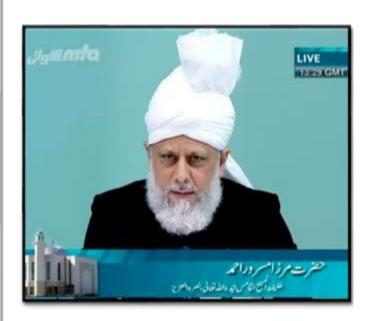
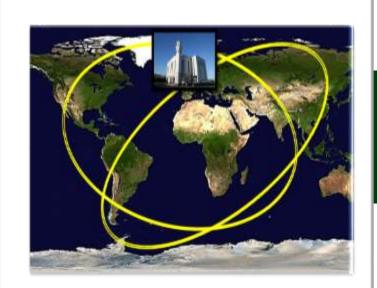
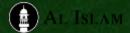
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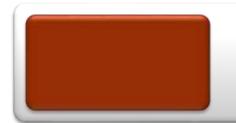
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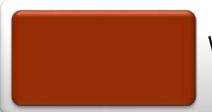
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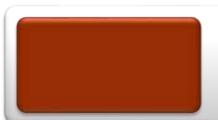
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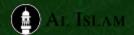
Hazrat Musleh Maud [the Promised Reformer, Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmud, Khalifatul Masih II (ra)] while giving an example of this, states, with regard to Hazrat Ali (ra) ...



...who pledged to support the Holy Prophet (sa), in the initial days of his prophethood, when no one supported him and most people ridiculed him.

When after bitter persecution by Makkans for 13 years, the Holy Prophet (as) had to emigrate to Medinah, Hazrat Ali (ra) stayed in his bed on the night of migration so the enemy may think that the Holy Prophet was still in bed.

This great act of bravery and sacrifice was not done in pursuit if any reward; it was purely out of love and dedication to the Prophet and to win the pleasure of Allah.



•At that time only Allah knew the honour Hazrat Ali (ra) would receive for his sacrifice and not only he but also his virtuous progeny.

The first favour upon Hazrat Ali (ra) was that he was blessed to become the son-in-law of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Once the Holy Prophet (sa) was going for a battle and commanded Hazrat Ali (ra) to remain behind in Medina. Hazrat Ali (ra) said that O Messenger of Allah you are leaving me behind with the women and children? The Holy Prophet (sa) replied, O Ali would you not like that you should occupy that status with me that Aaron (as) enjoyed with Moses (as)? The status of Hazrat Aaroon was not diminished by being left behind by Hazrat Moses (as).

Many saintly people of Islam were from the progeny of Hazrat Ali (ra) and many of these virtuous ones were shown signs of Allah and received the Help and support of Allah.

Hazrat Musleh Maud narrates that the Promised Messiah (as) used to say that Haroon Rashid imprisoned an individual named Imam Musa Raza and tied his hands and feet with rope.

Meanwhile Haroon Rashid was resting comfortably when he saw in a dream that the Holy Prophet (sa) has come and that his face is indicative of extreme displeasure.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said to him that O Haroon Rashid you claim to be one who loves me but have you no shame that you are enjoying deep sleep surrounded by comfort while our loved one is lying all tied up in extreme heat in a prison?

Seeing this scene Haroon Rashid got up disturbed and immediately went to that same prison with his commander and with his own hands untied the hands and feet of Imam Musa Raza.

Imam Musa Raza said to him that you were so opposed to me what has happened that made you walk here in person? Haroon rashid narrated his dream and said I seek your pardon I did not know the reality of things.

At one place Hazrat Promised Messiah (as) mentions the case of a Friend of God - a saintly person - that he was on board a vessel and it came across an immense storm at sea and the ship was very close to total destruction but the prayers of that saintly person became the cause of its safety.

While he was praying it was revealed to him that solely for your sake all of the passengers have been saved.

So one can benefit from being the progeny of righteous parents only when you are also virtuous yourself.

The Promised Messiah (as) says look, these things cannot be attained by mere words but it is necessary that one undertakes strenuous efforts for attaining it and a connection has to be established and maintained with Allah, the Exalted. One has to maintain the good and virtuous state of the parents.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) says about the strictness of the Promised Messiah (as) regarding offering Salat in Congregation that Salat was so dear to the Promised Messiah (as) that whenever he could not come to the mosque to offer the salat in congregation due to some illness, he would have his wife and the children join and offer the salat in congregation.

