

True Servants of Allah - Bashir Ahmad Rafiq & Dr Nusrat Jehan



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Today's Friday sermon was delivered by Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper) from Baitul Islam Mosque, Toronto, Canada.

Today I am going to talk about two servants of the Jamaat who recently passed away. One of them is Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Khan Sahib and the second is Dr. Nusrat Jehan of Fazle Umar Hospital, Rabwah. Whoever comes in this world, has to depart. But blessed are those whom Allah enables to serve religion as well as humanity.

Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Khan Sahib was an old servant of the Jamaat and was also a Mubaligh. He was appointed on various administrative positions in the Jamaat. He passed away on October 11 in London at the age of 85.



Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rm) said to Bashir Ahmad Rafiq Sahib in a letter that, “Your letters always refresh the memory of your pious father, and make me incline towards praying for him. He was free of all variations between what he said and what he did, and was the personification of a truthful and sincere man.”

Once in a Friday Sermon, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) called young men to devote their lives in the service of Islam. Among these blessed young men was Bashir Rafiq Sahib as well.

After that, he received a personal letter from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) saying that his Waqf has been accepted. Until 1947, he continued his education in Qadian. After completing his matriculation or around partition time he went back to his ancestral village.

He received a letter from Private Secretary Sahib stating that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) is inquiring about a Pathan student who had signed up for Waqf in Qadian in around 1945, but he doesn't remember his name. The record had been lost because of Partition. At this, Khalifatil Masih II (ra), directed him to immediately report and get admission in Talimul Islam College Lahore and complete his Bachelors of Arts (BA).

In 1953, when he was preparing for exams, the anti-Ahmadi crisis erupted. He says that I wrote my exam in such circumstances. But when the result was announced, I was deeply saddened because I had failed. I was also confused that if I was to fail anyway, then why was I shown the exam paper in my dream state? Moreover, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) had also assured me that I will pass. In those days, my faith would get precarious.

A few days later my father said that every time I pray for you, I hear a voice saying that Bashir has passed. One day, we received several letters through the postal service. The letter read that there had been a blunder in results, and after a thorough inspection you have been declared as having passed.

Upon hearing this, he said, I had already told you that I have been told after praying for you that you will pass. Now this result makes it clear that the verdict of God cannot be turned away. It would be a mockery of Allah's words weren't fulfilled. Allah had told the same thing to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) as well as to his father.

After this Hazrat Khaifatul Masih II (ra) directed him to get admission in Jamia Ahmadiyya to complete his degree of Shahid because he intended to send him in the field of Tabligh.

Hazrat Khaifatul Masih II (ra) also drew our attention towards the need that every Murrabi should have his own library and should get in the habit of buying books.

After getting the Shahid Degree from Jamiatul Mubashereen, I reported to Wakalat Tabshir.

He said that I should be sent to England. And when the time came, Wakilut Tabshir Sahib again took me to Hazrat Khaifatul Masih II (ra)

He says that our class of Jamia had the unique honor that Hazrat Khaifatul Masih II (ra) would visit us and guide us in how to be skilled in various subjects.

And this is something that every Murrabi should always keep in mind. Now, there are several Jamias in the whole world and there are numerous Murrabis, they all should remember this.

Wakilul Tabshir was Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, who took me to Hazrat Khaifatul Masih II (ra).

who dictated detailed guiding points, prayed for me, embraced me and bid me farewell.

In 1959, before going to London, he went to see Hazrat Maulana Jalaluddin Shams to seek some advice.



Maulana Jalaluddin Shams Sahib said that all those who lovingly serve us for being Mubalegheen, they don't do it for our sake, but they do it to seek the pleasure of Allah. They do it out of their love for Jamaat. Therefore, we should always keep in mind that when people serve us, it is their immense kindness upon us. Therefore, if they fail to deliver sometimes, then we have no right to question them about it.

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1964 - 1970 &
1972 - 1979

He remained Imam Masjid Fazl
London.

1987 - 1997

He served as Additional Wakilut
Tasnif London

1961 - 1979

He served as the founding editor
of the Muslim Herald.

1983 - 1985

He served as Editor Review of
Religions

1970 - 1971

He served as Private
Secretary of Hazrat Khalifatul
Masih III (rm).

1988 - 1995

Chairman of the Board of
Editors for The Review of
Religions.

