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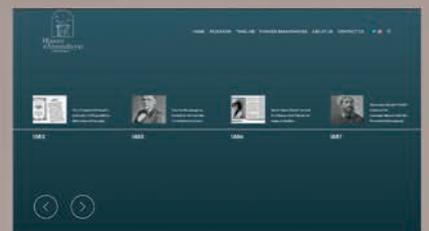
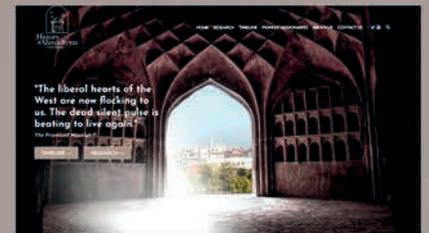
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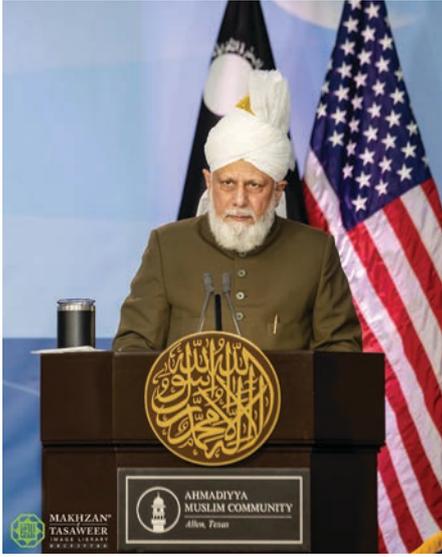
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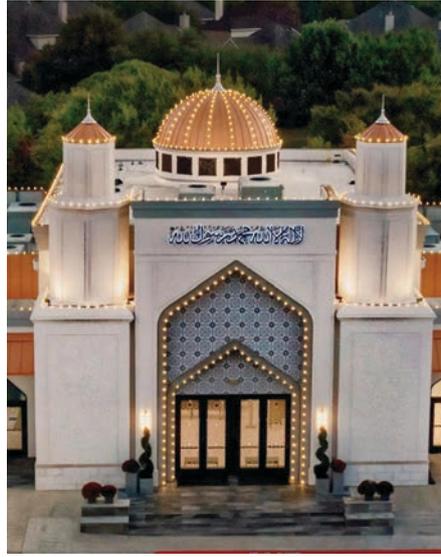


“First and foremost, one should understand the true meaning of taqwa and how one can attain it. Taqwa means to desist from even the most nominal and smallest elements of immorality and impurity. This can be achieved by devising such robust and complete strategies and efforts through which you avoid crossing paths with sin altogether. However, it is insufficient to only make efforts. In fact, one also needs to fulfil the right of prayers and pray in a way that melts the heart.”

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious Ever Merciful



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The Holy Qur'an

Nothing is said to thee but what was said to the Messengers before thee. Thy Lord is indeed the Master of forgiveness; and also the Master of painful chastisement. And if We had made it a Qur'an in a foreign tongue, they surely would have said, "Why have not its verses been made clear? What! A foreign tongue and an Arab?" Say, "It is a guidance and a healing for those who believe." But as to those who believe not, there is a deafness in their ears, and it is blindness for them. They are, as it were, being called from a far-off place.

(Ha Mim Al-Sajdah, 41:44,45)

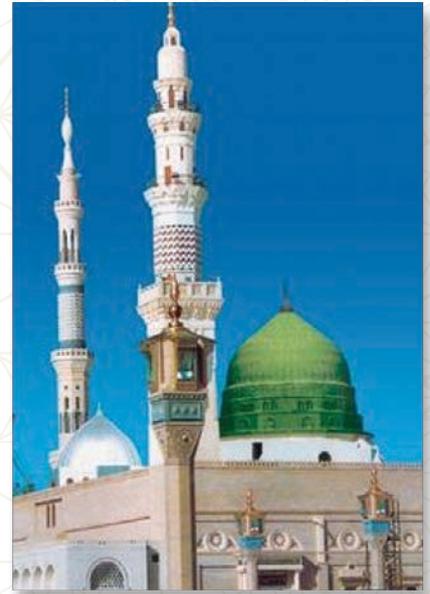
مَا يُقَالُ لَكَ إِلَّا مَا قَدْ قِيلَ لِلرُّسُلِ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ
إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَذُو مَعْفَرَةٍ وَذُو عِقَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٤٤﴾

وَلَوْ جَعَلْنَاهُ قُرْآنًا أَعْجَبِيًّا لَقَالُوا لَوْلَا فُصِّلَتْ
آيَاتُهُ أَءَعْجَبِيٌّ وَعَرَبِيٌّ قُلْ هُوَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
هُدًى وَشِفَاءٌ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ فِي آذَانِهِمْ
وَقُرْءَانٌ وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِمْ عَمًى أُولَئِكَ يُنَادَوْنَ مِنْ
مَكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٤٥﴾

Hadith

Abu Sa'id Rafi' relates: The Holy Prophet ﷺ, said to me: Shall I tell you before you go out of the mosque which is the greatest chapter of the Holy Qur'an? And he took hold of my hand. When we were about to depart from the mosque, I said to him: Messenger of Allah, you had said you would tell me which is the greatest chapter of the Holy Qur'an. He answered: The opening chapter which contains the seven oft-repeated verses and the Great Qur'an which has been bestowed upon me.

Bokhari, from Riyadh As-Salihin, p. 187, no. 1013



From the Writings of the Promised Messiah ﷺ

God be thanked a thousand times, Who has bestowed upon us a religion which is such a means of attaining to the knowledge of God and to the fear of God, as has had no equal in any age. Thousands of blessings be upon the immaculate Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, through whom we entered this faith and thousands of Divine mercies be bestowed upon his Companions who irrigated this garden with their blood. Islam is such a blessed and God-indicating religion that if a person follows it truly and acts upon the teachings, guidance and admonitions contained in the Holy Word of God Almighty, the Holy Qur'an, he would behold God in this very life.

The Essence of Islam, Vol 1, p. 26





FRIDAY SERMON SUMMARIES

We present summaries of some of Huzoor's Friday sermons taken with thanks from alislam.org. While every effort has been made to present the salient points as accurately as possible, we take full responsibility for any errors. In order to draw maximum benefit from these sermons, members are advised to listen to them in full on compact disc, audio or video tape.

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SERMON: 02 SEP 2022

When Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] sent various armies to Syria, he sent Hazrat Abu Ubaidah[ؓ] with an army to Homs, which was near Damascus. Later, Hazrat Khalid bin Waleed[ؓ] was instructed to arrive at Damascus and, along with other Muslim armies, encircled Damascus. The people of Damascus would climb on top of the walls of their fortress and throw rocks and launch arrows at Muslims, who would defend themselves with leather shields. This went on for 20 days. The people of Damascus within the fortress were facing difficulty as there was a shortage of sustenance without anything being able to go in. In the meantime, the Muslims learned that Heraclius had formed a large army nearby in Ajnadain. Hazrat Khalid[ؓ] initially thought they should confront that army but Hazrat Abu

Ubaidah[ؓ] advised that, since the people of Damascus were in straitened circumstances, they should not leave just yet.

In the meantime, Heraclius was seen bringing his army to help the people of Damascus. Hazrat Abu Ubaidah[ؓ] suggested that a battalion should be formed to go out and combat Heraclius. Hence, Hazrat Dhirar[ؓ] was appointed with 500 riders who set out to confront Heraclius and his army. They were initially apprehensive because the opponent was large in number but Hazrat Dhirar[ؓ] encouraged them by saying that they should not fear due to their numbers, and no one should flee from Jihad. During the battle, Hazrat Dhirar[ؓ] was captured and, despite attempts, the Muslims were unable to free him. When Hazrat Khalid[ؓ] learned of this he was greatly saddened. Hazrat Abu Ubaidah[ؓ] told him that he should make



arrangements for the continued siege of Damascus, and then he could go to combat Heraclius and his army.

Hazrat Khalid[ؓ] set out to try & free Hazrat Dhirar[ؓ], and if they had already martyred him, then they would take recompense. There was a person at the front of the Muslims army who was valiantly fighting against the opponents, clad in armour, but did not recognise them. This person went into the enemy ranks and would strike down anyone in their way. Hazrat Khalid[ؓ] asked this person who they were, and after hesitating initially, the person admitted that she was in fact a woman; Khaulah[ؓ], the sister of Hazrat Dhirar[ؓ]. Thereafter, the Muslims launched a united attack and defeated the Byzantines, granting security to those who sought it.

Meanwhile, the siege of Damascus continued. By this point, Hazrat Abu Ubaidah[ؓ] agreed that the Muslims should go to Ajnadain to combat the army of Heraclius. As the Muslims were travelling, a person named Boolis attacked the Muslims from behind with an army of 6,000 riders. The Muslims prepared for battle, and as Boolis arrived, he launched an attack. The Muslims fought valiantly, while Hazrat Khalid sent reinforcements. Boolis was ultimately captured, and out of the 6,000 riders, no more than 100 remained alive.

The Byzantines had captured some of the Muslim women, including Hazrat Khaulah[ؓ]. She had gathered the Muslim women who were imprisoned and urged them to defend themselves and attack their captors. Hence, they each took a wooden pillar from the tent, and set out towards the Byzantines. 3,000 people circled the Muslims women, but if anyone tried to advance, the Muslims women would attack and kill them. Meanwhile Hazrat Khalid[ؓ] arrived with his army and defeated the Byzantines.

The Muslims were prepared for a long siege, and as such would carry out various investigations to find out the best way to conquer Damascus. As a result of these investigations, Hazrat Khalid[ؓ] found the perfect moment to cross the trench, scale the walls and get the Muslim army to enter Damascus. The Muslims took control of the Eastern entrance, and so the people of Damascus went to Hazrat Abu Ubaidah[ؓ] who was at the western entrance requesting to agree a treaty. Hazrat Abu Ubaidah[ؓ] consented and the Muslims outside the fortress were let into the fortress.

By the time news of this victory reached Madinah, Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] had passed away.

SERMON: 09 SEP 2022

As Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ]'s demise drew near, he called Hazrat Abdur Rahman bin Auf[ؓ] and asked him about Hazrat Umar[ؓ]. Hazrat Abdur Rahman[ؓ] said that Hazrat Umar[ؓ] was even better than what he thought of him to be, except that he has a temper. Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] said that this was only the case because Hazrat Umar[ؓ] saw leniency in him, but if he were to be given leadership, then he would change certain characteristics of his.

Then Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] called Hazrat Uthman[ؓ] and asked him about Hazrat Umar[ؓ], and he replied saying that his inner state was even better than his outer state. Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] then told both not to tell anyone what he had asked them. He then expressed his desire to become detached from this world and move on.

During his final illness, Hazrat Talha bin Ubaidillah went to Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] and asked him whether he had appointed Hazrat Umar[ؓ] after him, and proceeded to explain why this was a bad decision

and that he would be answerable to God for doing so. Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] replied that when God asked him about it, he would say that he appointed the best possible person to be the Caliph.

One day, with the help of his wife, despite being extremely ill, Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] went to the mosque and addressed the Muslims saying that he had deliberated a great deal over who the next Caliph should be, were he to pass away. He said that he had come to the conclusion that it should be Hazrat Umar[ؓ]. Everyone accepted this and pledged allegiance to him after the demise of Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ].

Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] did not make this decision trivially, rather he consulted various companions first. He did not stop there, but then, despite being extremely ill, he went to the Mosque and asked the people whether they were content with this proposal, and it was only when they agreed that he confirmed his decision. In this way, a consensus was reached on the matter. Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] had initially fallen ill after performing ablution on a cold day, which caused him to have a fever for fifteen days. His condition continued to deteriorate and people would go to visit him.

Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] passed away on Wednesday 22 Jamadi al-Akhir 13 AH after a period of Caliphate which lasted 2 years 3 months and ten days. His last words were the Qur'anic verse,

تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

'Let death come to me in a state of submission to Thy Will and join me with the righteous.' (12:102)

Hazrat Umar[ؓ] led Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ]'s funeral prayer and was then buried beside the Holy Prophet^ﷺ.

Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] established the treasury. During the lifetime of the Holy Prophet^ﷺ, any spoils would be distributed right away. However, as the Muslims gained victory and spoils along with Jizyah and wealth from other sources was being received, a treasury was needed, for which a separate home was assigned. However, it would often remain empty as Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] always strove to distribute any wealth as soon as it was received.

Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] had also established an institution for arbitration. Although it was not active during his time as there were seldom any disputes, it was handed to the care of Hazrat Umar[ؓ].

Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] also established a position which can be likened to being a secretary; someone who would write out various ordinances, treaties and various other matters. It is said that Hazrat Abdullah bin Arqam or Hazrat Zaid undertook this responsibility during the era of Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ].

During the era of Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ], there was no dedicated army, rather all Muslims were considered to be soldiers at times of war. Armies would be sectioned according to tribes, each with an appointed leader. Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] would also advise the armies and their leaders, giving them various instructions.

Islam was established in various regions and Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] would appoint governors in these different areas and would communicate with them directly regarding various matters.

SERMON: 16 SEP 2022

Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] also tended to the rights of those known as Zimmi – those who had accepted Muslim rule and paid the Jizyah but maintained their own faith. These people were not expected to join the Muslim armies nor were they expected to pay Zakat, but on account of their payment of Jizyah, they and their places of worship remained secure and protected.

An extraordinary achievement during the era of Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] was the compilation of the Holy Qur'an. The background of this taking place is linked to the Battle of Yamamah, in which 1,200 Muslims were martyred, many of whom were senior companions and those who had memorised the Qur'an. Thus, Hazrat Umar[ؓ] was divinely inspired with the idea of compiling the Holy Qur'an in one place. Hence, Hazrat Umar[ؓ] suggested this to Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ]. Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] instructed Hazrat Zaid to gather the various parts of the Holy Qur'an which had been written on branches and stones and which people had memorised.

The Holy Qur'an was compiled during the lifetime of Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] and a single dialect of reciting the Holy Qur'an was enacted during the lifetime of Hazrat Uthman[ؓ].

The Promised Messiah^ﷺ said that the Holy Qur'an, down to every line and dot, is exactly as was brought down by the angels and has not changed.

The first copy of the Holy Qur'an that was compiled remained with Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] until his passing. It was then in the possession of Hazrat Umar[ؓ], who entrusted it to Hazrat Hafsa[ؓ] with the instruction of not giving it to anyone else, except to copy it. Hence it remained with her and Hazrat Uthman[ؓ] borrowed it to have copies made, after which it was returned to Hazrat Hafsa[ؓ]. After the demise of Hazrat Hafsa[ؓ], Marwan the ruler of Madinah at the time, took the copy and it was destroyed. However, by this time, many copies had been made under the supervision of Hazrat Uthman[ؓ].

Hazrat Abu Bakr[ؓ] was the first in many respects; he was the first adult man to accept Islam, he was the first to build a mosque in front of his home in Makkah, he was the first to fight alongside the Holy Prophet^ﷺ against the Quraish of Makkah, he was the first to buy and free those slaves who were enduring torture after having accepted Islam, he was the first to compile the Holy Qur'an into a single book form, he was the first to name the Qur'an Mushaf, he was the first Rightly Guided Caliph, he was the first Amir of Hajj appointed during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet^ﷺ, he was the first to lead Muslims in prayer during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet^ﷺ, he was the first to establish a treasury in Islam, he was the first Caliph in Islam for whom a stipend was established by the Muslims, he was the first Caliph to appoint his successor, he was the first Caliph whose father was alive at the time of accepting the oath of allegiance from others, he

was the first to be given a title by the Holy Prophet ﷺ, he was the first to have Companionship in four generations of his family; his father, himself, his son and his grandson.

With regards to Hazrat Abu Bakr's appearance that according to Hazrat A'ishah, he was fair-skinned, skinny, had sunken cheeks, his back was slightly bent and he had a high forehead.

Once, the Holy Prophet ﷺ heard people asking why it was that Hazrat Abu Bakr had superiority over them, while they did the same things he did. The Holy Prophet ﷺ went to them and said that Hazrat Abu Bakr was not superior merely on account of his prayers or fasting, but because of the virtue in his heart, his love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the fear in his heart for Allah the Almighty.

SERMON: 23 SEP 2022

Once, there were two men arguing; a Muslim and a Jewish individual. They argued over the status of their respective prophets and when the Jewish person expressed his view of Moses's superiority, the Muslim slapped him. The Jewish man went to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and told him what happened, upon which the Holy Prophet ﷺ summoned the Muslim man and told him not to give him superiority to Moses. In commentary of this narration, it is recorded that the Muslim man was Hazrat Abu Bakr.

Hazrat Abu Bakr had a relationship of great love with the Holy Prophet ﷺ. When the following chapter of the Holy Qur'an was revealed:

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ
وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا
فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا

'When the help of Allah comes, and the victory, and you seest men entering the religion of Allah in troops, glorify your Lord, with His praise, and seek forgiveness of Him. Surely He is Oft-Returning with compassion.'
(Holy Qur'an, 110:2-4)

The Holy Prophet ﷺ delivered a sermon in which he informed Muslims about this chapter and said that he had been given the option between nearness to God or worldly success and he chose nearness to God. The Muslims rejoiced upon hearing this, but Hazrat Abu Bakr cried out in distress. He said to the Holy Prophet ﷺ that may his parents, wife and children and everything he had, be sacrificed for him. Some Companions wondered why Hazrat Abu Bakr was reacting in this manner to this news they had received. The Holy Prophet ﷺ sensed people's bewilderment and the reaction of Hazrat Abu Bakr, upon which he said that Hazrat Abu Bakr was so beloved to him, that had it been permissible to make anyone besides Allah a Khalil (friend), he would have made Hazrat Abu Bakr his Khalil, yet he was still his Companion. Then the Holy Prophet ﷺ said that anyone who had windows facing inside the Mosque should close them, except

for Hazrat Abu Bakr. This was the great expression of love by the Holy Prophet ﷺ. It was out of his love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ, that Hazrat Abu Bakr was able to realise that this chapter was alluding to the imminent demise of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Once, Hazrat Umar took a copy of the Torah to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and began reading it. As he did, there was an expression of displeasure on the Holy Prophet's face. Upon this, Hazrat Abu Bakr asked Hazrat Umar, that could he not see that this was displeasing to the Holy Prophet ﷺ? Hazrat Umar stopped and apologized. Huzoor clarified that the displeasure expressed by the Holy Prophet ﷺ was not due to the simple reading aloud of the Torah, but was due to the fact that Hazrat Umar was reading a specific portion which contradicted the teachings of Islam and it was this that displeased the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Further reading on this specific matter can be done in Al-Tafsir Al-Kabir (The Grand Exegesis) by Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, in volume 6, under chapter 24 verse 3.

Once, Hazrat Abu Bakr was speaking with other Companions when he asked one of his workers to bring some water. When the vessel was brought to him, he was about to take a sip, when he realised that there was honey mixed into the water. Hazrat Abu Bakr put the vessel down and began crying so profusely that the people around him initially tried consoling him, but seeing him in this state, they themselves began crying as well. Finally, when they again asked why he was crying, he replied that during the final illness of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, he saw him saying "move away". Hazrat Abu Bakr asked him what it was that he was moving away from him. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that he had been presented with the luxuries of this world, which he was moving away from himself. Hazrat Abu Bakr explained in a pained voice, that honey mixed in water made him wonder whether he was being engulfed in worldliness and the very thought of this is what caused him to weep so much.

SERMON: 30 SEP 2022

Today, by the grace of Allah we have gathered for the inauguration of the Mosque in Zion. Allah Almighty has enabled the Jama'at in the USA to construct a mosque in a city which holds great importance to the Jama'at.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ stated that those who are not grateful to others are not grateful to God. Hence, this day is not only a day of immense joy for Ahmadis, but also a day for immense gratitude, for Allah Almighty manifested a great sign in this place for the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah. 120 years ago, the prophecy of the end of this false claimant and enemy of Islam was made, having been informed by Allah Almighty, and how wonderful a sign it is that now the Community has been enabled to construct a mosque in the very place where that person claimed no Muslim shall be allowed to enter without first accepting Christianity.

Mosques are constructed so that people may worship five times a day, remember God and refrain

from worldliness. But if this is not the result after constructing this mosque, then we will not partake of the blessings of this mosque. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام stated that the Community must continue to support him with fervent prayers.

It should not be the case that due to our deeds, we delay the fulfilment of the promises of Allah, or that we remain deprived of them. Indeed, the Holy Prophet ﷺ was the most beloved prophet to Allah the Almighty. His humility was such that despite being promised victory during the Battle of Badr, he would weep profusely seeking Allah's help, and explained that it was his duty to seek Allah's help with utmost humility. Thereafter, the great victory that was bestowed was such that it was unparalleled in all of history.

This mosque has been named 'Fath-e-Azeem' Mosque, as it is a manifestation of that great victory which was granted to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. The end of that enemy was declared a great victory, which we witnessed come to fulfilment approximately 115 years ago. A newspaper in that time mentioned that great indeed is the Promised Messiah عليه السلام who prophesied the end of Alexander Dowie.

Dowie perished in such a deplorable state; his city fell prey to internal dissension, he lost all his fortunes, his physical and mental health deteriorated, and his own followers began praising Islam.

It is the work of God which had enabled this Community to spread to over 200 countries, and the world has come to know the name of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. All those who stood against him perished.

We must display the same example which was shown by the Muslims at the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, and support the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to do justice to our pledge we made to him. We must raise our standards of worship in order to fulfil the very purpose of life, for which we have been created.

There are many beautiful mosques around the world, but those who attend them do not fulfil their purpose. Worship does not mean to quickly offer the prayers aimlessly. It should in fact be observed carefully in order to attain nearness to God. Hence, we must fill these mosques whilst fulfilling the commandments of Allah Almighty and observe prayer in order to attain His pleasure.

The world witnessed the humiliation of Dowie, and this victory proclaimed the truthfulness of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad عليه السلام as this prophecy was fulfilled. This was a sign not for the destruction of the enemy, but for the grandeur of Islam, and to display that now is the time for the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام community to prevail. Hence, today it is our duty to establish the unity of God to the people, increase in our righteousness, and develop our relationship with God. Every sign of victory should bring about a revolutionary change within us. This day must cause a spiritual revolution to take place within us, otherwise, the end of Dowie will be of no benefit to us whatsoever. The great victory must be the great change that happens within us and when the world comes under the banner of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

SERMON: 7 OCT 2022

Hazrat Amirul Momineen delivered this sermon at the Bait-ul Ikram Mosque in Allen, Texas USA. Huzoor recited the following verse of the Holy Qur'an which reads,

قُلْ أَمَرَ رَبِّي بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَقِيمُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ عِندَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ لَكُمْ بَدَأَكُمْ تَعُودُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾
فَرِيقًا هَدَىٰ وَفَرِيقًا حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الضَّلَالَةُ إِنَّهُمْ اتَّخَذُوا الشَّيَاطِينَ
أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنََّّهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾
يُبَيِّنُ آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِندَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا
إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾

Say, 'My Lord has enjoined justice. And fix your attention aright at every time and place of worship, and call upon Him, making yourselves sincere towards Him in religion. As He brought you into being, so shall you return.' Some has He guided, and as for others error has become their desert. They have taken evil ones for friends to the exclusion of Allah, and they think that they are rightly guided. O children of Adam! look to your adornment at every time and place of worship, and eat and drink but exceed not the bounds; surely, He does not love those who exceed the bounds. (Holy Qur'an 7:30-32)

Allah the Almighty has granted the Dallas Jama'at the opportunity to inaugurate its mosque. Although it has been in use already, it is formally being inaugurated today.

The objective of a building a mosque for the sake of Allah is not achieved once the structure is complete, but one can only attain Allah's pleasure when they obey His commandments, worship Him, fulfil the rights of His creation, give precedence to their faith over the world, and fulfil their pledge of allegiance.

It is our responsibility to populate this mosque, to live harmoniously with one another, and to propagate unity and brotherhood in the world. It is our duty to spread the message of Islam to the world, to focus on our reformation with prayers and to focus on the reformation of our future generations. It is in doing these things that we can give due justice to this mosque.

In the verses recited, God outlines the responsibilities of those associated with a mosque. The first thing which Allah enjoins is to establish justice. At another place, Allah states in the Holy Qur'an that one should not act unjustly, even towards their enemies.

True servants who honour the rights of a mosque are those who adhere to the commandments of God whilst maintaining the fear of God in their hearts.

As the followers of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, if we do not fulfil our pledge of allegiance and if we do not reform ourselves according to the teachings of the

Holy Qur'an, then we will not be among those who were to be part of the revival of Islam.

We should be grateful to be attached to the person who was sent in order to rectify the fallen state of Islam. Muslims played a role in the degraded view people had of Islam. However today, we are the ones who must establish bonds of loyalty with God and must adhere to His commandments with sincerity.

