

BUILDING MOSQUES, UNITY AND ACCORD



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FROM NEWLY BUILT BAIT UR
RAHMAN MOSQUE IN
VALENCIA, SPAIN.

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Summary



Mosque in Valencia and responsibilities of Ahmadis



Promote brotherhood and affection to be saved from the pit of fire



Tabligh and responsibilities of missionaries, office-holder and Ahmadis



Wisdom of Hikama



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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih delivered his Friday sermon from Baitur Rahman mosque in Valencia, Spain. He recited the following Quranic verses at the start of the sermon:

‘And hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allah and be not divided; and remember the favour of Allah which He bestowed upon you when you were enemies and He united your hearts in love, so that by His grace you became as brothers; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah explain to you His commandments that you may be guided. And let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness, and enjoin equity and forbid evil. And it is they who shall prosper.’

(Surah Ale Imran, verses 104 – 105)

‘Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in a way that is best. Surely, thy Lord knows best who has strayed from His way; and He knows those who are rightly guided.’

(Surah Al Nahl, verse 126)

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With the grace of God last Friday the second mosque in Spain was inaugurated. The Jama'at is very happy about and remains so.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih gave a sermon last Friday with reference to the new mosque and wished to draw further attention to some matters today.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'At the time our Community is in great need of mosques. [A mosque] is a house of God. In which ever town or village our mosque is built, consider that the foundation for the progress of the Community has been laid [there]. If there is a town or a village with very few or no Muslims and progress of Islam is required there, a mosque should be built there. God would Himself attract Muslims to it. However, the condition is that the mosque is built with sincerity of intent and is raised merely for the sake of God. Providing there is no element of self-centred motives or any evil, God would bless it.'

This extract
contains so many
significant points
that Ahmadis need
to repeatedly reflect
over it

The first aspect it mentions is that a mosque is a house of God. With the grace of God every Ahmadi believes in God; this belief should focus Ahmadis to honour and populate the house of God.

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Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said with reference to mosques: 'People of Community should all get together and offer congregational Prayer in this mosque. There is a lot of blessing in congregational Prayer and accord. Dispersion creates discord while this is a time to greatly enhance unity and accord. Trivial matters which are cause of discord should be disregarded/overlooked.'

Thus, this is a house of God and Ahmadis of this area [Valencia] have to fulfil the dues of congregational Prayer here while maintaining ties of love and accord

The Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) said this because he desired that Taqwa of his early followers should be of the highest standard so that they would become role models for the latter generations.

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Indeed, a lot of work needs to be done in Spain

- Lost reputation of past centuries has to be restored and people have to be gathered under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).
- **To do this, foremost is worship of God followed by Tabligh activities done as a united community.**

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The first verse recited today indeed enjoins mutual love and draws attentions that it is God's favour that He made you as one.

Every true believer should reflect on every command, every directive of God.

It should be remembered that the Holy Qur'an, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and Khilafat e Ahmadiyya are all 'rope of Allah'.

Anyone who overlooks any one of the links [of this rope] will be heading towards the pit of fire once again.

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Holding firmly to the rope of God and remembering God's favours will lead to words transforming into practices.



Mutual love, accord and brotherhood will make Ahmadis truly guided and among those who save themselves from pit of fire

True Ahmadis avoid all manner of egotistical matters and love each other for the sake of attaining God's pleasure.



Fortunate are those who keep their words and deeds in this manner.



Summoning others to God can only be done successfully once one has attained these standards.

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God has clearly stated that Islam is now the true religion. Therefore no other religion can bring man close to God; no other religion has the capacity to do so.

- And those whose responsibility it is to spread Islam and those who have been blessed with the 'rope of Allah' are indeed Ahmadis

If we damage our
unity and create
divisions, most
certainly we will be
accountable before
God.

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Every Ahmadi should be aware that each new comer to Ahmadiyyat finds spiritual peace after accepting Ahmadiyyat

If the long term Ahmadis, especially those of Pakistani origin do not fulfil their responsibilities they could be turning away these seekers of truth.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that he would say it again and again that if we expect our work for mosque building to be blessed, we need to adapt our conditions according to the commandments of God.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that mosque is the building block of progress but he also reminded that for this the intentions need to be sincere.

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Thus, it is sincerity that truly avails the true purpose of building a mosque; cleverness or knowledge do work hand in hand but **sincerity is fundamental**.

The world is now watching and we have to play our role.

There is need to understand this responsibility.

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The second verse recited at the start states; **'let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness...and forbid evil'**.

