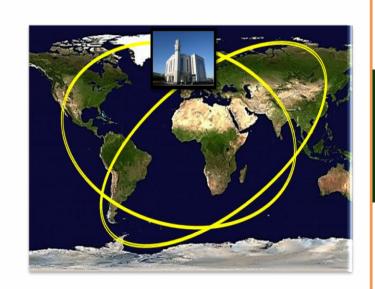
DIVINE FOUNDATION OF JAMA'AT AHMADYYA AND JALSA SALANA



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<u>Summary</u>

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<u>Jalsa Salana</u> <u>Qadian</u>

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Jalsa Salana has started in Qadian today and also simultaneously in some other countries Pakistan government
backed by law, stopped
jalsa. and thought they had
succeeded in depriving
hundreds of thousands of
Ahmadis from remembering
Allah and His Messenger.

Our self claimed opponents utter the same Kalima that we believe in

- •There was a time when Jalsa Salana used to be held only in Qadian, India.
 - •Then after partition, Jalsa Salana started taking place also in Pakistan.

•The opponents of
Ahmadiyyat do not realize
that these restrictions can
only impose on the physical
body not the heart
•All the physical pain and
losses thus imposed cannot
take the love of God and His
Messenger from our hearts.

Instead of being happy that all of us are attached to the same Kalima
And that all of us are prepared to offer every sacrifice for its upholding they still try to stop us from saying this Kalima

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The month of December is an emotional time for the Ahmadis of Pakistan . May their emotions be accepted by God in such a way that every opposition and difficulty is removed and they too may benefit from all the blessings of ahmadiyyat

today these Jalsas are taking place in many countries and during the year they take place in all the countries where the Jama'at is established

this institution started by the Promised Messiah (as) has now acquired a global status

Even non-Ahmadi Muslim and also non-Muslim leaders of all backgrounds say that these Jalsas make the world aware of the beautiful teachings of Islam

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Promised Messiah (as) said

Do not think this Jalsa to be some ordinary kind of gathering - this is the Jalsa through which the name of Islam will be elevated in the world. Human efforts alone will not suffice, the Help of Allah will also manifest itself and bring about the results. ...the foundation stone of this movement has been put in place by the Hand of God Himself and He has prepared nations who will soon come and join them because this is the work of that All-Powerful One for Whom nothing is impossible. The time is near when nothing will remain in this faith of those who worship nature and hold on to superstitions and do not believe in the miraculous powers of God and of those who make all kinds of worthless things a part of the faith and God Almighty will establish for this Umma the middle path.

That same path which the Quran brought. That same path which the Holy Prophet taught to his Companions (may Allah be pleased with them). That same path which the Siddig [Truthful ones], Sulaha [Righteous ones] and Shaheed [Martyrs] were blessed to have found and followed. This is what will happen. Indeed this is what will come to pass. He who has ears let him listen. Blessed are the ones to whom the straight path is disclosed.

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By placing restrictions on our Jalsa in one country our opponents had imagined that they had dealt a powerful blow but the enemy is misguided and does not understand that the Imam of the Age had not said that he was establishing a Jama'at but had said that the Hand of God had put in place the foundation stone of this Movement

Different nations are joining in these Jalsas. In Qadian 31 nations are joining



If our opponents have the power they can try to oppose God but they should remember that the Promised Messiah (as) is that beloved of God who enjoys His special Help and Succour because he was the one who was sent to rejuvenate the faith by God Himself.

They may be able to hurt a few individuals but how can they damage the Jama'at set up by God Himself?

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Talking about his claim the Promised Messiah (as) states

The Movement which is established to manifest the glory of God and to make clear and prove to the world the blessings of His Messenger and is planted by the very Hand of God Almighty then such a Movement is taken care of and protected by the very angels of God. Who can destroy such a **Movement?** Remember that if my Movement is merely a business its name and every sign of existence will be erased. But if it is from God and most certainly this is the case then even if the entire world opposes it, it will still go on growing and spreading and the angels will protect it and safeguard it. ... Even if I am not supported by a single person, and no one supports me even then I believe that this Movement will succeed.

These are most powerful words that have been stated making God a witness...So how can the enemies succeed. But we must remember that we too have responsibilities. Ever y Ahmadi must bring about in him or herself that revolutionary change that the Promised Messiah (as) desires to see in each of us.