We must seek a great deal of repentance and we must constantly mould our actions in a manner that draws the pleasure of God. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said in order to achieve such action, we must adopt sincerity and turn to God for it is only He who can grant us the ability to do so. God is extremely Gracious and He constantly overlooks our faults; it is our responsibility to strive and consider how we can attain His pleasure and tread according to His commandments.

It is with great pain that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام urged his community never to forget the true purpose of life, which is to worship God. If we forget our real purpose, then our pledge of allegiance is of no value or benefit and our words are hollow.

Islam enjoins a balanced diet without exceeding the bounds. This also enables one to worship properly. It also means that the purpose of man's creation is not simply to eat, drink and sleep, for these are the qualities of animals. By extension, this means that one should not simply chase after worldly desires and pleasures, rather one should recognise their true purpose in life.

Allah has given a very balanced teaching that we can benefit from the world, but we should not allow it to detract from our worship or distract us from the rights owed to God.

SERMON: 14 OCT 2022

Hazrat Amirul Momineen delivered this sermon from the Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring in Maryland USA

In this era, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is the true guide who, as foretold by the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, was to guide us upon the true path of Islam. We must recognise that the true teachings of Islam today can only be understood through the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, for God bestowed upon him true understanding of the Holy Qur'an's meanings.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام taught that one must not merely accept and pledge allegiance, but they must understand why they have done so and the underlying reasons behind it.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that this Community was established in order to unveil the truth because without this, no light can be spread to the world. He said that he desired for the light of Islam to spread through practical proofs. Hence, he enjoined Ahmadis to not only read the Holy Qur'an, but to ponder over and understand it.

Those who have migrated here may have escaped worldly persecution, but if they do not tread the path of faith and they do not try to understand the Holy Qur'an, then they cannot reap the blessings of Allah the Almighty.

We should strive in our worship solely for the sake of God and our actions should be for the sake of attaining the pleasure of God. The current state of the world points to looming dark clouds of destruction.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that just as one is kind to their children, another form of kindness is to pray for them to be safeguarded from calamity. One who prays never returns unsuccessful. One should thus be sincere in their prayers. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said this at a time when the plague was rampant, but as the world is leading itself down a path of destruction, it is ever more important to focus on prayers in order to save the world.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام also advised his Community to adopt high morals, as this too is a commandment of God. If one does not reflect on how they spent their days; what they did well and where they fell short, then they cannot improve. Using immoral language can lead to rifts and enmity. Hence one should always be mindful of one's language. One should use the faculties given to them by God to display the highest levels and standards of moral conduct.

Another quality outlined by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is mutual harmony and brotherhood. He said that this Community will not flourish until everyone develops mutual love. Rather than treating the weaker ones with contempt and enmity, one should utilise their faculties and treat them with love and affection. He said that a community is formed when one covers the faults of others and a true spirit of brotherhood is cultivated. There should not be internal discord within the community. The Companions also developed mutual love and thus they became a community. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام desired to develop a similar spirit within his community. Hence, high morals demand that due regard must be given to the sentiments of others.

If we wish to be grateful to God, then we must constantly analyse ourselves. Huzoor Anwar prayed that may we mould ourselves according to the desires of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, may we give precedence to our faith over the world, may we develop the fear of God and may we truly be those who do justice to 'I bear witness that there is no God but Allah.' May we become part of those in the latter days for whom God gave glad tidings to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

It was on this day 28 years ago, on 14th October that this mosque (Baitur Rahman, Maryland, USA) was inaugurated. Those living in the vicinity of this mosque should analyse themselves and see how much their spirituality has progressed in the last 28 years and whether they have done justice to this mosque. Huzoor Aqdas prayed that may God continue to enable people to do justice to this mosque and keep it safe for ages to come.

SERMON: 21 OCT 2022

In this sermon Huzoor Anwar recounted the many blessings that accompanied his successful tour to USA.

Huzoor stated that the blessings of Allah the Almighty were seen at every turn, bringing a positive impact not only on Ahmadiis, but others as well.

In Zion, Dallas and Baitur Rahman, Maryland there would be large numbers of men, women and children gathered for the prayers. People would line up for hours just to get into the Mosque for prayers. This clearly indicates that by the grace of Allah these people have love for their faith and Khilafat. Children would stand in line for five to six hours as there would also be various checks, yet no one complained.

In a worldly place like America, people may think that there is no attention paid towards faith. At every stop there would be more people present than expected.

The mayor of Zion said that it was his honour to welcome Huzoor to the city. He said that the motto of Zion is *'historic past and dynamic future'* and that the Zion Mosque is the perfect example of that. He said that with the inauguration of this new Mosque, he has great hopes for the future of this city that are associated with this Mosque and the Ahmadiyya Community.

The member of Illinois Assembly Hon. Joyce Mason said Alexander Dowie sought to establish a theocratic society, but today Zion is home to people from diverse backgrounds epitomised by this new Mosque. She congratulated the Jama'at for this great victory.

Katrina Lantos said it was astonishing to hear how much attention the prayer duel garnered despite the fact that electronic media did not exist at the time. She said that the establishment of this Mosque clearly shows who was victorious in the prayer duel, but this was not just a victory for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community but for all of humanity.

The Baitul Ikram Mosque was inaugurated in Dallas and the inauguration was attended by 140 guests. Member of the City Council of Allen, Carl Clemencich presented the key of the City to Huzoor Anwar and expressed his appreciation for the humanitarian work done by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Prof Dr Robert Hunt, Director of the Global Theological Department at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, thanked the Jama'at for inviting him and his colleagues.

Republican Congressman Hon Michael McCaul said that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community shows how the Abrahamic faiths can live together harmoniously. He said he was in the process of reading the book *Jesus in India* and would conduct further research. He said that a lot can be learned from the Ahmadiyy Muslim Community about peace, kindness and love.

A guest from the North Presbyterian Church said that

she's never seen anyone strive as much as Huzoor Aqdas for the establishment of global peace. She said that if people were to listen to this speech rather than usurping the rights of their neighbours and their fellow beings, then peace could certainly be established.

There was an exhibition in Zion pertaining to the prayer duel. The Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him) mentioned that he knew of 32 newspapers which mentioned the prayer duel, but said that he was certain that there were many more. After further research, the Community in the USA found 128 more news clippings from the time of the Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him) bringing the total to 160. The American media also covered the inauguration of the Zion Mosque, including the Associated Press who wrote an article titled *Two prophets and a century-old prayer duel inspires Zion mosque*. According to their website its readership is about half the world's population. This article was published in 412 outlets across 13 countries, including Washington Post, ABC News, Toronto Star, The Hill and many other prominent newspapers.

9 prominent newspapers, 6 online publications and radio stations in Canada also covered the mosque inauguration in Zion. This inauguration was also covered in the UK, Sierra Leone, Taiwan, India, Hong Kong, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania and Vietnam.

Progress of Islam Ahmadiyyat

"Desist (your opposition), and fear Allah's wrath. Remember that your opposition has a stamp upon it, because if Allah was with you, you would have much support, and only one person's prayer would have finished me.

Not a single one of your prayers has been accepted in the heavens. In fact, the effect of your prayers against me has caused you to decline day by day. Can you not see that you continue to decline while I continue to succeed?

If you were in a superior level, would it be the case that you could continue to decline, and we continue to succeed?"

The Promised Messiah.



Waqfe Arzi Scheme

On 12th March 1966 Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (Allah have mercy on him), introduced the Waqfe Arzi scheme. The purpose of this project is to promote the learning and teaching of the Holy Quran as well as imparting religious knowledge to local members. Under Waqfe Arzi, at their own expense, thousands of Ahmadis are teaching the Holy Qur'an to the members, exhorting them to do good deeds and shun evil.

The net result of this activity is that members of the Community are receiving religious education and moral training, which in turn is strengthening their character.

When this scheme was first launched, many members of the community readily answered the call of the Khalifa of the time by saying "Labayk" (we are here) and put themselves forward for temporary dedication. In reference to why this scheme was started, Huzoor says:

"The main purpose of the Waqfe Arzi scheme is that members of the community should at their own expense voluntarily go to various Jama'ats and organise classes for the learning and teaching of the Holy Quran. The local Jama'ats should be so organised that they should willingly and happily take up the yoke of the Holy Qur'an upon their shoulders and set an example for the world."

This year in 2021, Huzoor launched a Virtual Waqfe Arzi scheme. The target is to attain 1,000 Waaqifeen Arzi (short-term dedication). The period of Waqf can be between 3 days to 6 weeks and the mode of Waqf is currently virtual, via Zoom, MS Teams, Phone, etc

The place of Waqf will be provided by the department of Talimul Qur'an & Waqfe Arzi UK. Devotees from Ansar and Khuddam will do their waqf duties in cooperation with the local President. A Lajna devotee shall complete her Waqf duties in cooperation with the local Lajna President.

- The devotee shall spend his/her time in:
- Zikre Ilahi (remembrance of Allah)
- Offering Tahajjud prayers in addition to obligatory prayers
- Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
- Teaching of the Holy Qur'an
- Tarbiyyat and Tabligh activities
- Visiting the sick and elderly people
- Waqare Amal
- Promoting Waqf-e-Arzi Scheme and any other activity in cooperation with and under the direction of the President of the delegated Jama'at.

If any Jama'at member is interested in applying for Waqfe Arzi, they can apply online here: <https://ahmadiyya.uk/nqc/waqf-e-arzi/>



HUZOOR'S VISIT TO USA

On 14th October 2022, Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih V delivered his weekly Friday Sermon from the Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Over 5,500 people attended the Friday Sermon, during which Huzoor Anwar stated,

“The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) informed that after him there would be a system of Khilafat. It was not just the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) who informed of this, rather the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) also prophesied that with the coming of the Messiah and the Mahdi, the system of Khilafat would be established forever. The Khilafat of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is carrying on the works of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). In their pledge of allegiance, every Ahmadi Muslim pledges to be loyal and obedient to Khilafat. Therefore, every Ahmadi Muslim must fulfil their pledge of loyalty and obedience to Khilafat otherwise the pledge is incomplete.”

Huzoor Anwar mentioned that those Ahmadi Muslims who had migrated to America and found

safety and refuge should ensure that they and their future generations should not deviate from sincerely following their faith.

Speaking of the current geo-political state of the world, Hazrat Amirul Momineen warned,

“Terrifying clouds of war hover above us. Just recently, the American President warned that if Russia uses nuclear weapons, there will be a reaction which will lead to ‘Armageddon.’ Therefore, the people living in these [Western] countries should not assume that they have become safe by migrating there. No one is safe anywhere. When the minds of these ‘powerful’ leaders become twisted, they care not for anything. Thus, in this day and age it is the responsibility of Ahmadi Muslims to turn to prayer and sincerely worship Allah the Almighty.”

Huzoor Anwar elaborated,

“It is the faithfulness of Ahmadi Muslims and their relationship with Allah the Almighty and their prayers that can save the world from its destruction. Generate sympathy in your hearts and then pray for the people. Explain to the people that are within your circle



of influence that if we do not fulfil our obligations towards Allah the Almighty and His people, then we will see that the beautiful world before us will turn into barren ruins. Therefore, every Ahmadi Muslim must fulfil their obligations with this realisation in mind."

Speaking of the history of the Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque, Huzoor mentioned that on this very Friday, the Mosque had reached its 28th anniversary since its inauguration.

"Those who live around this Mosque, the newcomers and the old residents should ask themselves how they have progressed in their spirituality in the last 28 years and how successful they have been in fulfilling the rights of this Mosque. May Allah enable those who come to this Mosque to see the coming decades and centuries of this Mosque and may Allah keep it protected from all kinds of disasters. However, the true rights of the Mosque will only be served when we fulfil our obligations towards it and make it filled with worshippers."

Inauguration of Bait-ul-Qayyum Mosque, Fort Worth

A week earlier, on Friday 7th October, Huzoor travelled to Fort Worth to inaugurate the Baitul Qayyum Mosque based in the city of Fort Worth.

After unveiling a plaque to mark the inauguration of the Mosque and planting a tree, Huzoor inspected the premises. Prior to the Maghreb and Isha prayers, the local members of the Jama'at had the opportunity to meet Huzoor Anwar during which Huzoor encouraged that they should ensure that attendance for prayers increases at the Mosque.

Arrival in Bait-ur-Rahman, Maryland

At midday local time on Sunday 9th October, Huzoor departed from the Baitul Ikram Mosque and took a

flight from DSW International Airport. Huzoor Aqdas arrived at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, late afternoon and proceeded directly to the Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque in Silver Spring.

Upon arrival at the Mosque, His Holiness was greeted by over 2000 Ahmadi Muslim men, women and children who were eagerly awaiting his arrival.

