

KHILAFAT-E-AHMADIYYA



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Summary



After tashhud, tawwuz Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following verses of Surah Al-Nur (24: 52-57).




27th of May, which is known as Khilafat Day is an important day for Ahmadiis across the world



Ahmadiyya Khilafat is prophesied by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and is a continuation of the rightly guided Khilafat



The blessings of Khilafat will avail only those who follow the Quranic commandments



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The response of the believers, when they are called to Allah and His Messenger in order that he may judge between them, is only that they say: 'We hear and we obey.' And it is they who will prosper.

And whoso obeys Allah and His Messenger, and fears Allah, and takes Him as a shield for protection, it is they who will be successful. And they swear by Allah their strongest oaths that, if thou command them, they will surely go forth. Say, 'Swear not; what is required is actual obedience in what is right. Surely, Allah is well aware of what you do. Say, 'Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger.' But if you turn away, then upon him is his burden, and upon you is your burden. And if you obey him, you will be rightly guided. And the messenger is not responsible but for the plain delivery of the Message. Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. And observe Prayer and give the Zakat and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy.

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For the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at there is a special day that comes in the month of May; 27th of May, which is known as Khilafat Day

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After the demise of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) Ahmadis with stricken with grief on 26th of May 1908

On the 27th of May 1908, we saw the Might and Decree of Allah manifest itself

27th of May came heralding a message of peace and security for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at

27th of May is not an ordinary day for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at

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The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) had said that when the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi appears, they should take whatever pain and suffering may be necessary and go, crawling on their knees, over glaciers of ice if need be, and convey his salams, greetings of peace, to him.

Then, the Holy Prophet (sa) informed everyone of the heavenly and earthly signs, that if people see these being fulfilled, they should realize that the one making the claim to be a Messiah is true in his claim.

Allah has shown all the signs confirming these prophecies and continues to show signs, but still these people continue to oppose the one sent by God.

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There is a hadith of the Holy Prophet (sa) narrated by Hazrat Huzaifa (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be on him.) said:

“Prophethood will remain among you as long as Allah wills. Then He will take it away and Khilafat on the lines of Prophethood shall commence, and then, when Allah wills, He will take away this bounty also. Then in accordance with His Decree corrupt/erosive monarchy would be established, which will make people sad and feel constrained and then when this era will come to an end, in accord with another Decree of God, despotic kingship would emerge till the Mercy of God will descend and bring this era of tyranny and excess to an end. Then again, Khilafat on the precept of Prophethood shall be established,” and then after saying this the Holy Prophet became silent.

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So clearly in this Hadith, first the Holy Prophet (sa) talks about his own Prophethood followed by the establishment of Khilafat-e-Rashida, the Rightly Guided Khilafat on the pattern, or lines of prophethood,

This was followed by kingships; the reign of which was at times less severe and at other times very severe in their treatment of the people. The kings were more inclined to the world and material things than the faith.

Then, God turns with Mercy to His creatures, and after a long period of darkness, Khilafat on the pattern of Prophethood was again established.

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Allah has declared in the Holy Quran: **And among others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise. (62:4)**

- In other words Allah will again bring about Khilafat on the pattern of prophethood.
- So when Allah's Mighty, All Encompassing Wisdom determined, and when His Mercy was moved, the Muslims were freed from despotic kingships and Khilafat on the pattern of prophethood was established as He desired.

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In one of his sayings, the Holy Prophet (sa) has referred to the Promised Messiah (as) as, "nabeeullah," or Messenger and Prophet of Allah.

Then the Holy Prophet (sa) has also said that between me and the Promised Messiah (as) there is no Prophet.

In accordance with verse 4 of Sura Jumu'ah, wa aakhareena minhum, the Holy Prophet (sa) said that the one who was to be raised in the latter days would be like unto his own coming into the world.

In other words, the person who was to come, the Promised Messiah (as) would be so totally immersed in his love of the Holy Prophet, that he would become, as it were, his reflection and thus he would attain the title of Prophet

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The Holy Prophet (sa) also told us the sign which relates the disappearance of faith and it being lifted to the farthest heavens.

This is a sign of the times that these Ulema, Muslim religious divines, clerics, also accept and they acknowledge that at the time when the Promised Messiah (as) made his claim, the condition of the faith of the Muslims was extremely poor as if faith had disappeared from the world.

So they all see that all the signs have been fulfilled. And the signs having been fulfilled tells us that the Promised Messiah (as) who was to come had indeed come at the appointed time.

Thus the system of Khilafat that began with the Promised Messiah (as) is in reality a continuation of the pattern of the prophethood of the Holy Prophet (sa) in this period of the rejuvenation of Islam in the latter days.

The good news from God that this Khilafat would remain forever

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But for which people is this good news given?

Most certainly this good news is given and will be true in favour of those who will discharge the dues of Khilafat.

Those who will walk on the ways of taqwa, righteousness, and do good deeds, ..

... and those who will go on perfecting their worship.

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There are many people who join the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at but fail to discharge their obligations to Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya,

So the Decree of Allah causes them to separate from the Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya.

