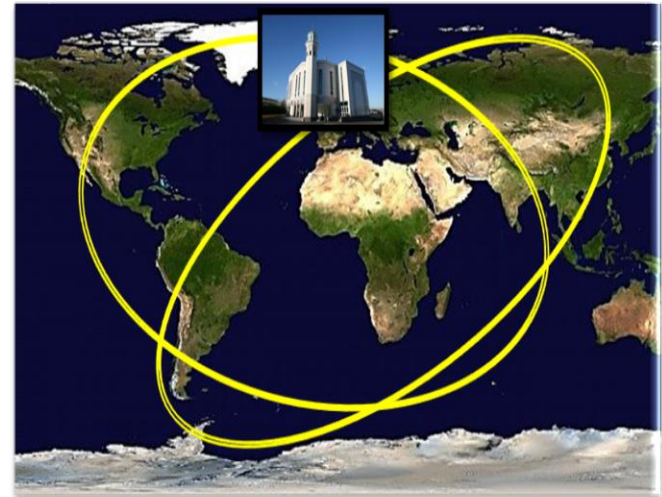


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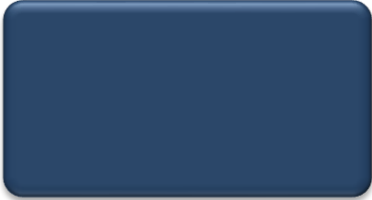
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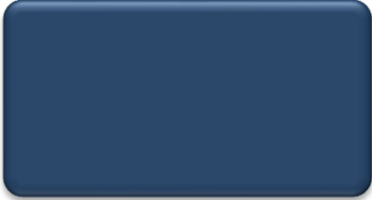
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The importance of settling debts and miraculous acceptance of prayers.



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Funeral in absentia of Respected Bilal Adalbi sahib from Syria.



Funeral in absentia of Salima Mir Sahiba, the former president of Lajna Imaillah Karachi

Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah was a companion of the Holy Prophet (sa).

He was the son of Hazrat Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Haram.

At the time of his martyrdom, Hazrat Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Haram, said to his son, "The debt, which I owe to one of the Jews, sell the fruits from the orchard and settle my loan after my martyrdom."

Hazrat Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Haram has borrowed some money from a Jew against his orchard; unfortunately, the yield of fruit was very low that year and Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah (ra) was unable to settle the loan.

The Jew refused to give Hazrat Jabir bin Abdullah (ra) any more time to settle the loan and it appeared that the orchard will be repossessed by the Jew.

When, the Holy Prophet (sa) was informed about this incident, the Holy Prophet (sa), personally spoke to the Jew requesting some more time to settle the loan.

However, the Jew said that 'O Abu Qasim! I will not give him any respite'.

The Holy Prophet (sa) walked around the garden a few times and prayed. Then he said to me that 'Jabir, harvest the dates and pay off the loan taken from the Jew'.

He says, "I harvested the fruit, paid off the entire loan taken from the Jew and some dates were left over.

I informed the Holy Prophet (sa) of this good news upon which he said that 'I bear witness that I am the Messenger of Allah.

Once, a companion passed away while he was in debt by two Dinar and the Holy Prophet (sa) refused to personally offer his funeral prayer.

Upon this, another companion took the responsibility of paying off his debt as a result of which the Holy Prophet (sa) led his funeral prayer.

The following day, the Holy Prophet (sa) questioned the person who took this responsibility saying that “the responsibility of two Dinar, which you took upon yourself, have you paid it or not?”

Hence, this is the importance of paying off debts and this is the concern one should have.

The Holy Prophet (sa) said that if a believer leaves some wealth and property, it is received by his family and relatives.

Furthermore, if he leaves a debt and his property and the wealth he leaves behind are not sufficient in order to pay off the debt, or in the case that he leaves behind children without any means of support, his orphaned children and the payment of the debt will be taken care of.

In other words, the government and those in authority will take the responsibility for this.

After this short sermon, I shall now speak about two sincere individuals. First is Respected Bilal Adalbi sahib from Syria. He got severely injured in a car accident which occurred a few days ago and passed away on 17 March 2018 at 1:30am during the night. The cause of death was heart failure. - 'Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return'. Bilal sahib was born in 1978. When he was 17 years old, an Ahmadi brother found him some work in Doctor Musalim Mutrabi sahib's company. There he was introduced to the Jama'at and Ahmadi and took the Oath of Allegiance a short while thereafter. Doctor sahib says: " This year after returning from Qadian, I began to offer prayers with the group that would go to Bilal sahib's house for prayers. Bilal sahib welcomed me with immense enthusiasm due to the fact that he had accepted Ahmadiyyat through me."

The local president writes about him: “Bilal sahib owned a sports garment store and would assist those brothers in need by offering them clothes. He would do so even to the extent if his store did not have any clothes, he would purchase from somewhere else in order to provide for others. He was a very honorable person. He would take great care of his children. He admitted them in the best schools.”

He leaves behind an eleven-year-old son and a twelve-year-old daughter. His elder brother is an Ahmadi and lives in Germany, but his other two brothers and a sister are not Ahmadis and therefore he faced a lot of opposition from them. However, God Almighty influenced them in such a way that at the time of the funeral prayer, his brother said that, “you Ahmadis can offer the funeral prayer and you can offer it inside our mosque – there is no restriction.” He (local president) states. “Thus, by the grace of God Almighty many people offered his funeral prayer behind us.”

The second person who I shall mention about is Salima Mir Sahiba, the former president of Lajna Imaillah Karachi. She was the wife of Abdul Qadir Dar Sahib. She also passed away on 17th March, 2018 at the age of 90.

She started her work for Lajna in 1961 from Iran and then Pakistan. In 1986 when Lajna Karachi were re-joined with the central Lajna, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rh) appointed her as the president of the Lajna for Karachi. She served as the president for Lajna Karachi from 1986 to 1997. During her tenure, a lot of work was done in regard to the publication of the books and 60 books were published and two magazines. The classes for Dai-illa'Allah, preaching, were started.

Salima Mir Sahiba became a widow at the age of 36. Her daughter says that she never heard any kind of words of impatience and ungratefulness expressed by her. She would remain grateful to God Almighty in all circumstances. She would always think positively and also wanted to see this in her children.

Every person who has written about her has said the same things, that she was a very honourable lady who always demonstrated a great resolve and patience. She was a model of excellent morals who had a strong connection with Khilafat and always encouraged others to also establish a connection with Khilafat. She would carry out virtuous deeds and advise others to do the same. She would advise everyone in the same manner, whether they were close associates or others. It was not the case that she would only advise her own children. She always guided her daughters in all matters and had firm belief in God Almighty. She was someone who was always content with the Will of God Almighty. May Allah the Almighty elevate her status and may He enable her children – i.e. her daughters – to further advance her virtuous deeds.

I will lead both of their funeral prayers after the Friday prayers.