Hazrat Promised Messiah (as) says about the importance of salat in congregation that it is the desire of Allah, the Exalted, that He should make all the people like unto a single being - this is what is called democratic unity. He goes on to say that this is also what faith desires that everyone becomes united like the beads of a single cord. ... Praying in congregation is for this same purpose to establish unity so all worshipers can be considered as if one. And the commandment to stand side by side is for the purpose of helping to strengthen the faith of the weaker ones

Hazrat Promised Messiah (as) says, in order to establish this democratic unity, Allah ordained that the people living on a street should come together to offer the five daily prayers .. and find strength from each other. And so that getting to know each other love may grow between each other. He says that getting to know each other is a very good thing because through it love grows which is the foundation of unity.

So those who do not come for salat in congregation or come and do not get to know each other and do not increase in love for each other and remove animosity for one another, their prayers do not benefit them. This is so because the purpose of salat apart from that of worship is to bring into being a unity, and cause love and affection to grown among each other, and that is not attained if people do not get to know each other and do not eliminate mutual animosities etc.

We should safeguard our prayers with the thought that we have to eliminate all forms of negative feelings. So that we may become united and thus capable of offering prayers that would be accepted by Allah and become those who gain His pleasure.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) says referring to Hazrat Promised Messiah (as) that he used to tell us an incident of Amir Muawiya.

Once Hazrat Muawiya woke up late and missed the morning prayer. He cried the entire day because he missed the morning prayer.

Next day he saw that a person came to wake him up for prayer and he asked him who he was? The individual told him that he was Satan.

The Satan said that as you missed salat yesterday, you showed so much repentance that Angels liked your attitude and you were rewarded with blessings.

Satan said I was dismayed at seeing you received so much extra blessings.

So the Satan said today I have come to wake you up so you do not earn the greater reward.

So he says that Satan abandons his efforts only when man finds the way to break his attempts and this causes him dismay and he runs away

So we all should also try to dismay Satan at every occasion and try to achieve the pleasure of God as far as is possible and try to follow all His commandments and safeguard our prayers.

The Promised Messiah (as) could not lift his right hand to drink water, because of weakness in his right arm as a result of a childhood injury. He used to hold the glass in his left hand and used to use his right hand to support the glass, so that he could follow the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Some weak-minded individuals used to criticise the Promised Messiah (as) for this practice, without first understanding the reasoning behind this.

The Promised Messiah (as) himself says that hastiness and thinking ill forced the person to level this criticism at me whereas my hand is weak on account of the injury it had suffered and I cannot take the cup to my mouth for drinking from it with my right hand. Nevertheless I do definitely always place my right hand below the hand holding the vessel I am drinking from.

Now with respect to tawaqul, trusting in God, I want to mention another incident. Hazrat Musleh Maud narrates this as having heard from the Promised Messiah (as).

Tawaqul means to do one's utmost best in attaining a goal using all one's God-given faculties and then totally relying on God for the best outcome.

It is stupidity to totally abandon all worldly means and efforts and it is also folly to have no faith in blessings of God and totally rely on personal efforts and faculties.

Western nations, Hazrat Musleh Maud says have forgotten God and rely solely on their efforts while the Muslims have abandoned using efforts in the name of their false concept of relying on God.

The fact is that Muslims have become lazy and and have lost their reputation and standing and have become the victims of weakness.

Thus tawaqqul begins after one has done one's best using the God given capacities and means. The Help of God does not arrive except after this.

This is a very fine point that on the one hand there is the permission to make use of one's faculties and effort while on the other hand the requirements of tawaqqul, reliance on God, should also be fulfilled.

This is the true distinction of a believer.

And within all this Satan finds much space to raise doubts. It is important to differentiate between worldly objects and God. Satan tries to weaken faith by coming in between.

Some people fall prey to a trial and become worshippers of means and faculties while others begin to think naught of the God given powers bestowed upon them.