Inspection of guest House and Sirai Khidmat

On Monday 10th October, Huzoor inspected a new Guest House of the Jama'at based near the Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque.

Huzoor Anwar also inaugurated *Sirai Khidmat* which is to serve as the headquarters of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA.

Meetings with members

Later in the day, Hazrat Amirul Momineen held collective meetings with Ahmadi Muslims, separately with both men and women, where they had the opportunity to speak to Huzoor and seek his prayers.

Throughout the tour, aside from collective *Mulaqats* with members, Huzoor met with hundreds of Ahmadi Muslims in personal and family *Mulaqats*.

Meeting with recent converts

On Tuesday, Huzoor Anwar also held a meeting with recent converts who had joined the Jama'at.

During the meeting, Huzoor spoke to each of the 46 attendees and advised that they should seek to regularly recite and understand the Holy Qur'an and in particular, they should learn the first chapter of the Holy Qur'an which is essential for offering the five daily prayers.



Bai'at

During this meeting on Tuesday, one of the attendees mentioned that he had not yet converted but now wished to do so and requested Huzoor if he could have the honour of taking the Bai'at at his hands.

The following day, on Wednesday, after the *Zuhr* and *Asr* prayers, Huzoor Anwar led him in an emotional *Bai'at* ceremony. All those present at the mosque were also able to join in forming a human chain which led up to the hand of Hazrat Amirul Momineen to take the pledge of allegiance.

Inspection of Masroor International Teleport

The same day, Huzoor visited MTA International's complex that houses its facilities and 'Teleport' from where MTA regional channels are broadcast through satellites to North America and South America."

Waqfat-e-Nau Class (Girls)

Later that day, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V held a meeting with Waqfat-e-Nau girls aged 12 and above during which the participants had the opportunity to ask questions on a range of contemporary issues.

One of the questioners enquired how he sees the development of the Russia-Ukraine War to which Huzoor Anwar replied,

"It is not the matter of only Ukraine and Russia war. It seems as if it is going beyond the borders of Russia and Ukraine. The whole world is going to be involved. If the whole world is involved in this war, then I hope quite a number of people will realise and start thinking why it has happened. There will be very few people left to ponder over it, to think about it, that what has happened. And those who will be left behind, they will, I hope, try to then go to find their Creator, towards

the good things, to search for the true religion. And then at that time it is the duty of Ahmadi women and men to guide them on the right path that, 'now you have seen the result of your worldly desires, and now Allah says that you should follow my injunctions and commandments and obey my teachings and practice what I say and believe in me firmly. Then if they don't realise it, then there's going to be another havoc. The whole world will be doomed. So, we cannot say what is going to happen. So, we should pray and get ourselves ready to preach the true message of religion and how to bring people closer to their Creator."

Another participant mentioned that Ahmadi Muslims feel sad whenever Huzoor leaves a place after visiting it. She asked how Huzoor himself feels when he has to leave to which Huzoor most lovingly replied,

"If you will feel sad when I leave, then the same sentiments are mine. That is what happens. But after some time, you forget that I came here and I left. [But] I never forget you. I keep on praying for you all the time. So, this is how the world works and this is how we should behave that a person who comes here in our town or city or in the world, he has to go back and we should pray for the person, for each other. This is how we can strengthen the bond of relationship. That you should do and that is also what I should do."

One of the members of Waqf-e-Nau scheme asked Hazrat Amirul Momineen about what efforts they can make to combat climate change. Huzoor Aqdas responded,

"You should plant more trees. You should only try to use your vehicle when it is direly needed; not just to go to a nearby burger shop, or for travelling a hundred yards. Don't pollute the atmosphere. Try to reduce carbon emissions and plant more trees. Every Waqifa-e-Nau should plant at least ten trees in a year and so you will be able to plant thousands of trees. That will also help. And also let the people



understand and make them realise their duties. Try to be a big promoter and preacher of climate change and greenhouse effect. So, this is how you can help your country and your neighbour and your town."

Waqf-e-Nau Class (Boys)

Following the meeting, Waqf-e-Nau boys aged 12 and above also had the honour to have a sitting with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V.

A Waqf-e-Nau asked Huzoor how he could stay attached to Khilafat when he was physically at a distance from the Caliphs before him due to being in Ghana or Pakistan whilst the Khalifa of the time was in a different country. Huzoor said,

"I was brought up in such an atmosphere where I was taught that there is no spiritual life without Khilafat. When I dedicated my life and I went to Africa, I used to write to Khalifatul Masih III and Khalifatul Masih IV. Also, I used to pray for myself that I always remain close to Khilafat and I never ever do something which disturbs Khalifa of the time. And this is how you

can strengthen your bond with Khilafat. You should also do the same. Try to make personal contact and relation with the Khalifatul Masih and pray for him daily in your prayers and pray for yourself as well that Allah the Almighty strengthens you in your faith and the bond and the relation with the Khalifatul Masih."

An attendee also asked Huzoor if the recent floods in Pakistan were a result of the punishment of Allah the Almighty due to their persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in the country to which Huzoor Anwar explained,

"It is not only the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. There are quite a number of wrong deeds they have been doing. Even their own political leaders and their own Mullahs (religious clerics) have started saying that this flooding and all the chaos in the country, the political disturbance, is a punishment from Allah the Almighty. But they do not want to realise this fact that it is because of their bad habits and their bad deeds and their killing of innocent people. So, I think this can be one of the causes."



INAUGURATION OF BAITUL IKRAM MOSQUE BY HAZRAT AMIRUL MOMINEEN

On 2nd October Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih V inaugurated the Baitul Ikram (House of Honour) Mosque in Dallas USA with his weekly Friday sermon in which he spoke about the obligations that are associated with mosques.

Huzoor said,

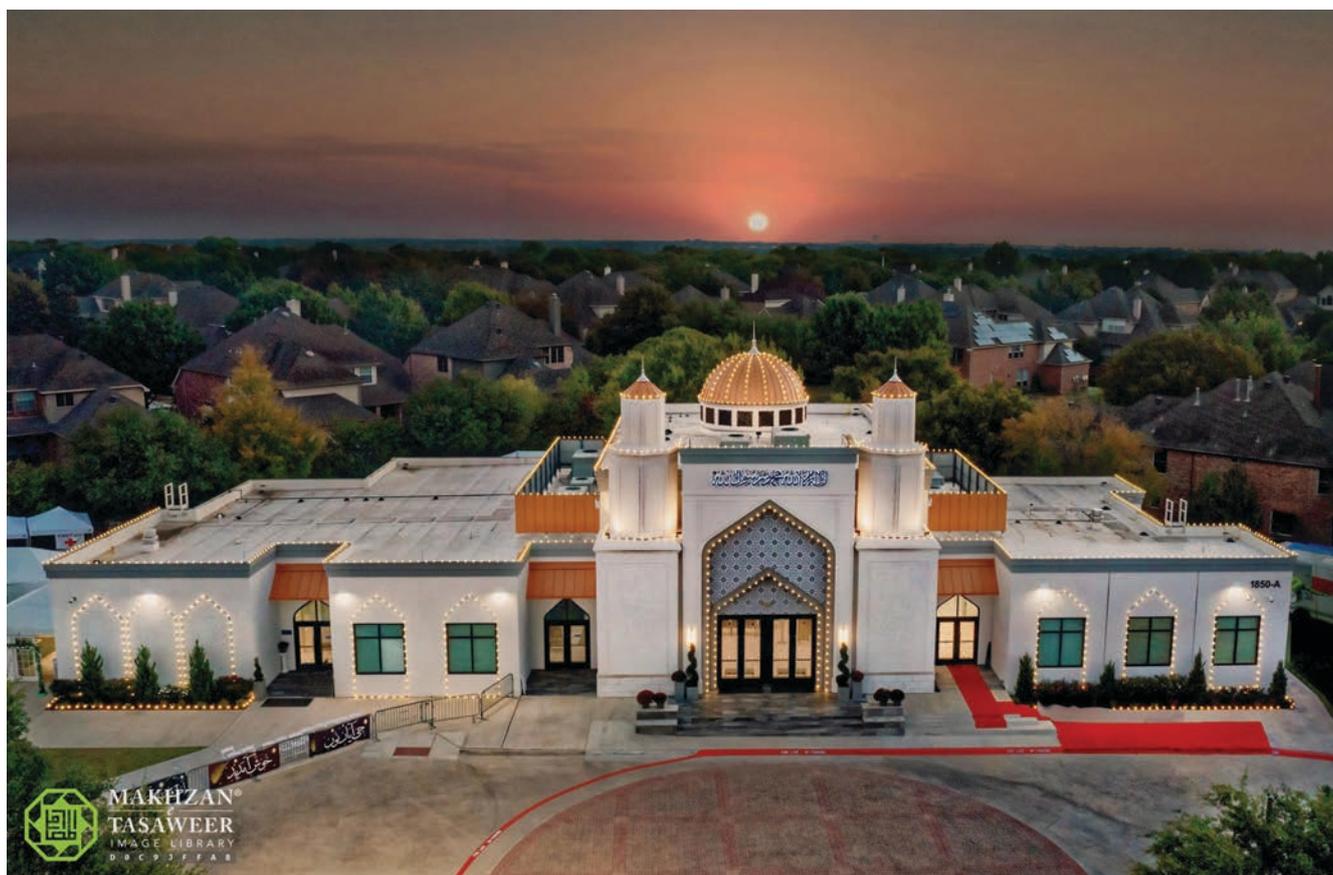
“Today Allah the Almighty is enabling you to inaugurate your Mosque. Although the Mosque has been constructed for some time, its formal inauguration is taking place today. In this location, initially a hall was constructed to serve the purpose of a Mosque, however now you have made a purpose-built Mosque here. You now have a beautiful Mosque and in terms of its capacity, there is much space available.”

Praying for those who helped in the building of the Mosque, Huzoor Aqdas stated,

“May Allah enable those who have taken part in the building of this Mosque to fulfil its obligations. May it be the case that you constructed this Mosque solely for the purpose of attaining the pleasure of Allah. May you be those who are the beneficiaries of the statement of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in which he said, ‘The one who builds a Mosque for the sake of attaining the pleasure of Allah, Allah will build a house for him in paradise like the Mosque he constructs.’”

Reminding the gathering of the obligations that fall upon those who build a Mosque, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated,

“The objectives associated with making the Mosque that is built for attaining the pleasure of Allah does not end with the completion of the Mosque’s structure. Rather, one can only attain Allah’s pleasure when we



follow His commandments and fulfil the rights of His worship and those of His creation. We can attain the pleasure of Allah when we give precedence to faith over the world with complete sincerity and loyalty and when we fulfil our pledge of Bai'at [oath of initiation into the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community]."

Arrival in Dallas, Texas

Hazrat Amirul Momineen arrived at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport late afternoon local time on Sunday 2nd October 2022 and proceeded directly to the Baitul Iqra Mosque.

Upon arrival at the new Mosque, Huzoor Anwar was greeted by hundreds of Ahmadi Muslim men, women and children who were overjoyed at seeing their beloved Imam.

Unveiling of plaque and tree planting

On Monday, 3rd October, Huzoor unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark the opening of the Mosque.

Huzoor also graced a barbeque arranged by local Ahmadi Muslims.

On Tuesday, 4th October, Huzoor Aqdas inspected the Mosque complex and planted a tree outside the mosque.

Waqf-e-Nau Class (Girls)

On Wednesday, 5th October 2022, Huzoor Anwar presided over a meeting with female members of Waqf-e-Nau aged 12 and above during which the

participants had the opportunity to ask questions on a range of contemporary issues.

One of them asked Huzoor if Sufism and its practices have any benefits to which Huzoor explained,

"There was no Sufism during the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). There was no Sufi during the time of the four rightly guided Caliphs. After centuries, it [Sufism] started. And when it started, it was because at that time, Khilafat was not the spiritual Khilafat; that was worldly Khilafat. And the Caliphs of those times were after worldly gains and the Khalifa was not the chosen Khalifa by the community, they inherited Khilafat. So, this is why, at that time, a group of people stood up who said, 'we are the spiritual people and we tell the people what is the actual spirit of your religion and what is the spirit of prayers and how you should pray, how you should bow before Allah, how you should practice the commandments given in the Holy Quran.' They started explaining teachings of the Holy Quran. So, this is how it all developed."

Continuing Huzoor elaborated,

"But, now, after the coming of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), who came to revive the religion of Islam according to the prophecy of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him), there is no need to follow any Sufi. I remember, once I explained in my sermon, the verse of the Holy Quran which states, 'Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth.' An Arab person who had newly converted to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community said, 'I was the



follower of Sufism. And now, after having listened to your Sermon, I can say there is no bigger Sufi than the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). How he has explained the teachings of the Holy Quran, there is no need of any of the Sufi now. And now Khilafat is also rightly guided so as long as it will remain as it is, then there is no need of any Sufism.' So, it was the requirement of the past, not the present."

