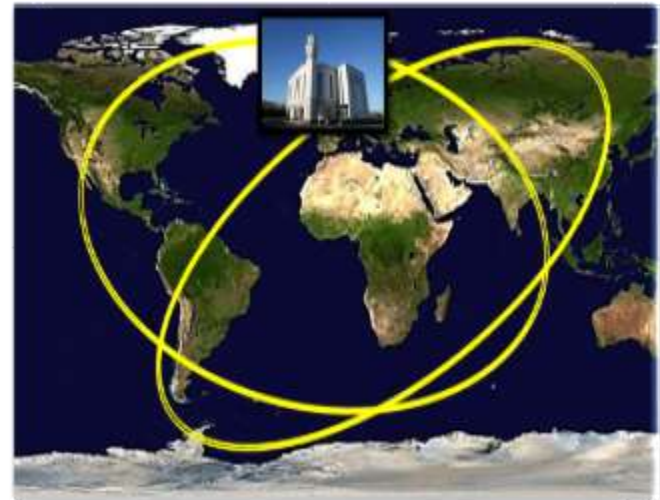


Khalifatul Masih II: Pearls of Wisdom




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One should make one's best effort and pray with resoluteness as this attracts God's grace, but prayer with effort is like testing God.



A sad news of Martyrdom in Pakistan!

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Today's Friday sermon was a continuation of short stories and fables with morals that Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) had recalled the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) relating to him.

These ancient stories from the Indian sub-continent are being related today by virtue of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Had they not be written down in Jama'at literature they would have been long forgotten where as owing to their mention in the Friday sermon they are now translated in several languages.

Some of these tales may appear to be humorous but there is always a moral to the story.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said kindness and courtesy to parents is obligatory on everyone

Some young people do not give parents the due respect, do not fulfil duties towards parents and are embarrassed by their parents

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) related that a Hindu made great personal sacrifice to educate his his son, who attained a high rank in civil service.

Once, the father went to visit the son at a time when he was in the company of some lawyers and barristers.

The father was in his unkempt rustic clothing. Someone did not like his appearance and asked who the dishevelled person was.

The son was embarrassed and pretended that the person was not his father but an acquaintance; this angered the father who gathered his belongings and left.

The son's companions were not impressed by this attitude either!

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to say that one should not attend an event merely to enjoy a good lecture; but should see what the discourse is about and if it can be enacted.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to relate that once a preacher gave a lecture in quite a dramatic manner.

Most of the audience remained unmoved but a rustic farmer, who had come late and seemed to have been overcome with emotions.

The preacher presumed that his speech had so affected the farmer that it had moved him to tears.

He asked the farmer exactly what in the lecture had moved him so.

The farmer replied that the wailing in your sermon reminded me of the noises made by a dying calf on my farm yesterday and that is what made me cry!

This left the preacher embarrassed and mortified.

It is a favour of God on us that we have been enabled to accept the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) otherwise we too may have been part of the world where Pirs make a living in the name of Islam.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to say about one such Pir to one of his followers and demanded his tax.

The man said times were very hard, there was drought and he had nothing to give.

Yet the Pir was unrelenting and eventually made the poor man sell something to pay him.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained that the Holy Qur'an has addressed all the principles of medicine and it contains the treatment of all worldly illnesses.

Hazrat Musleh Maud said it was possible that his personal spiritual knowledge had not yet reached the stage, but he could say this much that we were not in need of anything outside of the Holy Qur'an.

Some people assume that having acquired any given knowledge they do not need any experience or any advice t.

Whereas it is vital to be mindful that experience is important in conjunction with knowledge. A physician's knowledge of medicine is not complete unless he practices it.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to relate that a highly academic physician went to the court of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh.

His adviser recommended to Ranjeet Singh that he should meet the physician as he was a highly academic person.

Ranjeet Singh said, very well, but is he experienced in his field?

The advisor replied, he will have experience with your help.

Ranjeet Singh understood the situation and said, is Ranjeet Singh the only one left for him to practice on?

If knowledge is not backed up with experience it does not make one an expert on any given subject.

It is also very important for the general progression of the Jama'at that young people gain experience after attaining knowledge of modern subjects.

Some issues need to be tackled which can only be done through experience.

After accepting Ahmadiyyat, we can safeguard our faith by keeping a strong and constant connection with the administration of Jama'at and with Khilafat as.

Hazart Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said there can be no progression in Jama'at work unless one is connected to the main source.

He gave the example newspapers and loudspeaker to keep in connected with the Khilafat.

No we have MTA and Alislam to keep in touch

In the lifetime of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) community newspapers were very popular among the members of the Jama'at.

Even uneducated Ahmadis would purchase the newspaper and give it to others to read as Tabligh.

One uneducated Ahmadi who drove a horse carriage always purchased Al Hakm and when he felt his passengers were gentle people he would give them the paper and ask to read it to him.

Thus he introduced his passengers to Ahmadiyyat. He helped many people accept Ahmadiyyat this way.

Every Ahmadi should instil the practice of watching MTA for personal tarbiyyat as well as for forging a strong connection with Khilafat. We should tell friends about the Jama'at website.

MTA and the Jama'at web site are both very good resources for Ahmadis and connecting them to Khilafat and the Jama'at.

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Some people are mindful to better themselves especially as regards offering Salat.