Both Tarbiyyat of the Jama'at and Tabligh are the tasks of missionaries and these require high resolve.

Missionaries need to set high standards of patience, high standards of being obedient and promoting obedience, high standards of concordance between word and practice.

Missionaries are representatives of the Khalifa of the time for the religious and spiritual advancement of the Jama'at and need to honour this responsibility.

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During the course of their work, missionaries face hard times, there are times when their patience is tested to the limit they are human after all!

In these times, missionaries should promptly turn to prayer

They should be mindful of the fact that they have dedicated their life for God and they are to bring the world under the banner of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Thus, nothing anyone says will waver them from attaining their objective.

Tolerance of incorrect attitude of office-holders will make missionaries recipients of pleasure of God because they will be acting upon 'invite to goodness' in every situation. With patience they will prevent discord.

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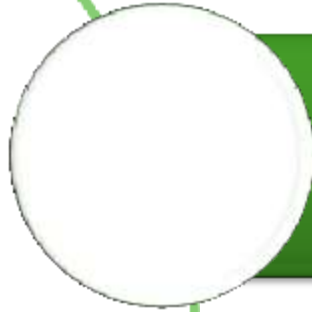
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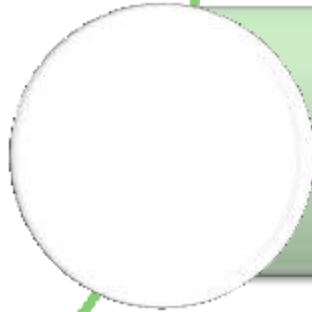
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The second group of people addressed in this verse are Jama'at office-holders. They too are entrusted a trust for which they will be held accountable.



If their own examples do not lead members of the Jama'at to piety and if there is conflict between their word and practice, they will lose all credibility.

Office-holders of the Jama'at on every level need to self-reflect and watch themselves especially sadr Jama'at and Ameer Jama'at wherever they are, otherwise they are causing divisions.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih also explained that mutual dealings of office-holders should also be of high standard, this is important for our tasks to be blessed. Divisions, egotistical stances and lack of patience only produce negative results.

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Mutual accord and harmony, practicing what God and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) say, enhancing standard of Taqwa in accordance to the teaching of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and submitting to what the Khalifa of the time says is everyone's responsibility.

It is the obligation of every person to respect the office-holders. It is the responsibility of every Ahmadi to demonstrate high morals at home and outside home. Summoning others to God is everyone's task.

When each and every Ahmadi will discharge of their responsibility then alone will they be saved from the pit of fire!

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In the third verse recited at the start God states Tabligh is everyone's responsibility and the method has also been explained. It is stated to call others to God with wisdom.



The word Hikmah or wisdom that has been used in conjunction with Tabligh [in verse 16:126] has many meanings/connotations.

Firstly, it is very important to have religious knowledge which can be obtained from the Holy Qur'an and its commentaries; studying Ahadith and life and character of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and by reading the books of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

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Hikmah also means justice. Our Tabligh should not be based on objections, i.e. our arguments should not be a source of injustice.

Hikmah is also used for gentleness and forbearance. Many people are won over by gentleness.

Hikmah, is explained in lexicon as something that deters from ignorance. Those who do Tabligh should use such ways and ensure that whatever they say does not lead the other into further ignorance.

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It is a huge responsibility on every Ahmadi when God states to fulfil the requisites of Hikmah.

Enhance your level of knowledge and your standard of fairness and inculcate the capacity to recognise nature of people. It is an important skill to recognise nature of people and Tabligh cannot be done without it.

Utilising Hikmah is important for our mutual matters as well as for Tabligh.

We should continually self-reflect, plan new programmes and put them in practice with unity and not rest until we have achieved our aims.

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Trivial matter should be insignificant for Ahmadis.
They are not to look out for what the Ameer
Jama'at or sadr Jama'at said about them.
They should not even listen to such chatter.

They should say they give precedence to faith
over worldly matters and such trivial matters
would distract them from their objective.

Listening to gossip will cause divisions and thus
they will ruin their world as well as their ending.

They should say to those who raise trivial matters
that these matters are tantamount to tale-
telling/back-biting.

With such thoughts avenues leading to
revolutionary changes will open up. Khuddam,
Ansar and Lajna all should consider rooting out
all manner of discord and division.

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih asked for prayers for the recovery of an Ahmadi who was shot in Nawab Shah, Pakistan. He is critically ill in a Karachi hospital and doctors will be able to tell in the next few days if he is out of danger.

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