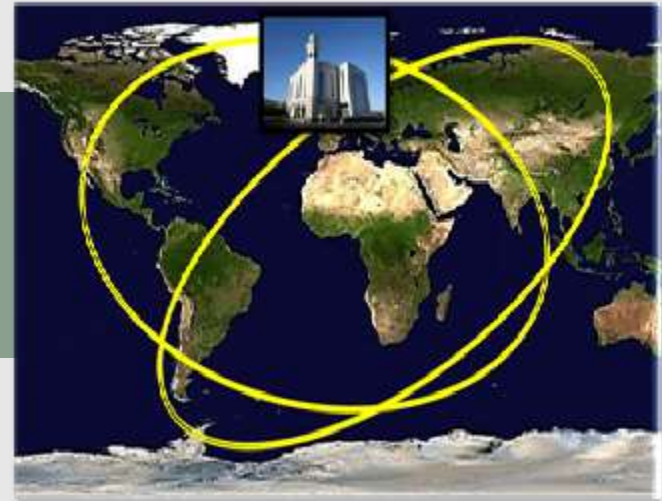


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Summary

Huzoor (aba) responded to a question by a caller in last week's Rahe Huda as he felt it was important to give the details in the words of the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace)

Huzoor spoke about the concerns of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) about the practices of his Jama'at

Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) expectations of the Jama'at and his advice to the Jama'at regarding practical reformation

Unity, mutual love, harmony and submission –mark of true believers

If one wishes to serve Islam, once must abide by Taqwa first.

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In the weekly MTA programme Rah e Huda, one caller asked a question about a prophecy of the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace).

The question was responded to briefly on the programme.

However, Huzoor believed that it was important to give the details of the prophecy in the words of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote:
'Some time ago I was in great need of money and the local Aryas who used to come and visit me knew this well. ...the thought welled up in my mind that I should supplicate God, the One, for resolving my difficulty so that, through acceptance of my prayer, furnish a proof of divine support to my opponents—a Sign of which they should become witnesses.

So I supplicated
...Thereupon, I
received the
revelation: ...'

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[Arabic] *Hearken! The help of Allah is near like a pregnant she-camel in labour.*

[English] Then will you go to Amritsar.' (Tadkirah, p. 67 2009 edition)

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All this was fulfilled in the presence of the Aryas exactly as had been foretold. No money was received during the first ten days and then on the eleventh day 110 rupees were received ...and thereafter money began to arrive unexpectedly. On the same day when the money was received ...I had to go to Amritsar as I received summons from the Small Causes Court, Amritsar, to appear as a witness.’

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A Sign of the Truth of Revelation

'Some time back ... a gentleman named Nur Ahmad, who is both a *hafiz* and a *haji* ...came to Qadian Since he was staying with me, and had expressed to me in very strong words the opinion about revelation ..., I felt much aggrieved by it. I tried in every possible manner to convince him of his misconception but my reasoning had no effect upon him.

'...Accordingly, I made my supplication that night and towards the morning I saw in my vision a letter which had arrived by post on which there was a superscription in English: I am quarreller. And another in Arabic: 'This is a shattering witness'. And I also received these words by way of revelation as if they had been addressed to me by the writer of the letter.

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A Sign of the Truth of Revelation by the Fulfillment of the Prophecy

' I understood clearly that I was about to receive a letter relating to some dispute. In the afternoon, in the presence of Hafiz Nur Ahmad, I received a registered letter from the Reverend Rajab 'Ali, that he has filed a suit in the Small Causes Court and had given my name as a witness. At the same time I received summons from the court.

'It so happened that Hafiz Nur Ahmad was not able to leave for Amritsar that day on account of heavy rain.

His inability to leave ... was in fact a sign intimation of the acceptance of my prayer so that, as I had supplicated, he himself might witness the fulfilment of the prophecy.

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The real objective of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Promised Messiah (as) was most concerned about the spiritual welfare of his followers. He said,

.. the real objective of my coming is to prepare a community of true believers who ... treads the path of reformation and Taqwa. They establish exemplary morals so that the world can receive guidance from such a community and the will of God is fulfilled.

If this objective is not fulfilled ...
– it would be as if all our work
went in vain.

However, **..our Jama'at lack a great deal as regard the real objective of my advent and a great need of attention is needed for this!**

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The real objective of the advent of of the Promised
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To prepare a community of true believers

who truly believe in God and maintains a real
connection with Him

who make the teachings of Islam as their way of
life

who implement the blessed model of the Holy
Prophet (pbuh)

who adhere to Taqwa and always focus on
reformation

who exemplary morals make them beacons of
guidance for the whole world

This was the
passionate
desire of
the
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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

‘I have said as regards mutual love and harmony of the Jama’at that you should have accord and unity. This is the teaching God gave to the Muslims that be as one otherwise you will collapse. The commandment to stand close to each other in Salat is to promote unity, so that the good in one permeates like electric power in each other. If you have conflict and no unity, you will remain unfortunate.’

‘The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said to love one another and pray in private for each other. If a person prays for another in private angels say ‘may the same be for you.’ How excellent this is! If man’s prayer is not accepted, angels’ is. ‘

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'I advise you and wish to say to you not to have any mutual conflict. I have brought two issues only. Firstly, adopt Unity of God and secondly be loving and sympathetic to each other. Show that model which works miracles for the others. ... Remember, coming together is a miracle.

Remember, unless each one of you likes for his brother what he likes for himself, he is not from my Jama'at. He is in trouble and calamity and his ending is not good.'

'Remember removal of malice is a sign of the Mahdi. .. Insha Allah a pious community will be created through me. What is the reason for mutual enmity? Miserliness, arrogance, self-centredness and emotions.'

