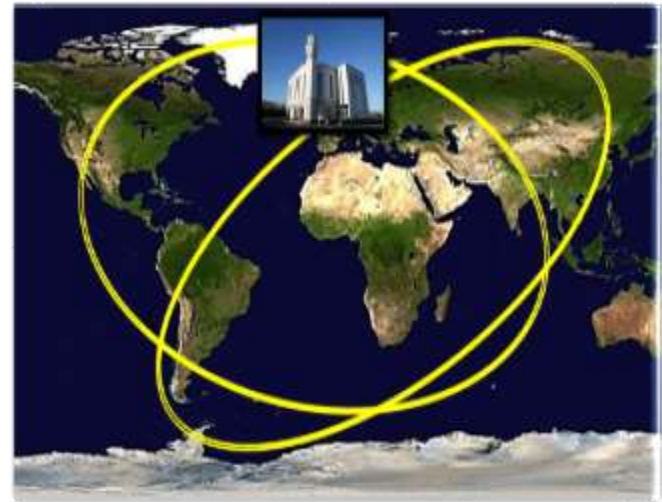


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By the grace of Allah, Jalsa Salana of Jama'at Ahmadiyya, Canada is starting today

The Promised Messiah (as) said that the purpose of Jalsa is to improve spirituality and mutual love.

The Promised Messiah (as) asked us to gather at least once for training purposes to bring about a change in our conditions.

Tell your generations that the circumstances in which we migrated and the better conditions here demand that we should try to become grateful people of God and act upon His commandments

Expectations of the Promised Messiah (as) from a true Ahmadi

The one who only retains a name and doesn't act according the teachings, should remember that Allah has intended to create a pure Jama'at

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Objectives of Jalsa Salana

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By the grace of Allah, Jalsa Salana of Jama'at Ahmadiyya, Canada is starting today. All the world's Jama'ats hold their annual conventions every year. Why?

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It is because after being told by God, the Promised Messiah (as) started it

Our responsibilities

He asked to gather in Qadian for three days every year. Not to hold a fair, to engage in material pursuits, to play games, or to attain worldly objectives. Rather we should get together to increase religious knowledge and to broaden information.

The Promised Messiah says

Gather to progress in sublimity. What is sublimity? It is to know something in depth. What kind of sublimity he wants us to progress in?

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He wants that we should not just state superficially that we are Muslims or we are the ones who say the creed, "There is none worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad (pnuh) is His messenger".

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Strive to find what is Allah and what does He demands from us

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We have to raise our spiritual status after accepting Islam. What are Allah's rights and how we need to fulfill them.

How shall we understand Allah's decrees and how shall we act upon them?

If we have accepted Muhammad (pbuh) as His messenger and accepted him as the seal of the prophets, then we need to know his Sunnah and the ways to act upon it

What was his life and how to understand it in depth?

? So, what Quran says, is the detail of his life and virtues".

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The the promised Messiah (as) said that the purpose of Jalsa is to improve spirituality.

This is the depth of knowledge about Muhammad pbuh) that a believer should strive to achieve! The recitation and understanding of the Holy Quran is necessary for that.



Then he said that **if there is no spiritual progress, the attending of the convention is useless.**

He said that another advantage of attending the Jalsa is that all attendees should try to get acquainted with one another.

Every Ahmadi should make progress in the relationship of love and fraternity among them.

This relationship should be so strong and long-lasting that nothing should be able to impede or break it.

Khilafat and jalsa Salana

This is also a blessing of Allah that informed by Him, he said that a system of the second manifestation will be established, which is the system of Khilafat.



So, it was established and through it, the work to accomplish his mission continues. The holding of conventions is a part of it.



After the demise of the Promised Messiah (as), in Qadian, in the presence and the guidance of the established system of Khilafat, the conventions were held for about forty years



Then after the migration of the Khilafat to Pakistan, the conventions were held in Rabwah and alongside, the Jama'at expanded in many countries.

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Though the establishment of foreign missions had started even before the flight from Qadian, especially very strong Jama'ats were established in Africa,



Further consolidation and expansion of the Jama'ats continued out of Pakistan



So much so that the enemies, seeing the progress of the Ahmadis, got a very repressive law passed by the government. For that reason, the Khalifa and a large number of Ahmadis had to migrate from there.



