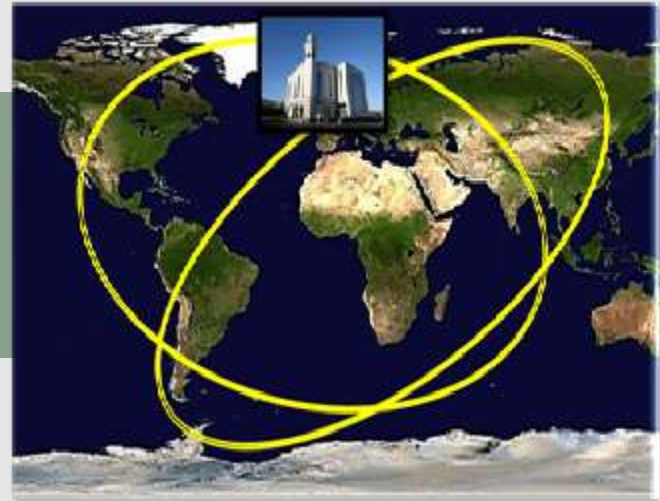


BUILDING MOSQUES AND STEADFASTNESS IN WORSHIP OF ALLAH



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Summary




Today God has enabled the New Zealand Jama'at to build their mosque. May God bless this mosque for the Jama'at in every way




The real objective of man's life is worship of God, enhance one's knowledge about God and seek His nearness



We should not sincerely worship God all the time; Our worldly affairs should not take us distant from remembrance of God, **there is a great need to pay attention to Salat**



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) repeatedly directed his Jama'at to inculcate Taqwa and give precedence to God



While focussing on worship of God, we should also exhibit high morals, love, affection and cooperation and thus truly introduce Islam to the world and help remove the misconceptions about Islam.



Worship of God

Bait Ul Muqet

Dues of the
Mosque

Salat

The Promised
Messiah (on whom
be peace) said

Message of islam

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This light is now lit in houses with regard to which Allah has ordained that they be exalted and that His name be remembered in them. Therein is He glorified in the mornings and the evenings

By men, whom neither merchandise nor traffic diverts from the remembrance of Allah and the observance of Prayer, and the giving of the Zakat. They fear a day in which hearts and eyes will be agitated,

So that Allah may give them the best reward of their deeds, and give them increase out of His bounty. And Allah does provide for whomsoever He pleases without measure.

فِي بُيُوتِ أَيْدِنَ اللّٰهُ أَنْ تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا
اسْمُهُ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ ﴿٣٧﴾

رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِيهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ
ذِكْرِ اللّٰهِ وَاقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَآتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ
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وَالْأَبْصَارُ ﴿٣٨﴾

لِيَجْزِيَهُمُ اللّٰهُ أَحْسَنَ مَا عَمِلُوا
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Message of Islam

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that one who makes a house of God in this world God will make a house for him in Paradise.

It is the beauty of the Jama'at that everywhere in the world, it makes unreserved financial sacrifice.



The purpose of financial sacrifice is to take the message of Islam to the ends of the earth

The dignity of a true believer is in always abiding by Taqwa with resolve.



As followers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) we regularly make sacrifice with enthusiasm

We need to worship God based on the awareness that God is the Master of all powers and watches over everything we do.



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New Zealand Jama'at is small with just four hundred members, 60% from Fiji, 23% Pakistani immigrants and the rest from varied ethnicities.

With great effort and sacrifice, they have made a very good mosque at the occasion of 25th year of Ahmadiyyat in New Zealand.

The total cost of completing the mosque complex is 3.5 million NZ dollars.

The small Jama'at of New Zealand was unable to raise the whole amount, they have taken loan to complete this project.

Huzoor (aba) expressed his high hopes of the New Zealand Jama'at that they will endeavour to repay the loan promptly.

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‘Due to their lack of understanding and timidity people of different natures ascertain different goals for their lives and limit them to worldly objectives and desires.

However, the objective that God Almighty states in His pure Book is: **‘And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me.’** (51:57).

In light of this verse, the real objective of man’s life is worship of God and gaining His knowledge and to become God’s.’



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As the verse recited at the beginning states the true believers are those: '**...whom neither trade nor commerce makes oblivious ...**'

Indeed, they are not oblivious of the remembrance of Allah, Prayer and Zakat

This Mosque should remind us that building a mosque in this world will make us the recipient of the blessing of a house in Paradise from God.

We should not worship God only when we need His help, when we are in trouble, when our worldly needs are not being met.

We should also pay heed to worship of God in good times

Our worldly commitments should not should not take us away from the worship of God



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In his 2006 trip to New Zealand, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih asked the Jama'at to build a proper mosque.



The minaret and dome would remind them that they have built a mosque by sacrificing their time and wealth; this will help them to focus to fulfil the rights of mosque.



