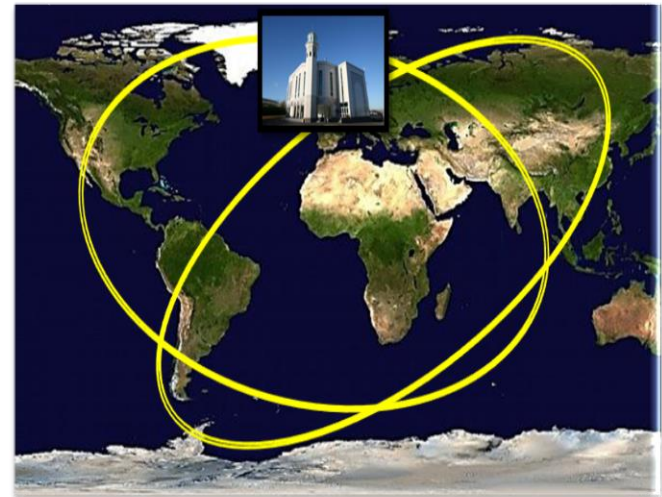


The Promised Messiah and Mahdi (AS)



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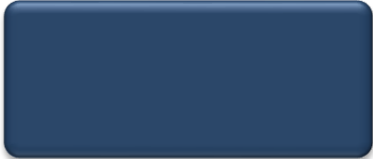


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Summary


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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

After he made his claim, the so-called scholars did not leave any stone unturned, exerted the utmost efforts and went to all possible lengths to incite the general Muslims against him, and they still continue to do so.

Today is March 23rd. This day is commemorated in the Community as the Promised Messiah Day in which the Community also holds Jalsas in relation to this.

I will present some excerpts of the Promised Messiah (as), in which he has elucidated the purpose of the advent of the 'Promised Messiah', his need and his status.

However, with the Help of Allah the Almighty, his Community continues to make progress and pure-natured people continue to join the Community.

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

The promises of God are ever true. He has sent a Warner to the world according to His promise. The world did not accept him but God Almighty will surely accept him and will establish his truth through mighty Signs. I tell you truly I have come as the Promised Messiah, in accordance with God's promise.

Let him who so wills accept and let him who so wills reject. However, your rejection will make no difference. Whatever God has promised will surely come to pass, because God has made the promise in Braheen-e-Ahmadiyya: (Allah and His Prophet have spoken the truth and the promise will come to pass).

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

To reject me is not in fact limited to denying me alone. Rather, it is to reject Allah and His Messenger (sa). The reason for this is that whoever rejects me, prior to doing so, God forbid, holds Allah the Exalted to be a liar as he witnesses that internal and external disorders have exceeded all bounds and God the Exalted, despite His promise of ([Hijr: 10] verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian)

did not make any arrangements for their reform; as he apparently believes in the fact that God the Exalted promised in the verse of Istikhlaf that in similitude to the Mosaic dispensation, He would also establish the system of Khilafat in the dispensation of Muhammad (sa). However, God forbid, He did not fulfil His promise and there is presently no Khalifa (successor) in this Ummah (nation).

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

Similarly, they would be compelled to falsify this verse of the Holy Qur'an ([Al-Jumu'ah: 4] and among others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise), which gives the glad tidings of a reflection of Ahmad).

There is no doubt that my rejection mandates the rejection of God and that my acceptance testifies God and firm faith in His Being is developed. Furthermore, to reject me is not in fact rejecting me. Rather, it is to reject the Holy Prophet (sa). Thus, prior to forming the courage to reject and deny me, a person should reflect and seek guidance from his heart as to who he is rejecting.

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

Thus, I openly say that my denial is not an easy task. Prior to declaring me as a disbeliever, you will have to become a disbeliever yourself. ... In order to declare me as someone to have abandoned the Holy Qur'an and the Hadeeth, you will have to abandon the Holy Qur'an and the Hadeeth yourself. Even in that case, only he will abandon them.

I testify (to the truth of) the Holy Qur'an and the Hadeeth and I am a fulfilment thereof. I am not misguided. Rather, I am the Mahdi. I am not a disbeliever, but a true fulfilment of :I am the first to believe.

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

Thus, if the hearts of these people are free from grudges and malice, they should listen to my words and follow me and observe whether God the Exalted leaves them in darkness or guides them towards the light.

I am certain that whoever follows me with patience and a pure heart will not be destroyed. Rather, he will partake of the life, which has no end to it.' In other words, he will be honoured in this world and Allah the Exalted will also shower blessings upon him in the hereafter.

