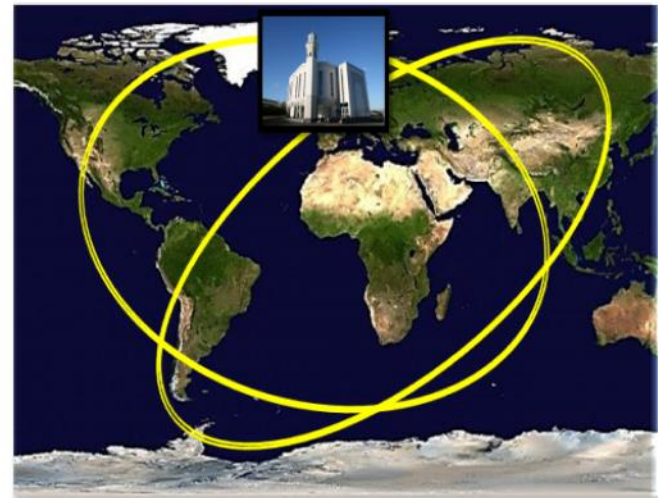


“Ramadan, the Qur’an and the Promised Messiah (as)”



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Summary

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The Importance of the Holy Qur'an

His Holiness (aba) said that God has stated the importance of the month of Ramadan with reference to the fact that it was in this month that the Holy Qur'an was revealed.

The Qur'an encompasses all matters and all guidance, showing man the paths that lead towards God and steer clear from Satan,

the paths of remaining safe from godlessness, covers all matters pertaining to times of old and current times and serves as a complete and lasting law.

Fortunate are those who make the Holy Qur'an their guidebook and live their lives according to its teachings. It is those who witness the love of God.

The Importance of the Holy Qur'an

His Holiness (aba) said that the Holy Qur'an has taught us about the obligation of fasting and the ways of worship.

The fact that fasting is obligatory or that the Holy Qur'an was revealed in this month is not enough to understand the importance of Ramadan;

Instead we must gain a true understanding of this complete Book and make it the guidebook of our lives.

As Ahmadis, we are fortunate to have accepted the Promised Messiah (as) who explained the true meanings and essence of the Holy Qur'an.

We can gain this understanding by reading his books and literature.

Benefitting From the Treasure

His Holiness (aba) said that tomorrow is also Promised Messiah (as) Day, where we hold gatherings to commemorate the fulfilment of the Holy Prophet's (sa) prophecy about the coming of the Messiah.

However, commemorating this is not enough, rather we must study the treasure trove that the Promised Messiah (as) left us when it comes to understanding the Holy Qur'an.

Without doing so, we cannot reach the stage of complete faith. Through His mercy, God revealed His Word to the Holy Prophet (sa);

Now it is our responsibility to benefit from it and make it a part of our lives, for which we must pay special attention.

Ramadan does not become complete only by offering obligatory prayer and some voluntary prayers, rather we must also recite and understand the Holy Qur'an, and search for the commandments found therein.

Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

His Holiness (aba) first commented on the importance of reciting the Holy Qur'an especially in Ramadan.

Everyone should strive to recite at least one sapharah every day, so that they are able to complete an entire reading of the Holy Qur'an during Ramadan.

The angel Gabriel used to complete an entire round of whatever had been revealed of the Holy Qur'an up until that point with the Holy Prophet (sa).

Then, in the last Ramadan of the Holy Prophet's (sa) life, Gabriel went through the entire Holy Qur'an twice with the Holy Prophet (sa).

It is such a blessed month, in which this great book was revealed. It is said that this is the best month for the enlightenment of the heart. Salat purifies the soul, while fasting rejuvenates the heart.

The soul is purified by being distant from base and carnal passions. The heart is rejuvenated because it becomes closer to God.

The Meaning of the Word 'Qur'an'

The Promised Messiah (as) said that after pondering, he found an amazing prophecy in the very word Qur'an; this Book is the only book worth reading and there will be a time where it will become the best book to read even more so, because it will be a time when other books will be compared to it.

This will be the only book which will safeguard against evil, while all other books will be abandoned.

No other book will reach the same standard of the Holy Qur'an.

With the Holy Qur'an in hand, victory is assured and no evil or darkness can overcome it.

The Holy Qur'an was the only weapon which the Holy Prophet (sa) and his people had and it is the same that will benefit us today.