Reflect on the fact that the Holy Prophet (as) would go for battle with preparation. Weapons, horses, shield, he would take all these with him. Indeed sometimes he would wear two layers of body protecting armor. He would also carry a sword on his back whereas God had promised to safeguard him [5:68]:

One
revelation
states that
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Allah Himself has revealed to the Promised Messiah (as) that Kings shall seek blessings from thy garments. Remember, garments are mere lifeless. This revelation also means to say that Kings will seek blessings from the righteous individuals within this Jama'at.

So upon gain power while you celebrate do also occupy yourselves with seeking forgiveness from God and pray for yourselves and for others. This is a most necessary thing.

Today we talk about peace and peace but when the kings become Ahmadi Muslims at that time it will be important that we spread peace and security and love ....

.. otherwise everything we are saying now will be considered just a rhetoric.

But they, the Kings will only seek blessings from the garments of the Promised Messiah (as) when you, the Ahmadis will start to seek blessings from the books of the Promised Messiah (as).

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When you will start to seek blessings from the books of the Promised Messiah (as) God Himself will make such arrangements that Kings will start to seek blessings from his garments.



At the time of demise of the Promised Messiah (as), he left three rings; we were three brothers. The ring with inscription, "Is Allah not sufficient for His servant" was given to the eldest son, Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmood, the second ring was given to Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (ra) and the third that was on the Promised Messiah's hand when he passed away 'Maula Bass' was given to Hazrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad (ra).

Khalifatul-Masih II (ra) wanted to give the "Alaisallah.." Ring to the Jama'at but he says how can I give it to you when you do not have provisions to preserve it? My children will at least take care of it thinking it to be their property.



But my heart desires that I should not give this ring to my children but rather to the Jama'at.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (ra) wanted this ring to be spread across the Jama'at. "Is Allah not sufficient for His Man?" ring should be spread to all nations.

Ultimately it was decided that Khilafat would keep that main ring and the ring would pass from one Khalifa to the next.

In olden days, it took a long time to compile books and many edits had to be done and the resources available were very limited.

The Promised Messiah (as) would proof-read all his books with great care and would reject a book even if smallest error was found in it. The Promised Messiah (as) would not permit a book to be published till he was certain that there was no error in it.

The Promised Messiah (as) also wanted excellent quality in publications and spared no time and expenses for this.

The scriber of the books of the Promised Messiah (as) was excellent in his skills and the Promised Messiah (as) valued his skills. He and his sons were not Ahmadi initially.

In those days the wages were low, 25 rupees a month and an allowance for food. The scriber used to take opportunity to get his allowance increased and demand additional funds for his family needs and the Promised Messiah (as) would willingly oblige.

This is because the Promised Messiah (as) wished that the teachings of Islam should be presented in the best manner possible.

We should strive to read the books of the Promised Messiah (as) especially. Our religious knowledge would increase thereby and a zeal would well up within us for conveying the message to others.

Then our knowledge would also become blessed and we will become capable of bringing the world under the flag of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

The real blessing of course is that the Kings should obtain knowledge of true Islam and they reform their lives accordingly.

Thus, when Islam is meant to spread through the Promised Messiah (as), and the people will seek blessings through his garments, it will be through understanding the true teachings of Islam.

These are the true blessings and so we too should know of this true teaching and we should conduct our preaching in accord with these teachings and the youth must pay attention to this also.

Only in this way would the reality of Kings will seek blessings from thy garments be realized.

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

May Allah enable us to understand this principle. Aameen.

One was of Ch Abdul Aziz Dogar Sahib who was living here in Coventry since some time. He passed away on January 11, 2016 at the age of 87 years. Inna lil-lahay wa inna elaihay rajayoon. He was the son of Hazrat Master Charagh Din Sahib (ra), Companion of the Promised Messiah (as). Hazrat Master Charagh Din Sahib (ra), had the honor of being the class fellow of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib (ra). Ch Abdul Aziz Dogar Sahib was blessed to serve the Jama'at all his life. May Allah bestow His love and Forgiveness upon him.

2nd is of Iqbal Naseem Azmat Butt Sahiba who passed away on 13 January 2016. She was a Moosi. May Allah bestow His Forgiveness and Mercy upon her.

Funeral in-absentia: Mukarrama Siddiqa Sahiba wife of a Dervesh of Qadian who passed away on 6 January 2016. Inna lil-lahay wa inna elaihay rajayoon. May Allah elevate her station in Paradise.