However, they become negligent about this when keeping company with those who are not so regular in Namaz.

It is important to have ties with those who are spiritually strong. In particular attention of Ahmadis in Rabwah and Qadian was drawn to this matter.

They have local branches in close proximity and should fill and populate mosques.

Rather than be inclined towards people who are indolent about Salat one should be lean towards active people.

As the number of active number will increase, then even those who are a less regular in Namz will be drawn towards being active.

Once a man came to an assembly of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and demanded that he would accept him if he showed a miracle.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) replied God is not an acrobat and does not put on shows. Everything that is from God is replete with wisdom.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) asked the person what benefit had he availed from earlier miracles that he was now in need of a fresh one?

This is simply how obstinate people are, when they do not want to accept they follow in the footsteps of Satan and make such demands.

These frivolous, pointless demands have no value in the sight of God or for Prophets of God.

There are numerous signs for those who seek with an open mind.

When Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) initiated the scheme Tehrik e Jadid

Some people raised objections that perhaps it was a new-fangled scheme.

He explained that this scheme was in fact in keeping with the teachings of Islam and was nothing new.

He said the use of the word jaded (new/modern) was for specific purpose.

By way of example he said when a doctor treats someone for a long period of time the ailing person thinks the treatment is not working.

The doctor does not give a new medicine but gives the old medicine in a new way to make it more effective.

similarly Tehrik e Jadid scheme is totally consistent with the teachings of Islam and and is simply called 'new' but people started criticising that he had started something new!

Those with hypocritical tendencies said new-fangled ideas were being introduced and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) were being digressed.

How foolish it is to associate one's own weakness and failing to God.

It is God's law that all our actions have a consequence. Good or bad consequence is dependent on our own actions.



What is needed is to make effort to have definitive results and not rest until the results are achieved!

Some people write in to say they make great effort in worship of God but do not achieve their objective, their prayers are not accepted.

It should be understood from this that either the effort or the technique is not adequate.

We need the right way and the right amount of hard work to attain our objective.

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Research work takes years upon years before any result is achieved.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that when an alchemist is unsuccessful he pins it down to slight imprecision in temperature. That is, he does not lose hope in alchemy and puts it down to his own failing.

An alchemist whose whole life is spent in dealing with the slightest of imprecisions in temperature does not lose hope in spite of his failure. However, if a person who wishes to attain nearness to God is not successful, he does not put it down to any defect in his practice, rather he loses hope in God and stops making effort.

Although there is no scope for hope in alchemy whereas hope springs eternal is connecting to God.

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What is needed in attainment of spirituality, closeness to God and acceptance of prayer is to keep an eye on one's own ways and to reform and better them.

To self-analyse, to keep an eye on one's worship of God and to abide by all commandments of God and to correct one's thoughts and intellect.

God states that He is near and He listens to prayers of the supplicant.

Thus if one does not feel that God is near and does not experience acceptance of prayers, then somewhere along the way something is deficient in the human effort.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to say that there are two kinds of beggars.

One type of beggars call out and take whatever is given to them, if nothing is given they call out two or three times and then move on

The second kind of beggar does not give up till he gets what he begs for.

Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that he remembered a beggar used to come to the door of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and would not move until the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave him something.



At times he used to ask for a fixed amount of money and if less was given he would simply not accept it..

On days when the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was ill and did not go out he would sit there until such time that the Promised Messiah felt better and gave him charity.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to say that in terms of acceptance of prayer, it is important that one is like the second type of beggar and keeps on asking and does not stop until such time that act of God proves that prayer about a specific matter should be ceased.

At times, God discloses His will and to continue to pray against God's will in such a situation is discourteous.

For example if one knows for sure by the tests the baby to be born is a girl and continue to pray for a baby boy, it is against the act of God.

Indeed, one can pray for a baby boy in the future.

It should also be remembered that planning and prayers go side by side.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to say that to pray without planning is wrong and the prayer of such a person is thrown back on him because to pray and not plan is against the law of God.

One should plan and then pray with resoluteness as this attracts God's grace.

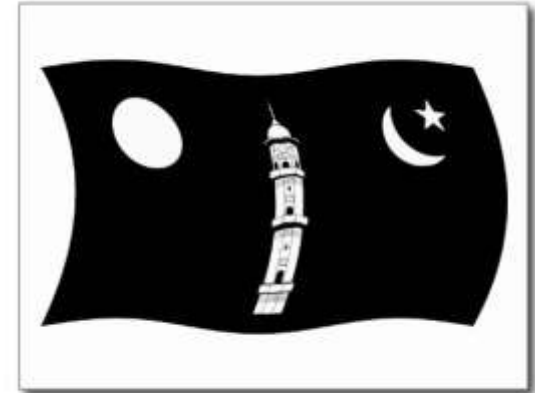


It is very important that we also plan and take practical steps along with praying for something.

It is tantamount to testing God and it is contrary to the dignity of God that man should test Him.

May we, with resoluteness, mould our condition in accordance with pleasure of God and may we pray with the apparent requisites.

Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat



Next, funeral
Prayer in absentia
of a martyr was
announced.
Qamar Zia Sahib
Shaheed was
martyred in his
hometown in

district
Shiekupura,
Pakistan on 1
March 2016 when
assailants
attacked him with
knives outside his
home.