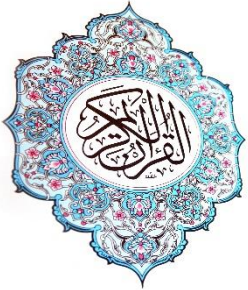




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Holy Qur'an 2:154, Al Baqarah

“O ye who believe! seek help with patience and Prayer; surely, Allah is with the steadfast.”



The Friday Sermon

Excerpts from Friday Sermons delivered by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), the fifth Khalifa (successor) to the Promised Messiah (as) and the supreme head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Message from 'National Additional Secretary Tarbiyyat & Waqf-e-Jadid for New Ahmadi's'

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa RahmatAllahi Wa Barakatahu,

It is our great pleasure to bring you our first 2024 edition of the New Ahmadi Muslim Newsletter. We pray that this newsletter is of value to all new Ahmadi's and helps you to strengthen your faith, come close to Allah Almighty, and follow the beautiful practice (sunnah) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The theme of this month's newsletter is:

Steadfastness'. Features include Hadith and sayings of the Promised Messiah^{as} about patience and steadfastness as well as videos regarding the topic.

If you have any comments or feedback, please send them via the email provided at the bottom of this newsletter. May Allah Almighty bless you all abundantly.

With a humble request for prayers,

Wasalam (with peace),
Jonathan Butterworth

PATIENCE AND STEADFASTNESS

OF THE EARLY MUSLIMS

The Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw} and the Muslims faced a bitter persecution by the Quraish and never retaliated until God commanded them to. Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra}, son of the Promised Messiah^{as} has commented that the actual extent of the suffering that befell the Muslims could fully be comprehended only by them alone. For example, it is recorded that a hot stone would be placed on the chest of Hazrat Bilal bin Rabah^{ra}, a companion of the Holy Prophet^{saw} in an attempt to try and get him

to denounce Islam. He was an Abyssinian and knew little Arabic. His response to this cruelty would be 'Ahad, Ahad', meaning 'Allah is one, Allah is one'. Even when a rope was tied around his neck and was dragged on the stony streets of Makkah, his response was still the same.

The companions of the Holy Prophet^{saw} were fully submissive to his words and exhibited a model of steadfastness and tolerance, the likes of which history is unable to present.

[The Life & Character of the Seal of Prophets ^{saw}](#)

THE PROMISED MESSIAH ^{AS}

ON TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS

The Promised Messiah^{as} states that "...Success depends on steadfastness, and steadfastness is to recognise God and stand unshaken in the face of all difficulty, trials and tribulation. If a person is able to do this, they will surely become the recipient of divine communion..."

The Promised Messiah^{as} goes further to say that according to one account, eleven sons of the Holy Prophets^{saw} had died [in his lifetime]. The lofty ranks that the Prophets and Messengers achieve are not achieved by such ordinary things that can be accomplished

easily and comfortably. They were afflicted with grave trials and tribulations but they endured them with patience and steadfastness. Then they were bestowed great ranks by God Almighty. Abraham succeeded in his test and God saved his son too. God was pleased with Abraham that he had not held back in his own estimation. It was an event that only lasted a few moments but he received such a tremendous reward from God.

[Malfuzat Vol.1, p.24](#)

[Malfuzat Vol. X, p.103](#)

Muhammad^{saw} The Great Exemplar

After reciting Tashahhud, Ta'awwuz and Surah al-Fatihah, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said that he would continue^{aba} presenting narrations about the injuries sustained by the Holy Prophet^{saw} during the Battle of Uhud.

Huzoor^{aba} quoted Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra} who writes: "Upon reaching the mountain pass, with the assistance of Hadrat 'Ali^{ra}, the Holy Prophet^{saw} cleaned his wounds. With great difficulty, Abu 'Ubaidah bin Al-Jarrah^{ra} used his teeth to force out the two rings which had sunk deep into the cheek of the Holy Prophet^{saw} in this effort, two of his own teeth were broken as well. At the time, the wounds of the Holy Prophet^{saw} were bleeding very heavily, and upon seeing this blood, with intense grief the Holy Prophet^{saw} said: "How will such a people prosper who have tainted the countenance of their Prophet with his own blood, only in the crime that he calls them towards God."

After this, the Holy Prophet^{saw}

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

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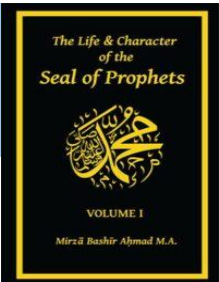
Persecution against Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan is unfortunately a common occurrence. Ahmadi Muslims face persecution due to Pakistan's explicit anti-Ahmadi laws and have been the target of violence that is on the rise. An example is the tragic attack on 28th of May 2010 when extremists attack two mosques, i.e. Baitul Nur Mosque, Model Town and Darul Zikr Mosque, Gharishaw which killed many Ahmadis. However, despite the continued sectarian persecution that Ahmadi Muslims are subjected to in Pakistan as well as other various Muslim Majority nations, they have rather held fast to steadfastness and prayer.

The current Worldwide Head of the community, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, during a Friday Sermon on 14th 2021, **expressed the need for Ahmadi Muslims to be patient.** He said that "Ahmadiyyat has been established for the very reason of saving Muslims. Hence, we have been tasked with helping people reach great heights...once they [opponents of Ahmadiyyat] realise how much Ahmadis love the Holy Prophet^{saw}, they themselves will attest that Ahmadis are those in the world who are upholding the honour of the Holy Prophet^{saw}, so our responsibility is to pray and remain patient for this is the best course of action which will lead us to success.

[Responding to Persecution & Oppression with Prayers and Compassion](#)

became silent for some time and then he said:
"O My Allah! Forgive my people, for they have committed this mistake out of ignorance and they know not." It is narrated that on this occasion, the following verse was revealed:
"The matter of punishment and forgiveness is in the hand of Allah. You have no concern of this. Allah shall forgive whomsoever He pleases and punish whomsoever He pleases."
Huzoor^{aba} said that there were also incidents of the Companions who fought and offered up their lives in order to remain with and protect the Holy Prophet^{saw} during the battle.

Please note: The above excerpts are just summaries, please watch, listen to and read the full Friday sermon via the [official website](#) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. You can now listen to podcast of the Friday Sermon in different languages. Please visit [here](#) to find out more.



LITERATURE

BOOK OF THE MONTH

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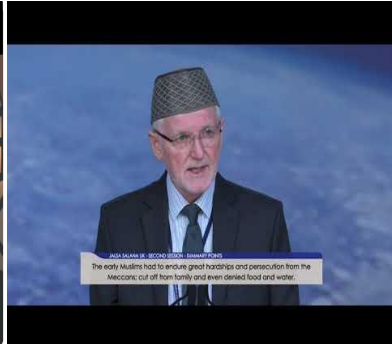
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VIDEOS ABOUT STEADFASTNESS



HOW TO MAINTAIN STEADFASTNESS DURING STRESSFUL TIMES

This week with Huzoor



THE HOLY PROPHET'S PATIENCE AND STEADFASTNESS

Respected Bilal Atkinson



WHAT IS STEADFASTNESS?

Friday Sermon For Kids Episode 75

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th February 2024

New Ahmadi Muslims Social gathering, Crawley (Islamabad region)

12th March 2024

Start of Ramadan

18-19th May 2024

National New Ahmadi Muslim Ijtema (annual gathering)

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