When one such person leaves Allah bestows upon us a whole body of people instead

Just like, when the dry branches are cut off or pruned, evergreen and living branches sprout in greater measure as a result.

So because this is a promise of God that the system of Khilafat must continue, so Allah has Himself undertaken the task of pruning and weeding.

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The Promised Messiah (as)
writes:

God's Word informs me that many calamities will occur and many disasters will descend on the earth— some during my lifetime and some after I have gone. And He will promote and advance this Jama'at to the full. A part of it will happen at my hands, and some after me. [Al-Wasiyyat]

He goes on to say:

Thus He manifests two kinds of Power.

(1) First He shows the Hand of His Power at the hands of His Prophets themselves. (2) Second, when with the death of a Prophet, difficulties and problems arise and the enemy feels stronger and thinks that things are in disarray and is convinced that now this Jama'at will become extinct and even members of the Jama'at, too, are in a quandary and their backs are broken, and some of the unfortunate ones choose paths that lead to apostasy, then it is that God for the second time shows His Mighty Power and supports and takes care of the shaken Jama'at. [Al Wasiyyat]

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He says further:

... it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement.

And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart.

But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you which shall always stay with you just as promised by God in Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya. And this promise is not for my person. Rather the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: I shall make this Jama'at who are your followers, prevail over others till the Day of Judgment. [Al Wasiyyat]

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Certainly it is the invisible Hand of Allah which continues to push the Jama'at forward more and more.

And whomsoever Allah will make the Khalifa, regardless of what the condition of that person maybe, He shall continue to bestow upon him His Help and Support. Insha-Allah.

And Allah demonstrated His practical and manifest support and Signs immediately upon the establishment of Khilafat-e-Khaamsa - the fifth Successor to the Promised Messiah (as) -

Allah the Exalted made it clear for all to see that the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (sa) and the statement of his true and ardent devoted servant, the Promised Messiah, is indeed a Divine Decree that the Khilafat in this Second Manifestation of Islam in the latter days shall last forever

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Allah has mentioned
some characteristics of
those who can benefit
from the blessings of
Khilafat.

Allah has drawn a complete sketch of all these
characteristics in the verses of the Holy Quran that
I recited

It is necessary that those who wish to draw benefit
from the blessings of Khilafat fulfil these
requirements.

Allah, the Exalted, says, “The response of the believers,
when they are called to Allah and His Messenger in
order that he may judge between them, is only that they
say: ‘We hear and we obey.’ God says, “these are the
people who shall achieve success.” (24:52)

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I want to warn
that part of
the system of
the Jama'at
which does
not take the
necessary
care to go into
looking in
depth of the
affairs given
over to them
for decision



and they fail
to render a
decision in
accord with
the
requirements
of the
teachings of
Allah and His
Messenger



Such people
commit a sin
themselves
and become
the cause of
driving people
away from the
system of the
Jama'at and
from Khilafat.

So I counsel especially the Qazis and those
officeholders and Ameer who are given the
task of making such decisions that they
should hold fast to the demands of justice



Otherwise these people will be
damaging the core of Khilafat while
being officeholders

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I also ask all those who are given this duty of making the decisions, including the Ameer and the Qazis, I say to all of them, that you too must work in accord with the dictates of Allah and His Messenger.

- You must not do any such thing that will take you away from the demands of justice, and which may be removed from the requirements of taqwa, righteousness.
- Try your utmost to fulfil the demands of being the representatives of the Khalifa of the time.
 - If you do not do this, a time will definitely come when you will be caught and along with the worldly actions you will also have to face the punishment of God.

Becoming an officeholder does not just mean occupying an office, it entails taking on a very big responsibility.

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Allah, the Exalted, says that if you claim to believe in God, and claim to believe in His Messenger, and claim to have accepted and have declared your faith in the Promised Messiah (as), and if you claim to give preference to the requirements of the faith above all worldly concerns, then you must obey every command and decision of Allah and His Messenger.

Whatever the Imam of the Age has told you to do, you must carry it out.

And you must follow all the directions that are given to you by the Khalifa of the time.

And if you do not do this, your swearing oaths and making tall claims that you will do this and that, will be meaningless.

Allah knows the condition of your hearts. He knows full well what it is that you are saying and what it is that you are doing.

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At every Ijtema, get together, we take the oath that we shall consider it our duty to carry out whatever good things the Khalifa of the time asks us to do

and yet we fail to abide and carry out some very small commandment even - more than that, do not try to meet or attain the minimum standards that are required

At the West Coast Jalsa I had drawn their attention to the fact that all our ladies must wear a modest and dignified mode of dress and that they should observe the hijab and should cover themselves.

This basic Quranic commandment was not adhered to!

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Islam has directed both men and women to observe modesty but the Promised Messiah (as) has especially directed the women to take care of themselves in this regard

No extraordinary expense is involved in practicing modesty and Purdah, nor is any great effort needed to carry it out;

... but because materialism and worldly concerns are predominant over people's thinking so they do not pay attention to these matters.

So Allah, the Exalted, says that if you will follow the directives and do the required deeds then you will achieve success.