The minaret and the dome would also serve as a point of interest for local people and can be a source of Tabligh.



People would be drawn to know the true picture of Islam.

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What are the rights of mosque?

That one's trade and commerce should not make one distant from remembrance of God,...

...in fact the facade of a mosque should draw one to Salat and remembrance of God.

When the call of '**Come to Salat**' during Adhan is made, one should leave one's worldly affairs to go to mosque.

Perhaps, the mobile telephones should be put to their best use by setting alarms for Salat times.

Those who live close by should attend mosques and those who are at long distances should offer their Salat at work.

This will serve the dual purpose of worship as well as Tabligh.



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The Holy Prophet (pbuh) had generated a revolutionary change among his Companions and the verses recited at the beginning cite their example

They dealt in trades of millions while their hearts were filled with remembrance of God and they always made financial sacrifice

And it was for this very revolutionary change that in this age, God sent the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), ..

to strengthen connection with God, safeguard Salat and make financial sacrifices.



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There is a great need to pay attention to Salat

- True observance of Salat is when it is offered in congregation in a mosque

God states that a true believer is more concerned about the hereafter than this world.

- He is drawn to God, to His worship, to purify himself in young age and during times of ease and prosperity
- He remembers God day and night with the fear of the hereafter ever present in his mind.



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If we wish for God's blessings, then we need to fill our homes with remembrance of God and always be mindful of existence of God



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) repeatedly asked his Jama'at to inculcate Taqwa and give precedence to God.



If one becomes God's, one finds Him as well as the world.



We should fulfil the claim that by taking of the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) we endeavour to bring pure change in ourselves.



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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is known to have said that if we fail to offer Salat what is the difference between us and this brings into question any benefit of taking Bai'at?

One is rewarded by God with worldly as well as spiritual provisions when Salat is offered for the pleasure of God.

God has not stopped one from doing trade and commerce, what He asks is that these worldly commitment should not take us away from His remembrance.

We have to make it clear that we need to adapt our every word and deed in accordance with God's pleasure.

We need to have fear of God in our heart and our ultimate goal should be the Hereafter.



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‘One’s heart is ever aggrieved that may Allah the Exalted also bestow the blessings of the Companions on our Jama’at.

They may have that truth and honesty that sincerity and obedience instilled in them which the Companions had.

They may not fear anyone other than God. May they be righteous because God’s love is with the righteous: **‘...Allah is with the righteous.’**
(9:36)’



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‘Remember, God Almighty’s perfect servants are those about whom it is stated: **‘...whom neither trade nor commerce makes oblivious of the remembrance of Allah...’** When a heart truly connects to God and instils His ardent love, it cannot separate from Him.’

‘This condition can be understood from the example of someone’s child being ill. No matter where that person is and no matter what he is occupied with, his heart and mind will be with the child. Similarly, those who inculcate a true connection of love with God Almighty cannot forget God Almighty under any circumstances.’



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'Worldliness and faith cannot coexist.' However, he also said: 'We do not say that a farming person abandons farming or a trader abandons trading or an employee abandons his employment or an industrialist abandons his business and sits uselessly. Rather, we say it should be a matter of: **'...whom neither trade nor commerce makes oblivious of the remembrance of Allah...'**

While they are engaged in their tasks their hearts should remember God. A trader in his trade, a farmer in his agricultural work, a king in his governance, in short whatever task one has to do, one keeps God as one's objective. And does whatever one wants while keeping His greatness and His authority in view and abiding by what He has enjoined and what He has forbidden in His commandments.'



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'Fear Allah and then do everything. ...! In fact it is a sin to be indolent. How can such a person serve God and His faith and provide for his family who has been entrusted to him by God? It should always be remembered that it is most certainly not God Almighty's will that the world should be completely abandoned, rather His will is: **'Surely, he prospers who augments it.'** (91:10) Only those prosper who keep themselves purified. Purify yourself in such a manner that these [worldly] matters do not make you negligent and then your world will become subservient to faith. Man has not been created for the world. If the heart is pure and one is ever eager and ardent to please God, then the world also becomes Halal for a person. Deeds are judged by motives.'