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Our mere participation in these Jalsas is not enough

We must become among those who become deserving of receiving the blessings of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (as).

We have to assess and see whether the change we feel when we join these Jalsas is just a temporary thing or whether it will become a permanent feature of our lives

If we leave every Jalsa with the full intention to change our lives and become those who will make the needed changes to their lives that are desired by the Promised Messiah (as) then we will go on becoming the recipients of the blessings of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (as).

Efforts and prayers both are necessary to bring change

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We have to listen and pay heed

When Allah the Exalted says that listen to my commandments and pay heed to what I say. what are those things that we have to obey and follow?

These are the things that are found in the Holy Quran from its beginning to its end

By way of another favor, Allah has made clear to us the import and deep meaning of these commandments by sending the Promised Messiah (as)

Just with reference to the Jalsa where the Promised Messiah (as) has explained to us to discharge the duties we owe to Allah, there, he has explained to us also the need to discharge our obligations to our fellow man also.

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After drawing our attention to righteousness, purity and piety he drew our attention to becoming exemplary in soft heartedness, mutual love and brotherhood

we should be those who display humility and be ready to make sacrifices for the sake of each other

those who establish new and high standards of truthfulness and good conduct

Are we exemplary in possessing these high morals? Are we making such exemplary sacrifices in helping others?

We should be such as stay away from foul talk and discourteous behavior

So everyone needs to assess himself from this point of view.

Do we, today, possess those high standards of humility which the Promised Messiah (as) wishes to see in us and which are mentioned by Allah, the Exalted, in the Holy Quran and the examples of which were established for us by the Companions of the Holy Prophet (sa)?

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If we wish to eat the
best fruits of the
relationship we have
with the Promised
Messiah then we
need to also become
fully devoted to him.

If we are to really become the inheritors of these prayers of the Promised Messiah (as) then we need to realize that even in ordinary relationships those children who listen and pay heed to everything their parents say and devote themselves to their service they are the ones who become the recipients of their parents' prayers.



All those Ahmadis who participate in these Jalsa Salanas in general and those who join the Jalsa in Qadian especially must feel the concern and pain that is conveyed by the Promised Messiah.

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What the Promised Messiah (as) desires from us

If our Jama'at wishes to become a Jama'at then it must accept a death and safeguard itself against material and carnal desires and wishes and hold Allah, the Exalted, above all other things. Many vain and hypocritical pretentious things destroy a man..... You should try to safeguard yourselves from every type of passion that may lead you **astray.** Every stranger whom you meet looks upon you and sees your morals and habits and level of perseverance and looks to see how far you abide by the commandments of God.

If these are not of the highest grade then he is misled by you. So remember all these things. ... The Holy Quran says, that whosoever killed a person.. — it shall be as if he had killed all mankind; (5:33) Similarly, I say that if any one does not show sympathy to a brother of his he has not shown sympathy to the whole of mankind... You should not love life so much that your faith should be lost...

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This Jama'at which He desires to make an exemplary Jama'at, if this too becomes such that among them is not found brotherhood and sympathy then it would be a great misfortune.... I say it truly that the faith and the world cannot exist **simultaneously**...yes by way of service it can exist but not by way of partner. It has never been heard that a person who has a pure untainted connection with God has been seen begging for sustenance from the world. The fact is that Allah, the Exalted, even takes care of the progeny of such a one.

Only those should be considered to be members of our Jama'at who, in accord with their oath of allegiance [bai'at] truly give precedence to the faith over all worldly matters. When a person, keeping in mind this oath, moves towards God, then Allah, the Exalted, bestows upon him strength....

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What the Promised Messiah (as) desires from us

"that our Jama'at should be such as should not content themselves with mere words but they should be such as fulfil the true intent and purpose of the bai'at. A true internal change should be brought about. You cannot please Allah, the Exalted, by just gaining an understanding of the arguments. If there is no internal change then there is no difference between you and the others."

"you must make an effort to bring about changes within yourselves. Pray to God in your Salat. Join the ranks of those who strive in Allah's way, by giving charity and in every other way as is said: And as for those who strive in Our path

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In order to please Allah, the Exalted, and in order to absorb His love we need to make progress in our deeds and actions.

These are a few of the Promised Messiah (as)'s directions, advice that that he gave to elevate the spiritual and moral standards of the members of the Jama'at.