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‘I will exclude all those from my Jama’at who do not have control over their reactions and cannot live with mutual love and unity.’

The reasons for mutual enmity

Miserliness

Arrogance

Self-centredness

Emotions

‘Those who are of this kind should remember that they are here only for a few days! Unless they demonstrate fine example I do not wish to dishonour my name by association.

A person who is in my Jama’at but does not act in accordance to my wish is like a dry branch. What else can the gardener do but to cut him off? Joined to a green branch .. such a branch also harms the other branches.

Therefore, be fearful, one who will not remedy himself will not stay with me.’

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Expectations of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

'I say openly that unless Allah the Exalted is given precedence over everything else and unless He can see that a person is His from the heart one cannot be called a true believer.... Thus, one who submits with all his capacities to Allah deserves to be called a true Muslim. ... Allah Almighty wants the substance of Islam, not its name and mere wording.'

Mere words have no value in the sight of Allah, therefore, Allah the Exalted has stated: **'Most hateful it is in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do.'** (61:4)

Give Allah precedence over everything

Show complete submission

Back your words with your actions

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) taught that if one wishes to serve Islam, one must abide by Taqwa first

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He said: ‘...be steadfast and strive to excel in steadfastness...’ (3:201)
Just as it is necessary to have horses at the frontline so that the enemy does not cross limits, you should also be prepared, lest the enemy crosses the frontline and harms Islam...that if you wish to promote and serve Islam, first abide by Taqwa and purity with which you can come into the refuge of fortified protection of Allah the Exalted and are then privileged to serve Islam.

You should thus purify your souls that power of holiness permeates them and they become strong and protective like horses on the frontline. The grace of Allah the Exalted is always with the righteous and the truthful.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) taught that if one wishes to serve Islam, one must abide by Taqwa first

‘Do not make your morals and your ways such that they cause blemish on [the name of] Islam. Muslims who commit foul deeds and do not abide by the teachings of Islam are a cause of blemish on [the name of] Islam.

A Muslim drinks alcohol and ... his unlawful act not only causes his own disgrace but behind the scenes its effect reaches Islam..’

‘My heart is agitated that these people who have been given the right path, do not simply cause loss to themselves with their excesses but also cause Islam to be derided. ...Therefore, make your ways and conduct such that the disbelievers do not get the chance to lay criticism on you which in fact is criticism of Islam.’

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Real thankfulness is in [abiding by] Taqwa and purity

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**The Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
says about
thankfulness: 'Real
thankfulness is in
[abiding by] Taqwa
and purity. ... If you
adopt the ways of real
thankfulness, that is
Taqwa and purity,
then I give you the
glad-tidings that you
will never be
defeated.'**

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) relates a story of a practicing Muslim who worked in an office with many Hindus. The Hindu workers decided to get him sacked; they tried to make several complaints against him to the superior time and again. If the superior became too angry and summoned him to the office, even then he would gently caution him as if he had not done anything wrong.

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Thus a person abiding by Taqwa comes under Gods protection and no one can harm him

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'It should be remembered very well that there is benefit in everything. Look around the world, from high quality of vegetation to rodents and insects, there is nothing that is devoid of benefit to man. All these ordinary things, whether they are earthly or heavenly, are reflections of the attributes of Allah the Exalted. When there is so much benefit in [Divine] attributes, imagine the benefit of the Being of God

It should also be remembered here that just as we are sometimes harmed by these things, ..the harm is borne of our own error and fault, similarly we experience trouble and problems due to not having knowledge of some Divine attributes, otherwise Allah the Exalted is All-Merciful and All-Bountiful.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained that we find Allah the Exalted to be Ever Merciful and Bountiful and Beneficial beyond imagination through His attributes. And those who are closest to Him garner the most benefit and this status is given to those who are called the righteous. Such a person is given the light of guidance which instils a special radiance in his knowledge and his senses.

Conversely the further a person is from Allah the Exalted a destructive darkness overtakes his heart and mind, so much so that he becomes an example of: '**They are deaf, dumb and blind...**' (2:19), ...

'while those who attain light and radiance are given high level of peace and respect. Allah the Exalted has stated: '**And thou, O soul at peace! Return to thy Lord, well pleased with Him and He well pleased with thee.**' (89: 28-29).'

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said some people find apparent satisfaction in power.. , property, status or their beautiful and clever children and staff. However such pleasure and worldly pleasures of all sorts cannot bring man true satisfaction and assurance. In fact they generate a kind of impure greed and yearning. These people are never satiated until the time comes when they are destroyed.'

'However, God Almighty states that the person that finds his peace in Allah the Exalted, it is possible that for such a person wealth and worldly pomp are not the cause of true pleasure.'

'Unless man finds peace and satisfaction in God, he cannot have salvation because salvation is only an alternative word for peace and satisfaction!'

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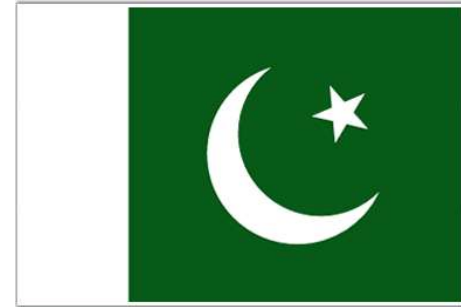
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Next Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said he would also like to draw attention to a matter which has caused anxiety for every true believer, that is, the pitiful condition of Muslim countries such as Syria, Pakistan, Egypt and Libya.



May God protect us all and may He swiftly bring the wrongdoers and those who create disorder to justice!

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