While responding to those who object that they are already following the Islamic teaching and there are already so many sects within Islam, why is there a need to create another sect and what is the purpose of joining your Jama'at, the Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

Remember, such things result from lack of understanding and insight. This is not because of me. If this dissension was created, then it was started by Allah Almighty Himself who established this Movement.

I did not initiate this Movement, Allah Almighty was the one who established it, because the spiritual state has deteriorated continuously which has resulted in the utter extinction of the strength in faith and Allah Almighty desires to revive the spirit of true faith through this Movement.

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

The Promised Messiah (as) explained that the purpose of the Promised Messiah's advent was to safeguard Islam from the internal and external evil ploys and attacks. The Holy Prophet (sa) also prophesied this. The Promised Messiah (as) states: Regarding the latter days, the Holy Prophet (sa) stated there will be two kinds of evils. One of them will be internal and the other external.

The internal evil shall be that the Muslims will no longer remain established on the true teachings and will fall prey to Satanic influences. There will be no righteousness in their actions. ... The external evil shall be that great lies will be fabricated against the blessed character of the Holy Prophet (sa).

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

Every kind of effort and plan will be made to make people believe in the divinity of Jesus and the accursed death on the cross. In short, for the reformation of both of these evils, internal and external, the glad tiding was given through the Holy Prophet (sa) that a person from his followers shall be commissioned to shatter the external evil and reveal the reality of the Christian faith,

It is for this reason that he shall be called Jesus, son of Mary. He shall be called the Mahdi for he will establish them on the right path by resolving the internal conflicts and disorders. The words, 'and among others of them (who have not yet joined them)' alludes to this.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Therefore, since we have accepted the Promised Messiah (as), the standard of our relationship with God Almighty and our Taqwa should be much higher than other Muslims.

Our practical condition should be better than others.

Our actions should be in accordance with the pleasure of God Almighty and we should be righteous.

Regarding this, the Promised Messiah (as) explains: “One who does the Bai’at should not just simply be content with only believing this community to be on the truth. Once you have entered the community, then become pious, righteous and refrain from every kind of evil. ... Soften your tone, remain occupied in seeking forgiveness and pray.”

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

In the Holy Quran, God Almighty has linked faith with Amaal-e-Salih. Amaal-e-Salih is that deed in which there is not even an iota of disarray. Remember, man always falls prey to complacency. What is that makes him complacent? It is pretentiousness, i.e. when man carries out a deed to show other people. Ujab means to carry out a deed and to be pleased with their own actions.

Amaal-e-Salih are those deeds which are free from all injustices, conceit, pretentiousness, arrogance and usurping the rights of others. Just as one can be safeguarded due to their righteous deeds in the hereafter, similarly, one can be safeguarded through them in this world as well.

The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

Even if there is one individual in the home who carries out virtuous deeds, the entire house can be saved as a result. Be mindful of this fact that until one carries out virtuous deeds, simply believing is not beneficial. If a doctor prescribes some medication, it means that one should take those medicines as prescribed. If he does not take the medications and simply places the prescription to one side, how can he benefit from it? Since you have repented, God Almighty now wishes to see how much you have cleansed yourself after professing belief. The time has come in which God Almighty wishes to make a distinction between the righteous ones.

These days you should recite the prayer of Adam (as). This prayer has been accepted from its inception. Just as the prayer has been revealed to me: God, everything is under Your control, so protect us, help us and have mercy on us. Therefore, recite both of these prayers and understand these prayers.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

Often when I have assessed the situation it has come to light that many people do not even offer their prayers properly.

They do not pay any attention to their prayers.

Some people pay no attention towards Istighfar nor towards fulfilling the rights of each other.

Thus, every Ahmadi from among us should analyse themselves that if they have accepted the Promised Messiah (as), are they fulfilling the due rights of their allegiance?

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

If this is the situation, then how can we say that we are the ones who carry out Amaal-e-Saliha? We fulfil the rights due upon us after entering the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (as)?

Other people are guilty of the sin of not accepting. However, we are guilty of sin as we have accepted him but fail to reform ourselves and also by pledging allegiance then breaking our promises.

Thus, every one of us should analyse themselves with great concern.

May Allah the Almighty always keep us in His protection and also safeguard us from all trials and difficulties.

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Today, there is also an announcement and good news in that the Al-Hakam newspaper that was once published in Qadian will now be published from here.

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The first edition is a special feature for the Promised Messiah's (as) Day and in future, a new edition will be uploaded every Friday.