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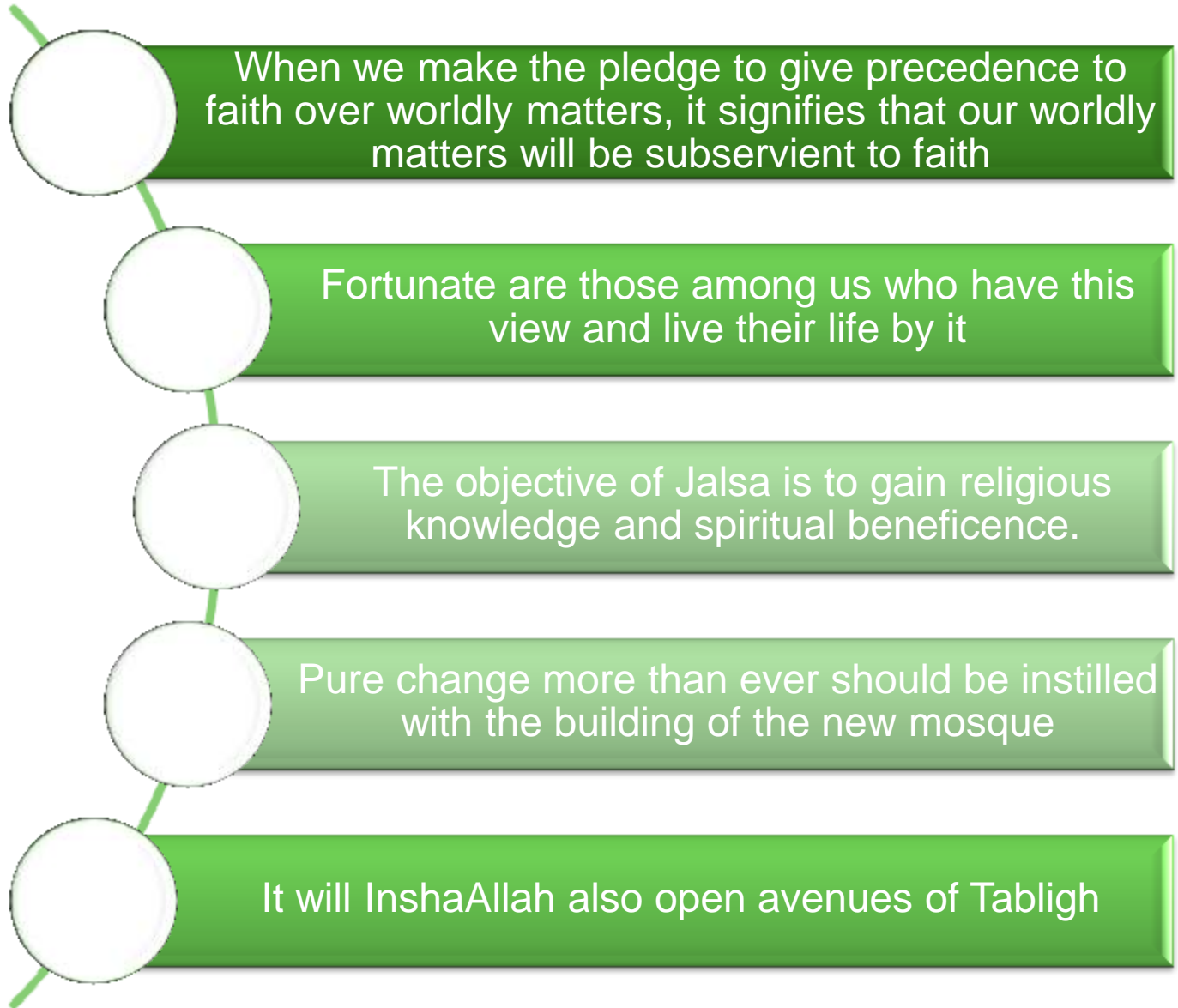
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If the resolve is strong even a small Jama'at can undertake this task

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih drew the attention of the New Zealand Jama'at and the auxiliary organisations not to merely rely on traditional ways of Tabligh but find new ways and means to carry it out and introduce Islam as much as possible.
- He said Maori TV coverage of the event regarding the translation of the Holy Qur'an in Maori language was a source of introduction of the Jama'at and the inauguration of the mosque will further enhance this introduction
- God has provided these arrangements and they should be availed for the propagation of Islam to attain God's pleasure.
- While paying the dues of worship of God, also exhibit high morals, love, affection and cooperation and thus truly introduce Islam to the people of the region and help remove the misconceptions about Islam



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Baitul Muqees

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The mosque is called Baitul Muqees and this two acre complex is located conveniently close to railway station and motorway.

The mosque comprises of two storeys. The minaret is 18.5 metres tall. Nearly one thousand people can offer Salat here.

Ahmadis made huge financial sacrifice and did as much volunteer work as possible for cost-saving

With the grace of God some members made sacrifice of more than 100,000 dollars and everyone gave according to their capacity.



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May God immensely bless all those who made sacrifices those who could not give financially gave their time and did Waqar e Aml. May God enhance their sincerity and keep their next generation connected to Ahmadiyyat and increase their faith! May they pay the dues of the mosque and also fill their homes with remembrance of God, may they be abound with the spirit of paying the dues of mankind and be drawn to spread the message of real Islam. May God bring about pure changes in all of us and may our hearts have greater fear of God and may the pure changes become a part of our lives and may all the Jalsa attendees be the recipients of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for those who attend Jalsa.