1985 - 1987

He was appointed as Wakilud
Deewan, Tehrike Jadid

1971 - 1985

Member of the Sadr Anjuman
Ahmadiyya Pakistan

1982 - 1985

He served as Wakilut Tasnif in
Rabwah

1971 - 1973

Member of the Ufta Committee

1983 - 1984

He became Additional
Wakeelut Tasnif Rabwah from

1984 - 1987

Member of Qaza Board

His son writes that he used to offer Tahajjud regularly and would pray with much preparation. He would pray by names so he doesn't forget to pray for anyone. He would abundantly invoke Durood. He explained to us the importance of Chunda.

His brother writes that whatever Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) had prophesied, he achieved all that such as status, high ranks, fame with the blessing of Waqf.

He was a heart patient. He had heart surgery too and at one point the condition of hopelessness developed. However, Allah Almighty gave him new life and he became better. He was extremely weak because of this medical condition, but he would regularly not only write letters to me in which he would express his sincerity and loyalty to Khilafat, but would also try to attend all those events where I would be expected to attend.

May Allah treat him with forgiveness and exalt his status. May Allah Almighty also enable his children to remain connected with the Jamaat with sincerity and faithfulness and may they follow his footsteps. Amin.

Nusrat Jehan Malik Sahiba, who was the daughter of Abdul Malik Khan Sahib, passed away on October 11 in London, To Allah we Belong and to Him shall we Return. She was residing in Rabwah but was a British national.

She would visit partly to update her professional skills in various hospitals and also because she had been sick for some time and was getting treatment here. After the UK Jalsa, she got a chest infection which kept increasing.

Then her lungs stopped working. But by the Grace of Allah she had recovered well and doctors were hopeful too. Yet, the fear was still there that if the infection occurred again, then it would be hard for her to survive. However, Allah's decree dominated and one day out of nowhere, she had an attack and within hours she passed away.

After completing her Medical education from Pakistan and the U.K., she could have earned hundreds of thousands of rupees daily wherever she would choose to go. But to serve the religion and to serve humanity she preferred to stay in the small town of Rabwah



Her expertise was also needed in the hospital, and she fulfilled those needs. And then throughout her life, she offered such service which had reached its pinnacle.

Dr. Nusrat Jehan completed her MBBS from Fatima Jinah Medical College, Lahore. And then from Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) she took a gynecology specialization. In 1985, she started her services at Fazl-e-Omer Hospital, Rabwah. And from April 20, 1985 until now, she offered her services at the hospital.



Her son in law, Maqbool Mubasher Sahib says she had complete reliance on Allah. She was fond of worshipping, she was deeply in love with the Quran, and she had a deep connection with Khilafat. She obeyed Khalifat with utmost thoughtfulness. Service to humanity and the wellbeing of the patient was her first priority. I am witness to all these things that he has mentioned.

She would pray before every surgery and before every treatment. She would give Sadqa every day. She would reach out to elders of Rabwah for prayers for her patients.

At home she would advise kids to offer Namaz and recite the Quran. Every time she would see any kid doing something good, for example reading Quran etc, she would get very happy and would give them gifts and prayers.

And through the life of Hadhrat Ama Jan and other noble personalities, she would relate short yet interesting incidents. She herself was very careful about Purdah.

Allah Almighty had bestowed her extraordinary abilities. She was an obedient and caring daughter as well as a compassionate mother. She was a disciplined teacher as well as a consoler, a sister, and a friend.

She would often pay or had her close friends pay for the treatment of poor patients. She was also very mindful of Jama'at money.

Her son in law, Mubasher Sahib, says that when his daughter turned 12, she started to tell her about head scarf and Purdah.

So if parents and their elders advise children about Purdah, then the shame of wearing Hijab ends and they feel courageous.

Her preferences were very different from ordinary people. She used to say that I have two kids, one is my daughter, and the other is my profession.

Dr. Nusrat Jehan Majoka says that, since last year, she included me in everything. She kept me involved in everything and taught me all sorts of Gynecological surgeries too. She also used to express that I don't have enough time. At that time, I never paid attention to what it meant because she was very active. But now after her death, I realize that maybe she knew something. She also says that she left the residents of Rabwah. She did a lot for the people of Rabwah and today every eye is tearful and every heart is grieved.

She would take care of little things. For example, if an extra light was on, she would turn it off because Jamaat money is being wasted. Also she would advise those who were married to always try to save marriages.