After the migration of Khalifatul Masih IV (Rahmullah), where the London conventions took a new turn and expanded, at the same time, other countries also got a new complexion in their conventions and kept on their progress

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Now every place has its own convention characteristics. Now it's not possible that a large number of Ahmadis travel to Qadian for Jalsa, nor can participate in the Jalsa at a large scale at the place where the Khalifa is present.



The way the Jama'ats are expanding and progressing, it was necessary to hold the conventions everywhere on the lines they were held at the time of the Promised Messiah (as).



The Promised Messiah (as) asked us to gather at least once for training purposes to bring about a change in our conditions.



Every year you gather here for that purpose and particularly so because it is fifty years that the Jama'at was established here. Fifty years have passed since the Jama'at was registered here and that is the criterion used here

The purpose

I tell all of you that the matters that I am about to relate, they should listen to them attentively and keep their wits as they sit.

Half an hour or forty minutes is not something that a man cannot bear.

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Our responsibilities

The purpose of coming to the convention will be served only when you listen to those things seriously along with the speeches to be delivered by the rest of the speakers.

Many matters are meant to enhance the faith and increase the spirituality.

The Promised Messiah says

Don't just raise your hands high as you shout slogans. Make these things a part of your lives

I will express some themes in the words of the Promised Messiah (as), so that his words enter give rise to the spiritual change that the Promised Messiah expects from us.

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He has repeatedly told his Jama'at that there will be no emancipation until you reach its reality. The one who is satisfied by the shell, will be deprived of the core. Only that one is intelligent who tries to get the fruit and not just the shell.

He further said that if the disciple doesn't practice, the guru's sagacity is of no avail. Meaning that you came under Bai'at but did not improve your practical nature. You are happy that the one you accepted is sent by God. The high status of the one sent by God is true and right in itself. The believer will benefit from his reverence only if his actions are in conformity with what the revered one says.

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He told to study 'Noah's Arc' again and again and mold yourselves accordingly. Then he says again:

Translation: "He indeed truly prospers who purifies it". [91:10]

The purpose

There are thousands of thieves, fornicators, evil doers, drunkards and rascals that claim to belong to the Ummah of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). But, are they really so? Not at all, only the ones who fully follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), belong to his Ummah.

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He further explained the standard of Bai'at by saying that the one who claims the Bai'at and the faith, he should assess himself if he is only the shell or a kernel. It is not a true claim of faith, love, obedience, Bai'at, belief, following, and Islam, if there is no essence to it. Remember that before God, the shell has no value in the absence of the kernel. Keep very well in mind that the time of death is not known but it will surely come. So don't depend only on the claim, and be happy. It is decidedly not useful and a human cannot reach the purpose of humanity unless he experiences many deaths, undergoes many transformations and revolutions.

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What are these deaths?

It means to give precedence to faith over worldly matters. The glitter of this world is visible in these countries. Worldly arrangements have been done to divert from the path to Allah the Almighty. We have to avoid them

He further invites us to look at the current state of the world. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) showed by his example that his life and death, i.e. everything was solely for Allah.

There are Muslims in this world, if you ask any one of them if he was a Muslim. He says 'thank God'.

The one whose creed he pronounces, his principles belonged to Allah, but he (the Muslim now) lives and dies for the world, until the time of death approaches and he starts breathing his last

A Muslim invited a Jew to convert to Islam. He answered him not to be happy just for the name that you are a Muslim

The Jew further said that he named his son 'Khalid' and he buried him before the evening fell. He did not become everlasting because of the name.

He did not live long for the child died and he buried him. Don't be satisfied with names only.

What a shame that one calls himself in the Ummah and passes a life of an infidel. You should be an example of the life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and assume the same state.

Some people came to the Promised Messiah (as) and took the Bai'at.
He advised that

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At doing the Bai'at, one should not accept only that this system is true and there will be a blessing just for accepting that. **He asked us to become noble, to be righteous, and always busy ourselves in praying.**

He further advised that Allah has placed righteous deeds along with faith. The righteous deeds are the ones that do not have even the slightest discrepancies. **Remember that human deeds are always subject to attack by thieves. What are they?** 'Showing off' that a person is doing a deed to show others and is glad in his self that by doing something, he has performed a great act of nobility. And actions are annulled by many bad deeds and sins that he commits. Righteous deeds do not contain even the mere thinking of cruelty, showing of, pride or trampling of human rights.