Waqf-e-Nau Class (Boys)

Following the meeting, Waqf-e-Nau boys aged 12 and above also had the honour to have a sitting with Hazrat Anwar.

One of the questions posed during this sitting was on how young people should maintain their identity when people mock them for their beliefs. Hazrat Anwar advised,

"Develop self-confidence and self-belief. When you know that you are on the right path, then care not for other people's mockery...you should tell people who mock you that you are on the right and they too should strive to save themselves. So, when we are on the right and our claim is that we are going to spiritually conquer the entire world with peace and love, then why should we be worried? Why should you bother about what other people say?"

Another questioner asked how he should pray for the Khalifa of the time to which Hazrat Anwar responded,



“You should pray that Allah the Almighty helps the Khalifa of the time to discharge his duties so that the burden of the duties that Allah has put on his shoulders is properly discharged. Pray that Allah the Almighty gives him strength and health so that he works properly for the cause of Islam and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and whatever plans are in the mind of the Khalifa of the time are completed with Allah’s help in the shortest possible time and in the best way and that Allah the Almighty may also give him the helpers, that is, ‘Sultan-e-Naseer’, so that a team of helpers can also help the Khalifa of the time. Also [pray to Allah that He] makes us the helper of the Khalifa of the time so as Waqf-e-

Nau, we also discharge our duties to help the Khalifa of the time in completing his assignments and his tasks, his wishes and his plans.”

Meetings with Members

During the course of his week in Zion and Dallas, Huzoor Aqdas met with hundreds of Ahmadi Muslims in private meetings (family Mulaqats), many of whom had the opportunity to meet Hazrat Amirul Momineen for the very first time.



RECEPTION ON OPENING OF BAITUL IKRAM MOSQUE DALLAS

On 8th October 2022, Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih V delivered the keynote address at a special reception held to commemorate the opening of the Baitul Ikram Mosque in Allen, Texas, which Huzoor had formally inaugurated a day earlier with his weekly Friday sermon.

The reception was attended by around 140 guests, including politicians, faith leaders, and local residents.

In his address Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V spoke of Islam's emphasis and focus on establishing peace within society, whilst also urging world leaders, public figures and all members of the public to play their respective roles in establishing peace in the world. Commenting on the purpose of building Mosques, Huzoor stated,

"The principal objectives underlying any Mosque built by our Community are always the same. Firstly, our Mosques serve as a place for our members to congregate to fulfil their religious duties of worshipping God Almighty. Secondly, our Mosques enable us to serve God's Creation and to propagate Islam's teachings."

In reference to verses of the Holy Qur'an, Huzoor Anwar went on to highlight Islam's emphasis on peace and mentioned that the allegation that Islam promotes extremism and violence could not be further from the truth. Huzoor explained,

"The Ka'bah was founded and built on the instructions of Allah the Almighty to convey a universal message of peace and security for people from all walks of life and nations. Whilst Mosques are built to face the

Ka'bah, it is not just in terms of physical direction that they should follow the Ka'bah. Rather every Mosque and those who worship within them must strive to emulate and faithfully represent the objectives of the Sacred House."

Huzoor Aqdas further stated,

"Alongside worshipping Allah, the other key objective of the Ka'bah and, therefore, of every Mosque, is to be home to those people who are open-hearted, gracious, benevolent and who convey a message of peace, reconciliation and goodwill for all mankind through their words and deeds."

Huzoor said that in chapter 3, verse 98 of the Holy Quran, Allah the Almighty states regarding the Ka'bah that *'whoso enters it, enters peace'*."

Hazrat Amirul Momineen explained the verse and pointed out,

"Fundamentally, the words 'whoso enters it, enters peace' demand true worshippers of Allah the Almighty to pay great attention to fulfilling the rights of other people and to afford peace and security to all humanity. In this way, they not only attain peace but also become a guarantor for the peace of others."

Huzoor Anwar explained that Islam permitted Muslims to fight only under extreme circumstances as an act of self-defence or to protect universal religious freedom and end cruelty. Highlighting the detail in which the Holy Qur'an delves in order to create peace, Huzoor expanded,

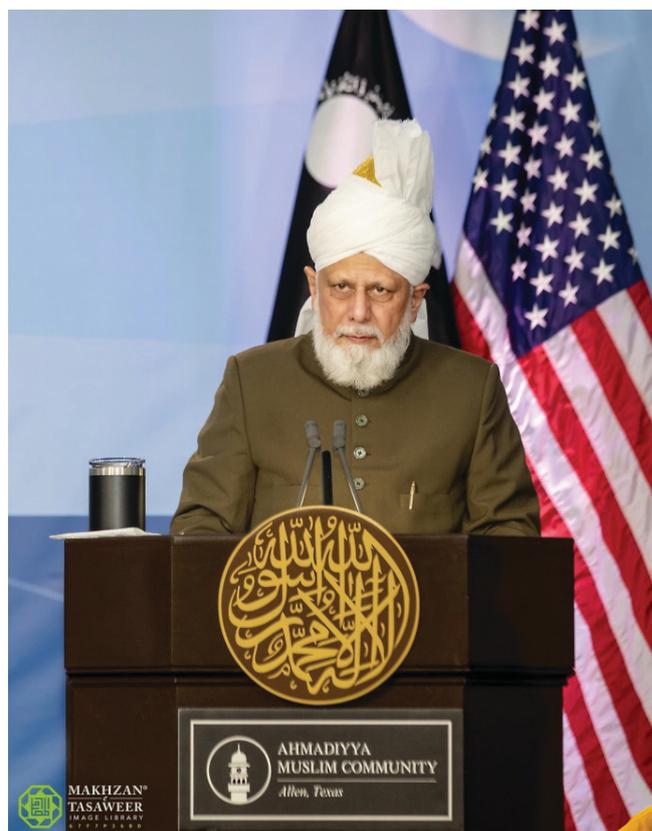
"To maintain peace, the Holy Qur'an, in chapter 25, verse 64, instructs Muslims on how to respond to ignorant or hostile people who taunt or speak unkindly to them. Rather than reacting indignantly, Allah the Almighty instructs Muslims to keep their dignity in the face of provocation, to remain patient and to respond by saying 'Peace be upon you' and to take leave of the situation. The Qur'an teaches that rather than confront aggression and provocation in a like fashion, Muslims should set aside their pride, and respond by conveying a message of peace and avoid all forms of conflict and quarrel."

Huzoor Anwar further referenced the first chapter of the Holy Qur'an which begins by mentioning that Allah is the *'Provider and Sustainer'* of people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Explaining this verse, Huzoor Anwar stated,

"When the One God Who Muslims worship is the Lord of all Mankind – Christians, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs or the people of other religions and the people who have no faith – then how could it be that a Muslim would ever cause trouble or be a source of grief for others? Rather, a sincere Muslim would always desire to bestow comfort, to be a source of peace and to establish love and harmony with all other people, rather than be a person who causes humanity grief or suffering. A true Muslim is one who shoulders the burdens of others and feels their pain and sorrow as though it was their own. So, it is with this spirit of sympathy for all mankind, and an understanding that Allah the Almighty's Grace and Mercy is universal, that we build Mosques."

Hazrat Amirul Momineen mentioned that, inspired



by the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the Jama'at has established schools, hospitals and water facilities which serve people in deprived and remote parts of the world without any distinction of faith or background commenting,

"Serving humanity is our mission and purpose because Islam has taught us that we must not only fulfil the rights of God Almighty but also the rights of His Creation."

Addressing potential fears of Islam amongst the wider community directly, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated,

"I urge anyone who has any doubts or fears to breathe a sigh of relief in the knowledge that this new Mosque, built by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, will only ever represent and reflect Islam's enlightened teachings of peace, respect and tolerance. Our teaching is not to confront those who have different beliefs to us but to embrace them. Our teaching is not to attack our opponents but to defend them and their rights. Rest assured, this Mosque will radiate nothing but love, compassion and sympathy for mankind."

Huzoor proceeded to speak about the grave dangers facing the world.

"Unquestionably, today the world teeters on the brink of disaster, as nations around the world are engulfed by a ferocious storm of political, economic and social unrest. The war in Ukraine has been raging for months and dark clouds indicating even greater turmoil and warfare are hovering ominously above us. Opposing political blocs and alliances have become progressively entrenched, as the world becomes increasingly polarised. The result is that the peace and security of the world is unravelling by the day."

Huzoor Aqdas highlighted that it has become



increasingly normalised for countries to use threats of nuclear annihilation against other countries and said,

“Until recently, threatening to unleash nuclear weapons was considered unthinkable but now such threats are uttered on an almost daily basis... There is no doubt that if a global war erupts it will be unlike anything the world has ever seen. Surely, its catastrophic and devastating consequences are far beyond our comprehension. Many countries have acquired state of the art weapons that have the deadly capacity to kill thousands upon thousands of people with just one strike. It will not just be us who endure the pain and who grieve, rather our children and future generations will suffer for our sins and their lives will be destroyed through no fault of their own.”

Speaking of how future generations will perceive those who allow for nuclear war to take place, Huzoor Aqdas warned,

“Undoubtedly, those innocent souls will look back at us with contempt. They will lament why their forefathers let their egos and selfish ways drive them toward destructive wars that left their future generations physically, emotionally and economically crippled. So, my ardent request and message to the world is that we must set aside our differences and work tirelessly to foster peace in society so that we may save our future generations, rather than, God forbid, sentence

them to lives filled with nothing except misery and despair.”

Huzoor Aqdas concluded his address by urging everyone in society to make efforts towards establishing peace. Huzoor stated,

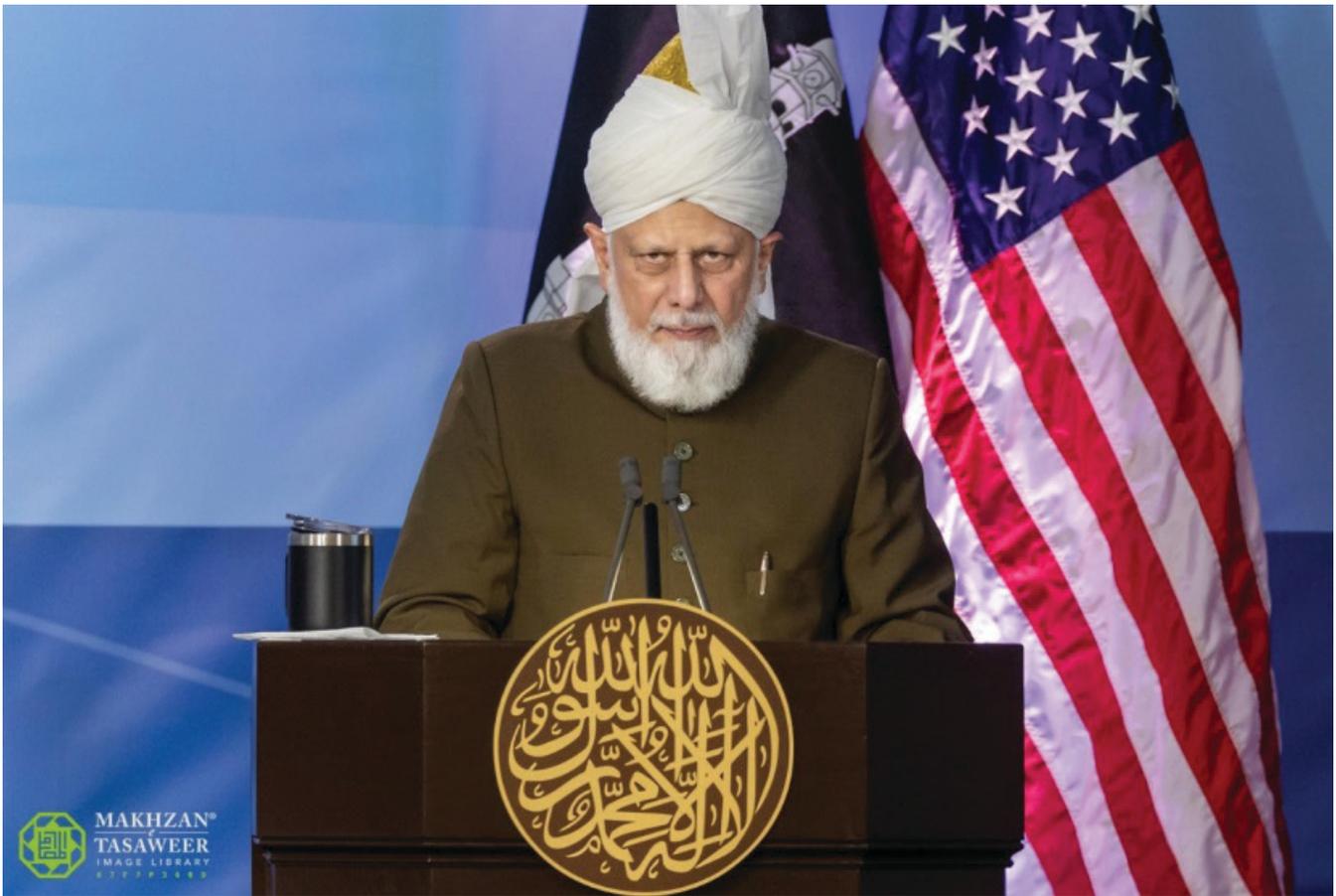
“Each of us has a role to play in the cause for peace. Wherever there is cruelty or injustice, we must condemn it. We must urge our political leaders, that instead of propelling our nations towards war and, rather than raising the temperature through threats of retribution and violence, they should endeavour to cool the tensions that exist both at an international level and within nations through diplomacy and wisdom. They must ensure that the peace and security of the world remains their paramount objective.”

