his wife they did not pray in the vein go: O' God we have been sacrificing in Your way for so long following Your commandments, it is our due that You accept every sacrifice of ours and create ease for us

Hadhrat Ibrahim and Hadhrat Ishmael (peace be on them both) have taught us to fulfil the responsibilities after building house of God.

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When the Ka'ba was being built these two individuals (Hadhrat Ibrahim and his son Hadhrat Ishmael) declared that their objective was to populate House of God, indeed populate it with believers who would honour the dues of worship of God and take His worship to its highest standard. These people were building House of God with God's commandment and their humility and love of God was such that they supplicated Him to accept their sacrifice

This is the lesson of sacrifice; to make one's sacrifice and then turn to God in utter humility and pray to Him to accept the sacrifice that has been made. It is this Ibrahimic and Ishmaelic outlook and prayer

We declare: 'O Muhammadan Messiah, true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), we have pledged you that we will give precedence to faith over worldly matters and will spread Tawheed (Oneness of God).

Our foremost obligation will be to establish Tawheed and to bring the people of the country under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

O God, O All-Hearing, All-Knowing God, listen to our prayers and enable us to fulfil our obligations

Make this mosque source of attaining those objectives which are the objective of building Your house

You are All-Knowing, You know our weaknesses, accept our prayer and overlook our shortcomings and make us fulfil our objectives.'

Mosques in Spain

During the hundreds of years of Muslim rule in Spain many beautiful mosques were built

- the mosque in Cordoba, its beauty is astonishing and there are many other grand mosques which were built wherever Muslims went, there is one in Granada

The spirit of the true teaching of Islam escaped those who inhabited these earlier mosques

- these structures where once Oneness of God was extolled were either demolished or they were converted into churches.
- When the Muslims lost the spirit of their faith the mosques went to others.

Hard work and prayers are required

- May God continue to raise people among us who generate this spirit so that it remains a centre of Tawheed till the Day of Judgement

Prayers for generations

- The noble Prophets did not limit the prayers to themselves, in fact they extended it to their offspring and generations to follow.

This indeed is the method of prayer and the mind-set and concern of those who wish to be successful generation after generation.

Prayers for generations

- We need to pray to God, as the Prophets did, **‘And show us our ways of worship’**.
 - These ways of worship and sacrifice are understood through God’s guidance. The insight to understand them in-depth is fulfilled by God’s grace. Salat is indeed a form of worship of God. But there are those worshippers about whom God states that their Salat will rebound on them and will be a source of their destruction.

We should pray for our offspring with great angst

We pledge in our meetings that we will be ever ready to make every sacrifice. We need to also instil this spirit in our next generation.

The sacrifice of the time is Jihad of Tabligh

Today's jihad is financial giving for the building of mosques. The nature of sacrifice changes with circumstances.

Piety should be carried out to attain the pleasure of God.

This is why the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) cited the greatest virtue to some is offering Tahajjud and to others to offer jihad

Thus, the virtue/piety that we lack in is the greatest virtue/piety for us that we should endeavour to achieve

Prayer entreats: 'and turn to us with mercy...'

It should always be remembered that we can neither attain high standards of worship merely through our efforts nor of sacrifice.

Fortunate are those who will follow this way and will come in the refuge of God from shortcomings and transgressions and will also pray in this vein for their offspring and inculcate it in them

If we practice all the virtues then alone we can truly ask God to accept our repentance and have mercy on us. Certainly we should treat others with mercy if we wish God to show mercy to us

Our duty

We should draw attention to paying the dues of humanity and abandon pride and conceit

We should shun indolence in offering Salat and whichever Salat appears difficult to us, we should offer it with that much care and attention. If offering congregational Salat is our weakness, we should address that.

If we do not honour the dues of our parents, siblings and neighbours, then we should do so,



Today, we need to do Jihad of the self. Spreading the message of Islam is also Jihad and we need to pay attention to it. We cannot succeed without God's help.

God's grace comes by fulfilling the dues of His worship. We will attain His grace by observing our Salat and by participating in Jihad of the self and Jihad of spreading message of God. In today's society man is in need of this Jihad most of all.

This Jihad alone will save us from the ills of society and make us attain God's grace and keep us and our offspring free of the foulness of the world.

When a believer is truly connected to mosque, new doors of piety are opened up for him and he receives forgiveness



Adorn this mosque with sincere worship. May God make this mosque fulfil the objectives and may we fulfil our responsibilities



Those who live in the area have to populate this mosque as well as populate it with their children, InshaAllah

Baitur Rahmna Mosque

it is built on a 1,350 square feet plot at a cost of 1.2 million Euros

The site had an existing residence but it has been extended by three rooms

The building is air-conditioned

The capacity of the hall is given as 250

Other facilities include seven offices, a library, book shop and a good kitchen, a store and a technical room.

The mosque also has two multi-functional halls.

A newspaper has reported that the largest place of worship of the province has become a reality. However, it will become a reality when each one of us will pay its dues. Another positive thing mentioned in the newspaper was that owing to their devotion to God, Ahmadis are against anyone who kills in the name of God.

Most of the help in construction of the mosque came from the centre. Technical help was also provided by the centre. Our elder engineer Chaudhry Ijaz sahib organised many jobs and made detailed analysis. He brought cost down where it was excessive but without compromising standards. He is not very well and receives weekly dialysis treatment but he worked hard, may God reward him and grant him good health so that he may further serve the Jama'at