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He explained that like a man is saved by the righteous deeds in the hereafter, he is saved in this world as well in the same way. If there is a single person with righteous deeds in the household, the whole household is saved. Be advised that only believing is not useful unless you have righteous deeds. When a physician writes a prescription, he means to drink according to what is prescribed. It's of no use if he doesn't use the medicine and puts away the prescription. He says that you have repented at this time, and now God wants to see that how much you have cleansed yourself. It is the age that God wants to differentiate by righteousness.

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These days, we should recite the prayer of Adam (as):

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"Our Lord, we wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgives us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost". [7:24]

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He says that this prayer has been accepted from the day one....ever since God taught it.

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Don't live a life of carelessness. This prayer has been taught to be accepted. We should recite this prayer seriously.

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Once, Maulvi Abdul Karim Sialkoti (ra) requested him to say something about unity and solidarity. At that he (as) offered some pieces of advice. I state a part of it.

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He stated that he has come with two propositions. One, that accept the oneness of God. Two, that show love and sympathy to each other. Show such an example for others that is a miracle for them, . This was the proof created in the companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). "...You were enemies and He united your hearts in love..." [3:104]

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Remember that love is a miracle.

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Remember that unless everyone among you likes for his brother, what he likes for himself, he is not in my Jama'at.

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Remember that severance of malice is a sign of Mahdi. Will that sign not show?

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Malice and ill-will shall disappear at the time of Mahdi. It will prove to be true

Insha Allah, a righteous Jama'at will be created due to my presence.

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What is the cause of mutual enmity? It is miserliness, haughtiness and self-pride.

This Jama'at will form by the grace of God, and many faithful are being born in the world.

Those who cannot control their emotions and cannot live with love and solidarity, should remember that they are guests for a few days, unless they show a fine example.

I don't want to be blamed for the actions of someone. Such a person who is in my Jama'at and doesn't act as I mean, is like a dry branch.

What should a gardener do except cutting it down? The dry branch soaks up the water as it is attached to a green branch, but water cannot make it green.

Instead, it destroys the other branch as well. So be warned that the one who doesn't cure himself, will not stay with me.

Blessings of both worlds

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**Allah has taught us this prayer:
"...Our Lord, grant us good in this
world as well as good in the world to
come..." [2:202]**

**In this, the world has been held high
but what kind of world is it. The
blessed world that will bless the
hereafter as well.**

The teaching of this prayer makes it abundantly clear that while getting this world, a believer should keep the blessing of the hereafter in mind.

Get this world in such a way that achieving it will bring goodness and not by harming others, and not by usurping others' rights

Allah has intended to create a righteous Jama'at

Only that one enters our Jama'at who regards our teaching as his code of conduct and tries to act upon it according to his will and strength

But the one who only retains a name and doesn't act according the teachings, should remember that Allah has intended to create a peculiar Jama'at

He will see such a time that he will dissociate himself from the Jama'at. For that reason, try to align your deeds with teachings given to you

Deeds are like the wings. Without actions, a man cannot soar for the spiritual ranges. Human actions fly him spiritually as the birds fly virtually.

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If the show of happiness is due to the fact that we have made progress in acting upon Allah's commandments and will strive more in future, then this shows gratitude towards Allah and is permissible. So, keep in mind the sayings of the Promised Messiah (as), keep acting on the commandments of Allah and His Prophet (pbuh) and keep on taking stock of your actions. We should always judge ourselves

When we reach the completion of seventy-five years here, we should Insha Allah be able to say that we are not only steadfast in our promise to give precedence to our faith over worldly matters, but also are making good progress in that regard. May Allah enable us all to do it. We should spend in supplications, these three days of Jalsa, in particular. Fulfill the purpose of Jalsa, by attending it thoroughly and by listening to its programs. May Allah grant us the capacity to do that as well. (Ameen)