Prior to the address, participants heard from guest speakers who took to the stage.

Carl Clemencich, City Councilman of the City of Allen presented Huzoor Anwar with the key to the City of Allen.

Dr. Robert Hunt, Professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations, Southern Methodist University, said:

“His Holiness has been dedicated to the promotion of two closely related virtues, religious freedom



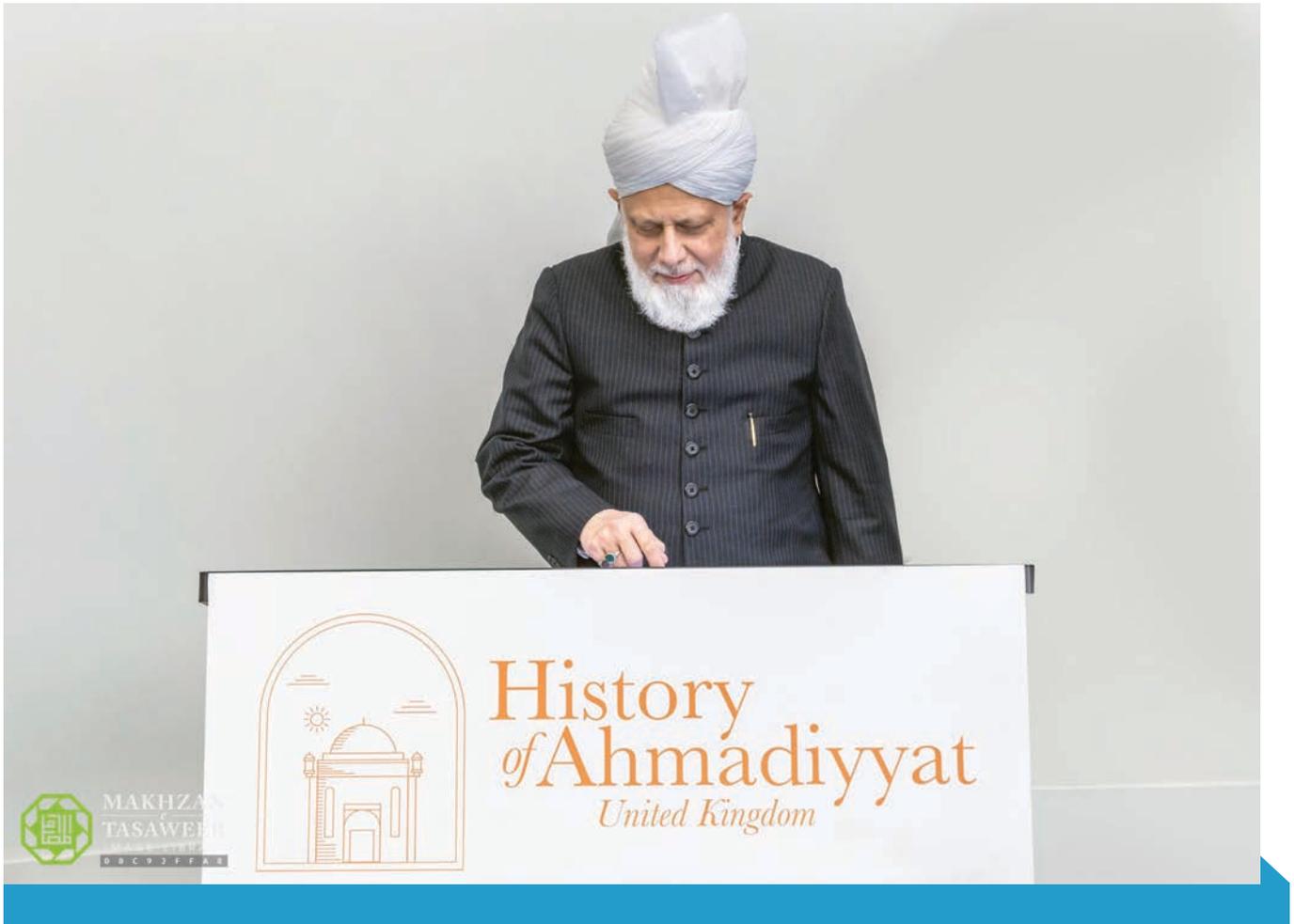
and inter-religious dialogue... It is my hope that the opening of this mosque, the visit of His Holiness, will encourage us all to redouble our efforts to create, through dialogue, a peaceful, harmonious and respectful society, not only here in North Texas, but across the globe."

U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul, the Ranking Republican Chair of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Co-Chair of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Congressional Caucus, introduced a special bi-partisan resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives commending Huzoor Anwar's many contributions towards global peace and justice.

Speaking at the event, Mr McCaul said,

"The House of Abraham. The three major religions go back to that house. Judaism, Christianity, Islam. His Holiness, the second time I've had the honour to visit with him extensively, believes that we can all live under the house of Abraham. Peacefully, not at war with each other."

Rep. Mike McCaul also recorded an official statement in the Congressional Record recognizing the historic milestone of the inauguration of Baitul Ikram Mosque and honouring the visit of Huzoor Aqdas to the United States.



THE OFFICIAL HISTORY WEBSITE OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY UNITED KINGDOM LAUNCHED BY HAZRAT AMIRUL MOMINEEN KHALIFATUL MASHIH V

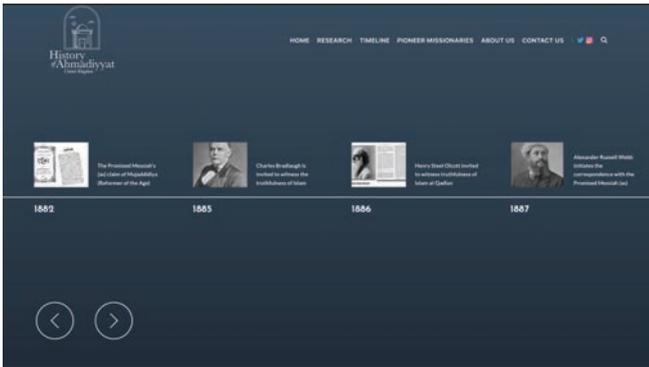
By Raheel Ahmad

The compilation of the history of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community initially began under the directive of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IVth in preparation for the commemoration of the Ahmadiyya Centenary Jubilee to be held in 1989. A letter was sent to various countries from *Wakil-u-Tabsheer* (Director of Foreign Missions) in February 1986 instructing them to form a history committee to collate their historical records. A draft of a brief history of the UK Community was compiled and sent to *Wakalat-e-Tabsheer Rabwah* (Ahmadiyya Muslim Foreign Mission Office Rabwah) for their records.

This work has continued in various capacities for the last three to four years. However, it accelerated with

new vigour when it was decided that detailed research on the Promised Messiah's^(peace be upon him) efforts in conveying the message of Islam to the Western world was a paramount need in understanding the purpose of the establishment of the first external mission outside India.

The first volume on the History of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK focuses on the propagation of Islam to the West during the time of the Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him). Among the topics covered in the first volume are the Promised Messiah's^(peace be upon him) efforts in reaching Western lands through letters and tracts, his debates, and interactions with the Christian clergy in India, and his challenge to Dowie and Pigott.



References made to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in UK press and the visits made by many Westerners to Qadian are also discussed.

In accordance with the need of the time it was decided the research would be published in form of articles on a website. It is hoped that this will excite the curiosity of the youth to learn about the efforts made by the founder of the Community, and more importantly the role they need to play in the West.

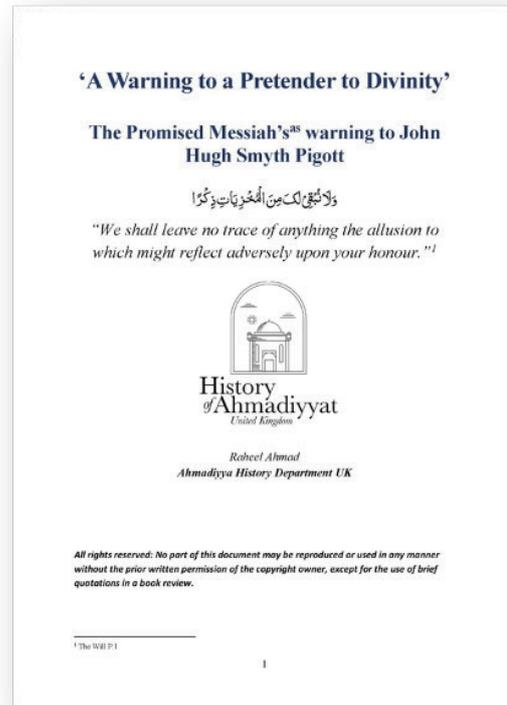
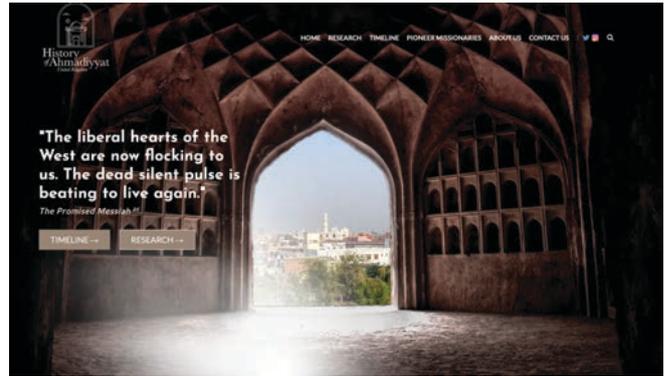
The concept of the website was presented to beloved Hazrat Amirul Momineen in a *Mulaqat* by respected Amir Sahib UK and it was requested that Huzoor officially launches the website. Huzoor Aqdas graciously accepted this request and arrangements were made for the launch following Friday prayers on 4th November 2022. Huzoor Aqdas announced the official launch of the website, at the conclusion of his Friday sermon on 4th November 2022 and stated,

‘The UK Jama’at has prepared a new website which is about the history of the Ahmadiyya Jama’at in UK. Work on researching and collating the history was being done for many years and now a website has been prepared which includes research articles in relation to the efforts of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in propagating the message of Islam to the West. The history of the Ahmadiyya Jama’at in UK is generally considered to have started in 1913 when Chaudhry Fateh Muhammad Siyal Sahib came here. However, the message of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) had already reached UK and other European countries from the moment he announced he was the Mujadid (reformer).

‘The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) published 8,000 copies of an announcement in English in order to inform people of his claim. These were distributed amongst the well-known and highly respected priests in India and England.

‘They were also sent to various societies and religious leaders and this message was sent to as many places as it was possible to send in those days. For example, a politician in the UK, Charles Bradlaugh, who was an atheist, received the message of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in 1885.

