OBJECTIVE OF JALSA SALANA: ACHIEVE HIGH MORAL STANDARDS



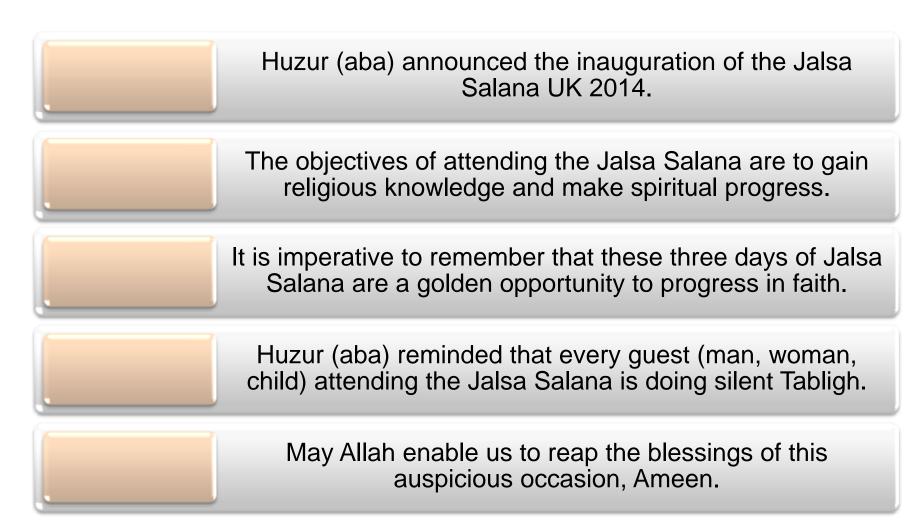
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Summary



After reciting Surah Al Fatihah, Huzur (aba) announced the inauguration of the Jalsa Salana UK 2014 as the Friday Sermon is also part of the Jalsa Salana.

The objectives of attending the Jalsa Salana are to gain religious knowledge and make spiritual progress.

The Jalsa Salana provides an environment of being in the company of righteous people, inspiring one to enhance one's personal standard of righteousness.

We as Ahmadis have made a pledge to give precedence to faith above all worldly matters, and the Jalsa provides the perfect occasion for identifying ways by which we can put this pledge into practice.

During Jalsa Salana, we must pay close attention to our acts of worship, as Allah Almighty states: "And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me. [51:57]

Therefore, the days of Jalsa Salana must be utilised by every participant (be it guests or duty workers) to make every possible effort to attain the nearness and pleasure of Allah.

It is imperative to remember that these three days of Jalsa Salana are a golden opportunity to progress in faith.

STANDARDS

The Promised
Messiah (as) stated:
"The hearts of my
true followers are
ever inclined
towards the
Hereafter."

This means that true followers are always concerned with the attainment of the highest rewards i.e. pleasure of Allah Almighty.

It is important than one must make every effort to attain this objective; and seek Allah's support with the prayer that 'O Allah, guide us onto the right path with Your Mercy and Blessings. Fill my heart with Your Love so that my every step leads me to the path that directs me to You.'

The Promised Messiah (as) stated that one cannot attain the high standards of faith unless and until one does not give precedence to the comfort of his brother over his own comfort.

He says that one must feel the discomfort of his brother as his own discomfort. Huzur (aba) directed the attention towards some of the highest moral values we must all make every effort to attain.



It is absolutely essential to shun all ego and progress in attaining righteousness (Taqwa).



If one wishes to attain the blessings of attending Jalsa Salana, he must look past any differences or conflicts he may have with fellow Ahmadis.

STANDARDS

Huzur (aba) then recited the following Quranic verse: "You are the best people raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allah." [3:111].



Huzur (aba) expressed his desire that Muslims in the world today would understand this beautiful teaching of Islam.

He said that since the Muslim leaders have rejected the claim of the Promised Messiah (as), it is incumbent upon the Ahmadis to show the beautiful face of Islam to the world.



Huzur (aba) said it is extremely important to look after the underprivileged amongst us, not by doing them a favour, but by understanding this as their God-given right.

The Jalsa Salana is an occasion where the comfort of others must be taken into account.

When a large crowd gathers in a small place, there are many opportunities for one to display an attitude of affection and self-sacrifice towards others, even at the cost of one's own comfort.

Similarly, one must shun all pride and adapt an attitude of humility.

Truth, expression of truth and justice must prevail in all our actions.

Forgiveness and patience are virtues that every Ahmadi must practice.

When all participants of Jalsa Salana will adopt these high moral standards, a most beautiful atmosphere will be created, which naturally attracts people towards Ahmadiyyat.

STANDARDS

Huzur (aba) reminded that every guest (man, woman, child) attending the Jalsa Salana is doing silent Tabligh.

This exemplary behaviour during Jalsa Salana should not be a temporary display of model behaviour but each individual must endeavour to bring about a permanent positive change in their lives.

Huzur (aba) stressed on the importance of saying "Salam" to one another and one must say salam to everyone with the best possible intention and with the most genuine compassion.

In the end, Huzur (aba) also drew the attention of all Jalsa participants towards some organizational matters.

Men who are accompanied by their children aged 7 or above must remain in the marquee and listen to the Jalsa.

Similarly, women with little children must refrain from indulging in conversations while the program is in progress and make every endeavour to listen to the speeches.

Workers on duty must discharge their duties with full responsibility and participants are urged to listen to the workers. Especially during times of peak congestion, display patience and show exemplary discipline.

Everyone, including workers and participants, is in charge of security, so keep an eye on your surroundings.

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