She used to say that blood relations can never break but the relationship of husband and wife is of love and affection, if that breaks, then nothing is left. This is a great point that she told, and every married couple should keep that in mind.

Dr. Noori Sahib said that she possessed such characteristics that are hardly found in doctors these days. She was pious, prayerful, possessor of High moral values, fearful of God, prayerful for her patients...

...extremely particular in Purdah, very knowledgeable about the Quran, and was a true follower of the life of Prophet Muhammad (sa) and the Promised Messiah (as).

Generousness and sympathy were also her special characteristics. Dr. Noori Sahib says that an elderly woman who was admitted at Tahir Heart Institute related an incident:

She says that once, Dr. Nusrat Jehan was going home after work and she saw me at Aqsa Road near the Hospital. She pulled over and put her hand on my neck and asked how was I feeling. And then right there, she prescribed medicine for me.

Her relationship with Khilafat was of devotion and sincerity. During meeting, seminars and even during ward rounds she would keep reiterating the sayings of the current Khalifa.

Devotion to Khialfat wasn't mere lip service. Instead, her actions would express the same. She was a role model in the true sense.

Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Ashraf says that Allah Almighty had bestowed her with genuineness and perceptiveness. While treating someone, she would delay a procedure and later on her decision would prove to be right.

Many non-Ahmadi patients would also come to her as well. Once a non Ahmadi Molvi Sahib brought his wife for treatment. They were married for several years but didn't have any children. After her treatment, his wife started expecting. So she said that now I have the opportunity, I will do Tabligh to him for the full nine months. And that's exactly what she did without any fear or hesitance.

About her hospitality, Tahir Nadeem Sahib says, that once for Al Hiwarul Mubasher Arabic program, Arab Ahmadi were staying in Guest House number 53 near Fazl Mosque. She was also staying at the same place. One day, she was she was making parathay [sweet bread] in the kitchen with her daughter. She said that I am making parathy for all Arabs who are here for the program so that I can also join in this Jihad and can earn some reward.

Tahir Nadim Sahib says that Dr. Sahiba relied more on prayers rather than on medicines. He says that his wife was scheduled for a surgery in which there were some complications. Dr. Sahiba herself told him that when complications occurred, I cried in my prayers to God that O my God, this is a wife of a Waqife Zindagi, her husband is away, have mercy on her. Soon after by the Grace of Allah, the bleeding stopped and surgery was no longer needed.

Mubashar Ayaz Sahib, Principal Jamia Ahmadi Rabwah, says that our Dr. Sahiba would be seen wearing her Burqa, fit and active like a soldier. She displayed the best example of Purdah carrying out her tasks. Those women who complain about Purdah should look at her for inspiration. Dr. Nusrat Jehan would work for long hours in her purdah and she never expressed any tiredness or fatigue.

Also she would also order new machines with the help of other people. He says that she worked very hard for the construction of a new theater in the Zubaid Bani Wing, but she couldn't get to use it. May Allah enable other doctors to use it properly.

In Fazl-e-Omer Hospital the Gynecology department used to consist of only one room. Today, it comprises an entire wing, which is the living proof of Dr. Nusrat Jehan's untiring hard work, determination, and commitment and passion.

Her daughter Nudrat Ayesha sahiba says that she was such a strong woman that she nurtured me both as a mother and as a father. Sometimes, when she would realize that she cannot give me enough time, she herself would quickly say the work I spend in serving humanity is much more important. May God Himself take care of my daughter's needs.

She would always tell me that your Grandfather [her father] told me two things, one was reliance on God, and the other was connection of Khilafat. I advise you the same things. Always rely on Allah and keep your relationship with Khilafat strong, and tie your children with Khilafat too.

Her work was her passion. Even in her last days, at the mention of the Hospital, a smile would appear on her face. During unconsciousness, she would say names of Hospitals operation theater and equipment companies that even British nurses would be surprised and would enquire me about it.

When doctors installed a speaking valve the first sentence that my mother said was, “My daughter, leave it to Allah.” And when I would start crying, she would tell me with a gesture of her eyes to turn to God.

May Allah grant her only daughter patience and fortitude. And the advice her mother has given to her, May Allah help her fulfil them.

May Allah always keep her daughter and her children in His protection. May Allah elevate her status too. And may Allah grant Fazl-e-Omer Hospital more doctors who serve with passion and faithfulness and loyalty to the Jamaat and obedience to Khialfat. And those who are already serving, may Allah increase them in this work. Amin.