‘This has been mentioned in the newspaper, Cork Constitution of 8th June 1885. Similarly, one of the founding members of The Theosophist Society, Henry

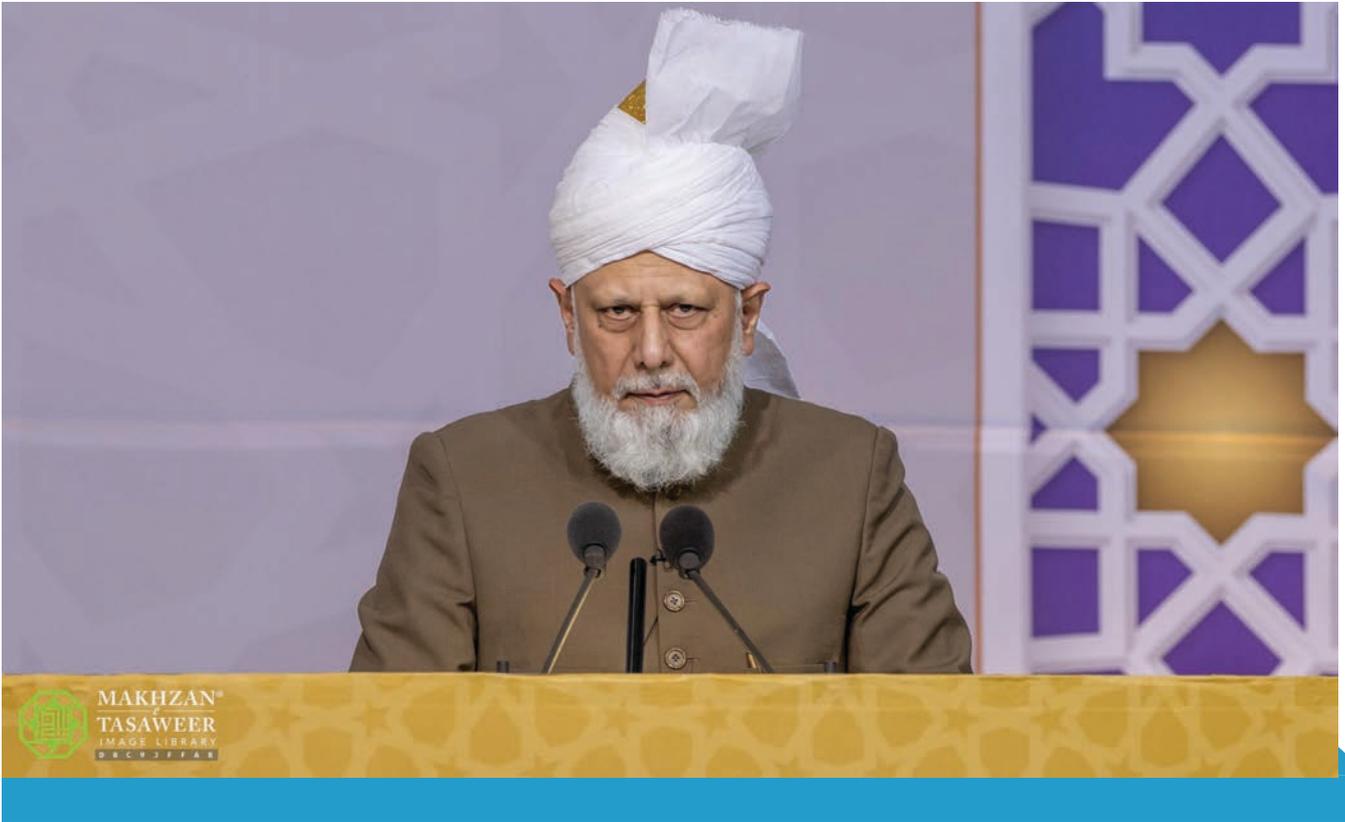


Steel Olcott received this message in 1886, which he mentioned in the September issue of his journal, The Theosophist in 1886.

‘A timeline of the blessed era of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) has also been published on the website, which includes various facts about the propagation of Islam in the West. Also, another timeline has been prepared under the title of Pioneer Missionaries which includes the early missionaries of the community among whom were also companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and it includes their introduction and information about their missionary efforts in the UK. There is also a detailed research, along with references, on the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) regarding Pigott. There are some further research articles based on the history (of the UK Jama’at) through which the youth will be able to clearly learn about the true objective of why they and their forefathers had come to the UK. The address of this website is history.ahmadiyya.uk.

‘Although the website has started but they want to formally inaugurate it today.

May Allah the Almighty enable this to be a source of benefit for our members and also the non-Ahmadis.’



ANNUAL IJTEMA OF MAJLIS KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA UK

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK organised this year's annual Ijtema on the 9th to 11th September 2022 at the Old Park Farm in Kingsley. It was attended by more than 5700 young men and boys.

Due to the passing away of Queen Elizabeth II, some activities including sports at the Ijtema were scaled back out of respect as instructed by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V.

In his concluding address at the Ijtema Huzoor paid tribute to the life and service of the late Queen when he said,

"The Queen was our long-serving Head of State and she led this nation with great dignity and justice for over seventy years. During her reign, the United Kingdom remained a beacon of religious freedom in the world. Indeed, the Queen herself advocated for true religious freedom and inter-faith harmony on many occasions. Thus, we are grateful to have lived

under such a gracious monarch."

Hazrat Amirul Momineen further stated,

"As Ahmadi Muslims, we should be particularly appreciative of the fact that we were given the opportunity to establish our Community's international headquarters (Markaz), after the migration of the Fourth Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, in the UK during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and have been able to practice and propagate our religion freely. In this regard, we will always be grateful to Queen Elizabeth, the British Government and this nation. Furthermore, we pray that our new Head of State, King Charles III, continues to ensure that religious freedom and justice for all people remains a hallmark of this nation and that the rights of the people are always fulfilled."

Huzoor Aqdas proceeded to speak about some of the most fundamental moral qualities that Khuddam



should adopt.

Throughout his address, Huzoor particularly emphasised the importance of saving oneself from any type of lying and always adhering to telling the truth. Huzoor Anwar spoke about the vital significance of worship of God Almighty in the form of the five daily prayers. Huzoor exhorted,

“Anyone who calls themselves a Muslim must pay great attention to ensuring that they protect and guard their worship – which requires them to be regular and punctual in offering Namaz with the utmost sincerity. The reason Allah the Almighty has made Namaz obligatory is because a person cannot remain spiritually alive without it. In other words, Salat is indispensable, and a person’s faith and spirituality cannot survive without it.”

Huzoor explained,

“Thus, just as a person is in perpetual need of air, food and water, in the same way, if a person wishes to remain spiritually alive, they must ensure that they constantly nourish their soul through Salat. Hence, throughout your lives, Namaz should be the one constant companion that you never let go of.”

On the topic of the benefits of Salat, Huzoor quoted chapter 29, verse 46 of the Holy Qur’an which read,

“Observe Prayer. Surely, Prayer restrains one from indecency and manifest evil, and remembrance of Allah indeed is the greatest virtue.”

Explaining the verse, Hazrat Amirul Momineen stated,

“In this verse, Allah the Almighty commands Muslims to ‘observe prayer’ and declares that Namaz is the means of protecting a person from immorality,

indecency and all things He dislikes. Hence, to live a moral life and to be free from vice, one must offer the five daily prayers at their appointed times with full diligence and sincerity of heart. The very meaning of ‘observe prayer’ is that one must be regular in Namaz and offer it with complete focus and in a state of unconditional submission to Allah.”

Huzoor pointed out that amongst the vices that exist in society, falsehood is a *“sin of immense gravity and harmful to both the individual and the wider society.”*

Huzoor narrated a saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) which outlines four signs of a hypocrite which runs as follows,

“There are four signs that make someone a pure hypocrite and whoever has them has a characteristic of hypocrisy until he abandons it: when he speaks he lies, when he makes a covenant he is treacherous, when he makes a promise he breaks it, and when he argues he uses foul language.”

Huzoor explained all the four aspects of the Hadith and advised against falling prey to any of them.

Speaking about the importance of never breaking one’s covenant and promise, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V said,

“Regrettably, it is incredibly commonplace for individuals, organisations and nations to make firm promises, declarations or treaties, upon which they later renege. According to Islam, the scale of one’s promise or pledge is irrelevant. Even if a promise or deal is very small or low-level, a person is duty-bound to fulfil the terms he has agreed to. Otherwise, according to the Hadith, he is guilty of hypocrisy.”

Speaking about the four characteristics, Hazrat Amirul Momineen explained,



“You must never violate the terms of the deals or pledges you make and nor should you resort to foul language or fail to observe proper manners and etiquette in your dealings with others. These are the essential components and characteristics fundamental to creating a harmonious and tolerant society of righteous people. If you live your lives in this way, you will be those who create a true and lasting bond with Allah the Almighty through your worship, and, at the same time, you will be amongst those who spread truth in society and serve as a source of enlightenment for humanity.

Huzoor Aqdas further emphasised the importance of keeping good company stating,

“If you keep poor company, you will pick up bad habits such as lying, needlessly quarrelling or even fighting, instead of acting truthfully and being kind and considerate. Thus, the younger Khuddam and Atfal must be very conscious of their company. Make friendships with people who are sincere, who are honest and who are not involved in any immoral or senseless activities.”

Hazrat Amirul Momineen referred to the sayings of the Promised Messiah ^(peace be upon him) on the importance of avoiding the sin of lying. Huzoor explained that lying is a sin that is akin to idol worship because when someone tells a lie, they feel that their lie can protect them whereas it is Allah the Almighty Who is the source of all protection. The Promised Messiah ^(peace be upon him) said,

“It is a pity that these wretched people do not give God the value He deserves. They do not know that without the Grace and Mercy of God Almighty, a person cannot survive. Yet they consider the filth of falsehood to be their god and the means of resolving their difficulties.”

Encouraging Khuddam to lead the world by their example, Huzoor said,

“Today, it is the duty of Ahmadi Muslim youth to lead a campaign and movement against all forms of falsehood and deception and they must personally lead by example. Every Khadim and Tifl should pledge that they will never tell a lie because falsehood is equivalent to Shirk – associating partners with Allah



the Almighty.”

Huzoor Anwar further stated,

“Let it be clear that those who rely on falsehood should not expect the Help of Allah, as He will not accept their supplications. As I said, the time is now for every Khadim and every Tifl to pledge that they shall never utter any falsehood. The time is now for you to lead a movement to uphold the truth and become those who worship Allah in the best way and whose moral standards are of the highest order... Ensure that you never lie or deviate even an inch from the truth. Only if we can reach those virtuous standards that free us from the shackles of hypocrisy, can we come to fulfil the demands of our pledge to give priority to our faith over all worldly matters.”

During his address, Huzoor Anwar quoted chapter 17 verse 35 of the Holy Qur’an which states,

“And fulfil the covenant; for the covenant shall be questioned about.”

Hazrat Amirul Momineen said,

“In this verse, Allah the Almighty categorically states that each person will be held accountable for their pledges and covenants. So, do not be under the misconception that standing here and repeating the words of the Khuddam pledge is sufficient – rather, you should understand the significance of this undertaking you have made openly before the world and in the presence of the Khalifa of the Time.

You must strive every minute of every day to fulfil it knowing that one day Allah the Almighty will hold you accountable over the fact that you openly proclaimed that you would give precedence to your faith over all other things. And He will hold you accountable over your pledge of complete loyalty and fidelity with the Khalifa of the Time and with the Community of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).”

Concluding his address, Hazrat Amirul Momineen prayed for the Khuddam and Atfal and said:

“May you be filled with a sincere passion and ardent desire to fly the flag of the teachings of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him) and the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in every part of the world. May you be those whose tongues remain pure and may your conduct be of the highest order so that you become noble examples of truth, sincerity and virtue for the rest of mankind to learn from. Surely, if and when you reach such standards you will be those who bring about a moral revolution in society. You will be the ones who hold aloft an eternal lantern of truth lighting up the world and lifting it out of darkness.”

After his address, Huzoor announced the launch of the English translation of the first half of the book *Mashal-e-Rah Volume 1* which comprises of the historic addresses of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II delivered to Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. Huzoor Anwar also announced the launch of *Salat Hub* Mobile application which helps users learn Salat.



39TH ANNUAL IJTEMA OF MAJLIS ANSARULLAH UK

The 39th annual Ijtema of Majlis Ansarullah UK was held on 16th, 17th and 18th of September 2022 at Old Park Farm Kingsley, Hampshire. COVID restrictions were in place for the safety of all participants. The Ijtema was attended by 3,606 Ansar from around the UK. Academic and sports competitions were an integral part of the Ijtema. Scholarly speeches were delivered by Jama'at scholars covering varying topics.

Day One: Friday 16th Sept

After passing through the registration Ansar entered into the main Ijtema venue where the Majlis Ansarullah Flag and The Union Flag was lowered in position to offer respect to the late Queen Elizabeth

II. The Friday Sermon by Huzoor Anwar was delivered from Masjid Mubarak, Islamabad, Tilford, and projected on the big screens provided in the main Ijtema venue. After the Friday sermon Ansar offered the Friday prayer locally, led by Hafiz Ijaz Ahmed.

