<u>"Turning Fear into Peace – The Establishment</u> of Khilafat and its Blessings"



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Summary

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By being connected to Khilafat, every Ahmadi has a responsibility which must be upheld.

We must consider whether our good and virtuous deeds are done for the sake of God or for the sake of showing others.

The Promised Messiah (as) said that God always helps His prophets even after their demise, so that their mission may continue and reach completion.

The Promised Messiah (as) had told his Community that they would see a second manifestation and that this Community would continue.

His Holiness (aba) said that the bounties of God associated with Khilafat are countless.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

Yesterday was 27th May which is known in the Community as Khilafat Day. On this day, programs are held so we may understand the significance of Khilafat and understand this blessing so that we may continue to reap its benefits.

We are fortunate to have accepted the Promised Messiah (as), and thereby have accepted Khilafat which enables us to continue in following the teachings of the Promised Messiah (as) and further propagate them in the world as well. By being connected to Khilafat, every Ahmadi has a responsibility which must be upheld.

In the verses recited, God has promised peace and security on the condition that one has firm faith, does good deeds, does justice to their worship and does not associate partners with God.

In order to attain this, worshipping God and prayers are essential. One must offer Salat, spend in the way of Allah, and follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa). ທ

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

His Holiness (aba) said that when we fulfill these things and fulfill our oath of giving precedence to our faith over worldly matters, then we will receive those bounties and blessings promised by God, and we will be able to truly benefit from Khilafat.

Thus, not only is this promise of God a means of great joy, it is also a source of concern for us, as we must analyse and see whether we are fulfilling the conditions which have been outlined by God.

It is not enough to simply acquaint ourselves with the history of Khilafat, but we must consider whether we are truly God-fearing,

Whether we do justice to worship, whether we follow the teachings presented by the Holy Prophet (sa).

We must consider whether our good and virtuous deeds are done for the sake of God or for the sake of showing others.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

His Holiness (aba) said that only when our every action is for the sake of God will we be able to attain the blessings of this promise made by God.

This is the true meaning of 'doing good works' as stipulated by God.

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that in the Holy Qur'an, where God mentions belief, He also mentions good works. A true believer is one who does good works, whilst avoiding such things which make those deeds void, such as doing them in order to show others.

Furthermore, not only does one avoid such things which nullify good deeds, but they do not even let such thought cross their minds. It is then that one becomes a true believer. Thus, along with belief, doing good works is also a condition.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

His Holiness (aba) said that doing good works and deeds does not mean doing something which one considers in their own minds to be good.

Rather, it is to follow the example of the Holy Prophet (sa) in letter and spirit, without the blemishes of ostentation, pride or indolence.

It is such people who truly have a sincere connection with Khilafat and those who uphold the honour of Khilafat. By doing good deeds in the true essence, these people will be drawing the attention of the Khalifa and his prayers towards themselves.

May 28th 2021 Such people will have a true connection with Khilafat, thereby being those who attain true peace and security as promised by God.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

His Holiness (aba) said that there are those in the world who attempt to take up a mantle similar to Khilafat, however they are bound to fail, as they always do, for this is something bestowed only by God Almighty, and this Khilafat which he has established will always remains.

His Holiness (aba) said that every Ahmadi should be thankful to God for bestowing the bounty of Khilafat. At the same time, every Ahmadi must always reflect upon whether they are fulfilling the conditions mentioned by God.

When one lives with this constant thought, and then does good deeds accordingly while praying for Khilafat, then they will truly attain the blessings of Khilafat.

The Second Manifestation

The Promised Messiah (as) said that God always helps His prophets even after their demise, so that their mission may continue and reach completion. When the Promised Messiah (as) passed away, the opponents of the Community rejoiced and said the foulest of things regarding the Promised Messiah (as).

They said that now upon his demise, this Community would falter and dissipate

The opponents said that without the Promised Messiah (as), the Community would surely be unable to operate and would fade away without anyone at the helm to lead it.

The Second Manifestation

His Holiness (aba) said that these opponents were blind to the fact that God had assured the Promised Messiah (as) that even after his demise, his mission would continue and reach completion.

Hence, the Promised Messiah (as) had told his Community that they would see a second manifestation and that this Community would continue.

May 28th 2021 It is at that time that the second manifestation comes about, just as it did after the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa), when God Almighty established the second manifestation and commissioned Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) as the Khalifa.

His Holiness (aba) quoted the **Promised Messiah** (as) who said that a divine Community sees two manifestations, the first is the manifestation of the prophet himself. The second manifestation comes when the prophet passes away, and the Community experiences great difficulty.

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

'So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second manifestation also, and it's coming is better for you because it is everlasting, the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgment. And that second manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second manifestation for you which shall always stay with you just as promised by God in Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya.

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And this promise is not for my person. Rather the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: I shall make this Jama'at who are your followers, prevail over others till the Day of Judgment.