And if you fail to do the things required of you then Allah, the Exalted, says that know that the job of the Messenger is simply to convey the message and convey it in a manifestly clear manner.

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if it is not
accompanied
by good
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The
observance
of Salat is a
fundamental
divine
directive
which has
been
declared to
be the very
reason for the
creation of a
human being

Only those
people will
draw benefit
from the
system of
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gain safety,
peace and
security, who
have faith
and do good
deeds.

They fulfil
the demands
of worship
and who stay
away from
every type of
shirk, and
who are
grateful for
this immense
blessing and
bounty of
God in the
shape of
Khilafat.

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So always remember that the Promise that Allah has made is not unconditional.

It is conditional on certain things.

And when these conditions are fulfilled, then, by the Grace of Allah, security will also be bestowed and the state of fear shall be changed into one of peace.

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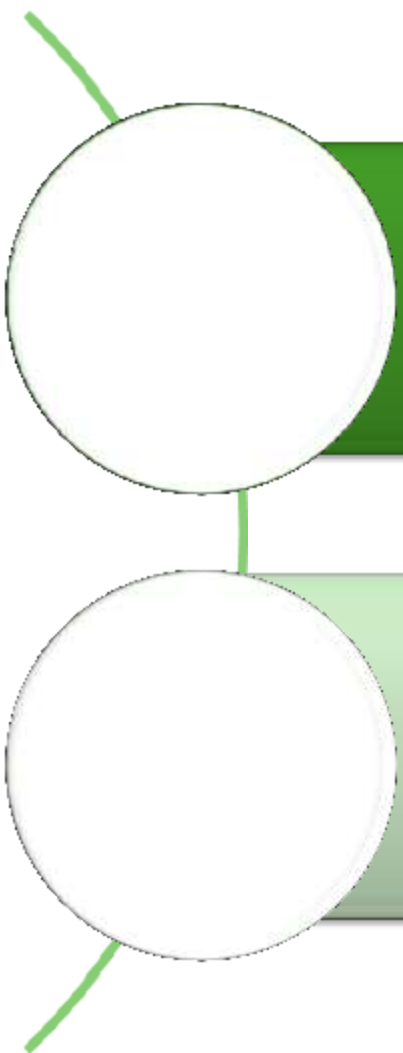
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The members of the Jama'at should remember that, treading on the paths of taqwa, righteousness, establishing salat, prayer, and advancing in financial sacrifices will continue to enable them to benefit from the bounties of Khilafat.

So it is the duty of every single person that he make a full fledged effort so that by the Grace and Mercy of Allah, he should take a large share of these bounties.

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Now I shall read some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) which he wrote for those who will remain attached to Khilafat, or the Jama'at or who will benefit from the bounties of Khilafat and win the pleasure of Allah.

The Promised Messiah (as) says:
And you, too, should partake of the Holy Spirit by compassion and by purifying your souls. Because without the Holy Spirit true Taqwa cannot be attained.

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And, totally shedding all base desires of the self, choose for the sake of winning the pleasure of God that path compared to which no path can be narrower and straiter. Don't fall in love with the pleasures of the world, for they take you away from God. Choose a life of austerity for the sake of God. The pain which pleases God is better than the pleasure which makes Him angry. And the defeat which pleases God is better than the victory which invites the wrath of Allah.

...You can never ever win the pleasure of Allah unless you, relinquishing your desires, abandoning your pleasures, sacrificing your honour, disowning your wealth, discarding your life, bear such hardships in His way as make you suffer the pangs of death. But once you suffer such hardship, you will sit in the lap of God like a beloved child. And you will be made heirs of the truthful who have preceded you. The door of every blessing will be opened to you. But there are few who belong to this category.

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Then the Promised Messiah (as) says:
But if you, in reality, die by killing your
baser selves, then you shall appear in
God and God shall be with you. And
the house in which you live will be
blessed and God's mercy will descend
on the walls which are the walls of
your house. And that city shall be
blessed where such a person lives. If
your life and your death, your every
action and movement, and your
kindness, and your anger are for God
only and if, in any trouble or difficulty
you do not put God to the test nor
sever your relationship with Him—
rather, under these trials, you step
forward towards God— then I truly
say to you that you will become a
chosen people of God..

Let the Greatness of God
take root in your hearts;
and acknowledge His Unity
not just with your tongues
but also with your actions,
so that God, too, practically
shows His Mercy and
Kindness to you.

Refrain from malice and
treat human beings with
true compassion.

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Then the Promised Messiah (as) says:
God addressed me and said that I should
inform my Jama'at that those who
believe and their belief is not
adulterated with worldly considerations
and is free from hypocrisy and cowardice
and is not found wanting at any stage of
obedience, such people are the
favourites of God.

And God says that indeed these are the
ones whose station is that of Truth.

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May Allah enable all of us to fulfil all the wishes and desires that the Promised Messiah (as) had and enable all of us to establish a true and fully loyal connection with Khilafat and bestow upon us the ability to establish the highest standards of obedience and enable us to achieve the highest levels of our worship so that we all continue to be blessed with the bounty of Khilafat.

Prayer