The Meaning of the Word 'Qur'an'

His Holiness (aba) further quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that the Holy Qur'an takes one to the highest stages of intellect and practice.

It was through the Holy Qur'an that people developed a recognition of God and devoted themselves to the path of truth without any regard for the world. They became prepared to sacrifice their lives, and many did. However, despite these grave hardships, they were happy and pushed forward with grateful hearts.

By truly following the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, they developed such enlightenment the like of which was not found in others. Such people came about before, and through the Holy Qur'an such people continue to come about. It is a sign of the Holy Qur'an and a refutation to its detractors that not only does it lead to intellectual enlightenment but also enlightened actions.

These standards can be achieved by truly following the teachings of the Holy Qur'an.

The True Means of Success

The Promised Messiah (as) expressed that it is unfortunate that people depend and look upon the West for their success and advancement, whereas this can only render them a very limited degree of success. However, it is only through the Holy Qur'an that true success can be achieved.

When the Companions accepted the Holy Prophet (sa) and gave precedence to their faith over the world.

The disbelievers laughed at them, saying they could hardly leave their homes, yet they said they would become rulers of the world.

However, by becoming completely devoted to the Qur'an and the Holy Prophet (sa) they achieved that which was not achieved by anyone else.

The key to the victory of Islam was faith. Today, there is a lack of faith, and instead, mere claims of faith are made.

However, if the same success is desired, then true faith is required and this can only be achieved by following the Holy Qur'an.

Cure to All Diseases

The Promised Messiah (as) expressed great pain at the fact that people become lazy in reciting and acting upon the Holy Qur'an. For those who believe in it to be the revealed word of God and the key to salvation, then how unfortunate is it that they do not recite it?

It is like someone who knows that a spring's water can quench thirst and is the cure to various diseases but does not go near it, whereas they should have rushed to it and drank its water. Such people are extremely unfortunate and ignorant.

There are some who will die without having gone near the Holy Qur'an in the same way. They know that the Holy Qur'an is the true cure to all diseases, yet they still remain away from it.

Muslims know that the key to all success is the Holy Qur'an yet they do not even care for it.

Yet, the Promised Messiah (as) who calls towards the Holy Qur'an, seeks to bring to light its true teachings and spread them throughout the world is called a forger and a liar.

A Complete Book

Such is the state of Muslims, that they would rather do this than come towards the Holy Qur'an and act according to its teachings.

One who truly acts according to the Holy Qur'an is given countless blessings from God, far greater than anything that can be achieved in this world. This also leads to a person's sins being forgiven.

His Holiness (aba) said that a false allegation is levelled against Ahmadis that we alter the Holy Qur'an. The Promised Messiah (as) responded by saying that doing so would be a grave sin.

Our teaching is that those who alter the word of God are the lowliest and basest of people; after saying this, would we do the exact same thing and relegate ourselves to such a state?

The Holy Qur'an is a complete book and following it completely is the path to salvation.

The Promised Messiah (as) said that anyone who changes or alters the Holy Qur'an is a disbeliever and apostate.

The True Path to Salvation

The Promised Messiah (as) said that the Holy Qur'an is the true path to salvation. If one truly repents and then strives completely to act according to the Holy Qur'an, then even just in ten days their hearts will achieve a new enlightenment.

This is not a mere claim, but rather a tried and tested method by many. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah enable us to truly understand and act upon the teachings of the Holy Qur'an. May we always be grateful to God and benefit from His guidance.

May He enable us to increase in faith, certainty and fear of God. May we always live our lives according to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and not just during Ramadan.

It is only after doing so that we can claim to have truly attempted to fulfil our pledge of allegiance to the Promised Messiah (as) who was sent in subservience to the Holy Prophet (sa) for the revival of Islam.

An Appeal for Prayers

His Holiness (aba) urged to pray for Palestine. Not only are children and the innocent losing their lives because of the war, but now also because of hunger and illness.



Now, even UN organisations have admitted that this famine is the result of human action, stemming from the cruelty and stubbornness of the Israeli government.

His Holiness (aba) also urged prayers for the Sudanese people; may Allah grant understanding to their leader. People there are also dying of hunger. They are inflicting cruelties on their own people. This is all because they have forgotten the Qur'anic teachings and they refuse to accept the one sent by God in this era.

His Holiness (aba) also urged prayers for those imprisoned due to their faith in Pakistan and Yemen.

His Holiness (aba) also urged prayers for the general conditions of Ahmadis in Pakistan.