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

Thus it is inevitable that you see the day of my departure, so that after that day the day comes which is the day of everlasting promise. Our God is He Who keeps His promise and is Faithful and is the Truthful God. He shall show you all that He has promised. Though these days are the last days of this world and there are many a disaster waiting to happen, yet it is necessary that this world continues to exist until all those things about which God has prophesied come to pass.

I came from God as a manifestation of divine providence and I am a personification of His power. And after I am gone there will be some other persons who will be the manifestation of the second power [of God]. So, while waiting for the second manifestation of His power, you all together keep yourselves busy praying.'

The Institution of Khilafat

His Holiness (aba) said that for the past 113 years, this Community has been seeing the fulfilment of this promise made by God Almighty to the Promised Messiah (as).

The opponents did not realise that the very purpose of this second manifestation was the same as the prayer made by the Prophet Abraham (as) for someone to be commissioned after him in order to continue his mission.

It was for the same reason that the **Promised Messiah** (as) was commissioned, in order to continue the teachings of the Holy Prophet (sa). In his first address as the Khalifa, the First Caliph, Hazrat Hakim Maulvi Nooruddin (ra) said that all must obey him as the Khalifa.

He said that there was no value in merely pledging allegiance, or him accepting the oath of allegiance from others, for this, for this can be done by anyone. Instead, the salient aspect must be complete obedience to Khilafat.

The Institution of Khilafat

His Holiness (aba) said that in March 1914, when the First Caliph (ra) passed away, there was yet again a period of fear, but once again, God fulfilled the promise made to the Promised Messiah (as) and established Khilafat yet again.

His Holiness (aba) said that there were those who were against Khilafat and opposed Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra) becoming the Khalifa.

Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra) proclaimed that according to the will of the Promised Messiah (as) and the promise made to him by God, there must be Khilafat, and that he would pledge allegiance to whoever was chosen.

May 28th 2021 Eventually, though he did not personally desire the office, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra) was elected as the next Khalifa.

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The Institution of Khilafat

It is recorded that there were more than two thousand people in Masjid Nur to pledge allegiance to the Second Caliph (ra) and their state of devotion was such that they were clamouring to pledge their allegiance to him.

His Holiness (aba) said that the 51-year era of the Second Caliph (ra) itself bears testament to the help of God which accompanied Khilafat.

His Holiness (aba) said that in November 1965, upon the demise of the Second Caliph, **God Almighty** fulfilled his promise yet again and established Khilafat in the personage of the Third Caliph, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (rh).

It was during this era that the Pakistani government attempted to suppress the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and eliminate it, but the Third Caliph (rh) was able to navigate the Community out of that situation and granted the Community security.

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In June 1982, when the Third Caliph (rh) passed away, God Almighty turned the Community's fear into peace once again by establishing the Khilafat in the form of the Fourth Caliph, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (rh). God manifested His help in extraordinary fashion during this time. The Fourth Caliph (rh) was able to safely migrate from Pakistan to London. It was during this era that through satellite, a global television channel was started which opened countless new avenues.

His Holiness (aba) said that in April 2003, the Community was struck with great grief yet again when the Fourth Caliph (rh) passed away. The opponents thought that this was surely the end for the Community, however, God Almighty helped the Community in such a way that even the opponents had to admit that God's help is with this Community, as the Fifth Caliph (aba) was commissioned.

The opponents thought that the Community would not flourish, but little do they know that the true hand leading this Community is the hand of God.

His Holiness (aba) said that the progress of the Community being seen in this era is through the grace of God, and His promise made to the Promised Messiah (as).

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Blessings of Khilafat

The Community is flourishing by leaps and bounds.

Translations of the Holy Qur'an in various languages are being spread throughout the entire world. MTA started with just a single channel, and now there are eight channels and studios established all across the world. The message of the Community is being spread through Social Media as well.

New avenues are being opened, such as the Virtual Mulaqat, whereby His Holiness (aba) is in England, and meeting with people from all over the world, and people are able to receive direct guidance from their Khalifa.

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Blessings of Khilafat

His Holiness (aba) said that the bounties of God associated with Khilafat are countless. However, if we wish to benefit from them, then we must fulfill our responsibilities; we must be completely obedient to Khilafat and instill the same in our future generations.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may we always remain steadfast, and may we be able to fulfill our oaths so that we may see the fulfillment of God's promise and the victory of Community.

May our worship and our deeds attain the pleasure of God.

May we truly understand the bounty of Khilafat and be able to explain this to the future generations so they may benefit from Khilafat as well.

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An Appeal for Prayers

His Holiness (aba) made an appeal for prayers for the Ahmadis in Pakistan and Ahmadis being oppressed anywhere in the world.

His Holiness (aba) said to pray for any and all Muslims facing injustice in the world, such as those in Palestine. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah create ease for them. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah enable the Ahmadis to truly follow the Promised Messiah (as).

May the Muslims who have not yet recognised the Promised Messiah (as) realise the truth and accept him.

May we be able to raise the flag of Islam and of the Holy Prophet (sa) in the entire world, and may we see the Unity of God established throughout the world.