We should keep these in front of us and <u>try</u> to develop a clear distinction between <u>ourselves and the others</u>

Without this we cannot fulfill the purpose of entering into the bai'at. We have to change our condition

The Promised Messiah (as) made it clear that by understanding some arguments and gaining victory over others by arguments alone we cannot win the pleasure of Allah, the Exalted.

Acquiring knowledge has its place but It is not enough for us to just acquire knowledge.

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We need to become among those about whom Allah the Exalted says:

And as for those who strive in Our path (29:70).

Those who try to meet us, who try to get to meet us. They do this by sacrificing their own self's wishes and desires. They do this seeking strength from God through prayers and by spending in the way of Allah and making use of every method that may serve to please God.

Then seeing this struggle this intense desire of such people God says:

that We will certainly bestow upon them the ability to come to the paths that lead to Us. (29:70)

So in order to acquire the nearness of Allah, first we have to make an effort ourself. Similarly to become the inheritors of the benefits of the prayers of God's elect we have to strive to achieve these benefits.

So we should benefit from the environment that these Jalsas to fulfill our obligations to God and to His creatures so we can travel along the paths to His nearness as quickly as possible. May Allah bestow upon us the ability to do so.

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The second thing that Huzoor reminded to all those attending the Jalsa in Qadian

- the Promised Messiah (as) had directed those who come there to bring with them their bedding according to the season
- those who live in India should act on this instruction as far as is possible and indeed those coming from Pakistan also
- There is some arrangement but it is not sufficient
- those coming from outside also should take warm clothing with them as much as they can

- they should take due care and sleep with warm clothing.
- The people from Europe also may feel the cold. As they are used to heating in their homes.

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Jama'ats should insure that they provide the things that are sought in a timely manner. This is the responsibility of the Ummara.

Everyone should be content with whatever is made available and render thanks to Allah.

Everyone who joins this Jalsa instead of looking for these comforts should try and immerse himself in the spiritual environment that exists there and spend their time in prayers

The Jama'ats also should inform all attendees of the conditions before they leave and insure that they go there prepared.

Similarly some people make demands that they must be accommodated in a particular place or a particular guest house etc. The arrangements are made for the 16,000 or so attendees and it <u>is a good arrangement</u> that is made for them but to come to the Jalsa and benefit from it some pain and difficulty will have to be suffered.

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Those who are in the habit of making demands, even if they have to suffer difficulties they should still try and cooperate with the officers and those incharge of making the arrangements and they should try and see how by coming to the town of the **Promised Messiah** they can maximize the benefits they can gain.

the signs of the better arrangements and as Allah had directed wasay makanaka ...arrangements for accommodation go on growing.

the worldly comforts
search for those
things and look to
acquire those things
that the Promised
Messiah (as) desires
from us

All those who go there, except a few, are examples of sincerity and loyalty. When they write, after having gone there, one sees an amazing and pleasing account of the experiences that Allah causes to grow among them, in them..so I say to the earlier Ahmadis for whom I have some complaints, those upon whom materialism has had an overwhelming effect, I say to them that they should look at these newer Ahmadis and see their sincerity and loyalty.

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Spend your days and nights and mornings and evenings in the remembrance of Allah then alone will you be able to gain the benefits of participating in the Jalsa. May Allah, the Exalted, bless all of you with this ability. May Allah, the Exalted, show us quickly those scenes when we will witness the world join the Muhammadi Messiah and come together under the flag of the

Holy Prophet

Muhammad (sa).

In these days
especially while they
pray for their own
faith and they should
also pray for the
progress of the
Jama'at and the
strengthening of the
links with Khilafat
and the Jama'at.

Pray also that they become capable of fulfilling the wishes and desires that the Promised Messiah (as) had from the members of the Jama'at

Pray for the Jama'at, for the Khalifa of the time, for one another - these prayers of the participants will also be of great benefit to all of them. Insha'Allah.

Also pray for the success of the Jalsa and for the evil of our enemies to turn back upon them. Pray that we see the mission and purpose of the Promised Messiah (as) being fulfilled quickly.

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Absentia Funeral Prayer of Ahmad Shamshair Sukya Sahib

Former Missionary of the Jama'at who passed away on December 24, 2014 in Mauritius.

Inna lillahay wa inna elaihay rajayoon.