The inaugural session started at 1730 which was chaired by Mr Rafiq Ahmed Hayat Amir UK. Before the session started the flag of Majlis Ansarullah was hoisted by Amir UK and the Union Jack was hoisted at the same time by Ch Ijaz Ur Rehman Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK. The inaugural speech was delivered by Amir UK which detailed how members of the Majlis should lead their lives, the moral and spiritual upbringing of their families especially the youth



and children. Respected Amir UK emphasised the need to bring the children closer to Khilafat and to increase the bond and love for Khilafat as a means to increase their relationship with Allah. Amir sahib then distributed prizes among students holding prominent positions in their academic fields.

The second session was presided by Mr Rafi Ahmed Bhatti, Naib Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK & Nazim e Aala Ijtema Committee 2022. An Urdu speech was delivered by Mr Fazlur Rehman, Professor Jamia Ahmadiyya UK on the topic "Zikr e Habib". It described the spiritual life of the Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him) in light of the incidences narrated by his companions. After the speech the prize distribution ceremony was held. Prizes were distributed among individuals and various Majalis for the significant contributions they had made through the year.

Day Two: Saturday 17th Sept

The 3rd session started at 10am with Mr Ch Fazal Ahmed Tahir, Qaid Talim ul Quran presiding. The first lecture was delivered by Dr Imran Malik on the topic of general health matters. Mr Hafiz Ijaz Ahmed chairman cycling club talked about the benefits of cycling in Majlis Ansarullah and the programs being made under this department to motivate Ansar to take up cycling. The Rishta Nata department also gave a presentation and finally the Ahmadiyya Lawyers association provided a presentation by Mr Khalil Ahmed Yousaf. In the meantime, there were academic competitions on Tilawat, Nazm, English and Urdu. At the same time the sports events were held in the fields outside.

After lunch the Zuhr and Asr prayers were offered in congregation. The 4th session then commenced presided by Sahibzada Mirza Waqas Ahmad, Naib Sadr Saf e Dom Majlis Ansarullah UK. The first speech in English was by Dr. Atta Ul Qudus on the topic of Social Pressure on children and responsibilities of Majlis Ansarullah. The religious, social and psychological aspects of the topic were eloquently described.

Two panel discussions followed. The first panel discussion was on the topic of humanitarian activities in the UK. Among the panellists were Zaheer A Jatoi sahib (Chairman Charity Walk for Peace), Messrs Iftikhar Ahmed, Abdul Manan Azher (Qaid Maal). The discussion was hosted by Mr Khalil A Yousaf. The discussions revolved around the history of the

Charity Walk for Peace, its benefits, the fund-raising achievements and the distribution of the funds among various UK charities.

The second panel discussion was on the topic of Masroor Eye Hospital Burkina Faso. Its day to day working and the various stages were discussed. Among the panellists were Ch Ijaz Ur Rehman, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK, Sahibzada Mirza Waqas Ahmad, Naib Sadr Saf e Dom Majlis Ansarullah UK, Mr Musawar Idrees and Dr Imran Ahmed (Eye Specialist). The discussion was hosted by Mr Okasha Saami.

The panel shared the news that the construction of the hospital is now completed. Its inauguration is expected to be held by Huzoor Aqdas in Islamabad on a special event planned on 19th November 2022 Inshallah. Hazrat Amirul Momineen will inshallah unveil a plaque which will then be installed at the facility building in Masroor Eye Hospital Burkina Faso. All Ansar who have been the key donors will be invited to that event.

The fifth session was presided by Maulana Abdul Majid Tahir, additional Wakeel Tabsheer. An English speech was given by Mr Atta ul Momin Zahid, Qaid Tarbiyyat Majlis Ansarullah UK on the "Importance and blessings of Khilafat e Ahmadiyya". The second Urdu speech was from Maulana Raja Burhan Ahmed, Qaid Taleem Majlis Ansarullah, on "Mere firqa k log ilm o marfat main kamal hasil karen gay". At the end of this session a prize distribution ceremony was held by Maulana Abdul Majid Tahir.

The last session was presided by renowned poet Mr Mubarak Siddiqui. The first speech was delivered by Mr Abdul Khaliq Talukdar, Assistant Private secretary for Ansar section on the topic of Ansarullah and their responsibilities. Mr Mubarak Siddiqui then recited some of his poetic accomplishments portraying his observations and experiences of Barkat-e-Khilafat.

After prayers, a Question and Answer session was conducted by Maulana Zaheer Ahmed Khan. Among the panellists were Messrs Attaul Momin Zahid and Mansoor A. Zia sahib.

Day Three: Sunday 18th Sept

The seventh session started at 10am and was presided by Maulana Munir ud Din Shams, Chairman MTA International. The first speech was by Maulana Ata ul Mujeeb Rashid, Imam of the Fazal Mosque

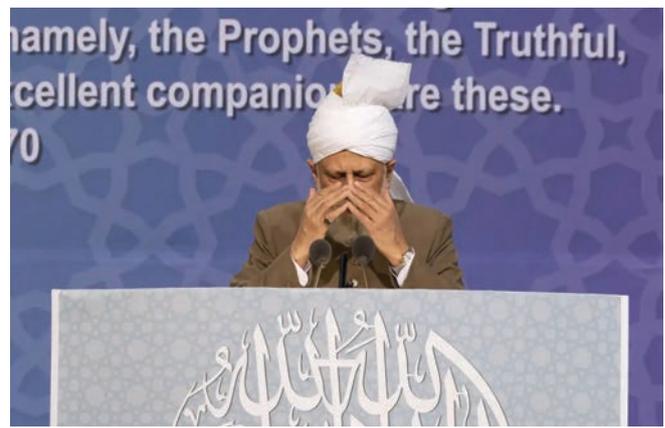


London. The topic was “*The Philosophy & historical background of establishment of Majlis Ansarullah*”. The focus of the speech was to remind the members of Majlis Ansarullah of their responsibilities.

The second speech was delivered by Sir Dr. Iftikhar Ayaz on “*Achievements of Majlis Ansarullah UK during the time of Khalifatul Masih V*”. He outlined the successes of Majlis Ansarullah UK attained through the holy guidance of Khilafat and Khalifatul Masih V.

The last speech was delivered by Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK who explained the theme of this year’s Ijtema and some of the challenges faced while planning this event. He explained that since March 2022 we have started our activities such as the Charity Walk for Peace and Tabligh stalls etc. Prior to that, all of our activities were being done online. He said that at the Charity Walk there was a restriction to limit the participations from the 1200 to 1500 people we are used to, but our Ijtema is being held without any restrictions. All members who are vaccinated and can show a negative Covid test have been able to attend. Sadr Sahib, on the subject of Barkat e Khilafat (blessings of Khilafat), shared his personal experiences. He intimated that his brother, who is a cardiologist in USA, suffered a stroke last year. The attack was so severe that doctors thought that he might not survive and whether he’ll be able to lead a normal life. After requesting Huzoor Anwar for special prayers. Huzoor, not only prayed for him, but also kept a close follow up asking about his condition. By the grace of Allah and prayers of Huzoor not only he was able to completely recover from the stroke in a very short period of time but he started working as a cardiologist again. The doctors who witnessed this speedy recovery admitted it to being a miracle.

The final session of the Ijtema was presided by Hazrat Amirul Momineen. The Ijtema report was presented by Sadr Majlis Ansarullah. He reported that the last occasion the Ijtema was held on site was in 2019. This year an on site Ijtema is taking place after 3 years. The theme of this year’s Ijtema was “*Barkat e Khilafat*”. All the regional Ijtemas followed the same theme. He said that out 143 Majalis in UK, 132 Majalis had the opportunity to hold their local Ijtema’at. Out of 18 regions, 17 held their regional Ijtemas. The attendance of this year’s Ijtema was 3,606 Ansar from around the UK. 492 members from other auxiliary organisations also attended. The 2019 Ijtema was attended by 3107 Ansar. In the end of the report Sadr Majlis Ansarullah



thanked Huzoor Aqdas for his prayers, continuing support and participation in the Ijtema .

Mr Mehmood Khan, Qaid Amoomi Majlis Ansarullah UK then requested Huzoor to award Alm e Inami (Flag of honour) to Majlis Hartlepool on winning last year’s Best Majlis Ansarullah UK.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen began his address with the writings of the Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him), reminding the participants the need to lead a God-fearing life to attain salvation. Huzoor explained that a few moments ago in his address to Lajna he had already mentioned important points on the reformation of souls. Those points he said were not only for Lajna but for all the men as well. The reason being that wherever in the Holy Qur’an Allah mentions these commandments, both men and women are addressed. He said that men are required to establish the same levels of truthfulness and prayers that the women are expected to demonstrate. Huzoor pointed out that some people think that if an advice is being given by the Khalifa, it is not applicable to themselves, or they believe that they are beyond that advice. It is to be well understood and to self-analyse that if the Khalifa of the time is addressing any audience in any country the advice is for everyone to follow and reap its full benefits. Huzoor said we need to evaluate ourselves whether these deficiencies are part of our nature or not. Now that world has become a global village due to new means of communication, it is becoming more important that every member of Jama’at considers himself a direct addressee of Huzoor’s advice. Huzoor explained that if this happens it will bring a revolutionary change toward betterment of the entire Jama’at.

Huzoor Anwar said when we raise slogans that we are the Ansarullah “*helpers of Allah*” we have to demonstrate the true spirit of fear of God and His benevolence. Allah needs no help for us, He is all powerful. It’s His mercy on us that He has established this Jama’at and allowed us to be part of it. What is *Taqwa*? He explained,

“It is Allah’s love and fear of His disapproval remaining in our hearts.”

Similarly benevolent are those who are aware of the good deeds and help others to do good deeds. Hazrat Masih e Maud^(Allah be pleased with him) said that our Jama’at especially needed to demonstrate *Taqwa* as they have made a pledge with the Messiah of the time who is



the reformer in this age sent by Allah so that he may reform all those who were involved in any sort of greed, disruption and associating partners with Allah. After becoming associated with Messiah of this age it is the responsibility of Ansarullah to bring all mankind to bow to one God, Allah and to bring all under the banner of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He said that we need to self-reform to be able to do that. Hazrat Masih e Maud (Allah be pleased with him) further said my Jama'at should understand that they have joined me so that such seeds may be sowed in them to grow them into fruit bearing trees. Therefore, everyone should cast an eye on their own physical and spiritual selves. If our physical and spiritual selves are not aligned, then we should know that we cannot die in peace. When Allah sees that a Jama'at does not practice what they preach then He will not care for them. Thus, we can only be true helpers of Allah when we become the fruit bearing seeds. In order to do that we have to be the true followers of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and the teachings of the Holy Qur'an. In doing so not only will we attain nearness to Allah, we will also be transferring this fruit bearing seeds to our coming generations who will bear the fruits of righteousness.

Huzoor said, that while growing old one starts worrying about providing the necessities of life for his children and family. In doing so he starts forgetting the core principles. Some Ahmadis also get involved in criminal activities like tax theft and refraining from spending in the ways of Allah on correct income.

Allah says that if you are God fearing then Allah will take care of everything and provide you from sources beyond your control or sometimes little resources suffice bigger needs. Hazrat Masih e Maud (Allah be pleased with him) said many Ahmadis write to me about their personal experiences that they remained God fearing, and their needs were fulfilled miraculously. Yet there are others who say that it is not possible to stay truthful and gain benefits also. And they share these thoughts with others as well. This is not true at all, Huzoor stated. How is this possible that at one end Allah promises to stay truthful and says I will be your Helper and on the other hand allows you to tell a lie and be successful. This is beyond the Grace of Allah. If you rely on Allah, He is Almighty and All Knowing - He will help you! So always rely on Allah, which is not possible without *Taqwa* Fear of Allah.

Huzoor stated that it is the hour to improve the level of your prayers, level of your moral values, and to prefer religion over worldly objectives. It is only then Allah helps us in all our good deeds. This it is our prime responsibility - to be thankful to Allah for what opportunities He has provided to us and keep a steady pace towards the path of *Taqwa*. These are the true ways of Ansarullah. May Allah help us to become Ansarullah.

After the address Huzoor Anwar led everyone in a silent prayer to bring the event to a successful conclusion.



LAJNA IMAILLAH UK IJTEMA 2022

Lajna Imaillah UK organised its 2022 annual Ijtema on the 16th to 18th September this year at the Old Park Farm in Kingsley. It was attended by more than 6,800 women and girls.



The Ijtema is an annual academic and spiritual event of Ahmadi Muslim girls and women. It is the main and final event of the Lajna calendar. The gathering is also a time to report on activities undertaken during the past year, a high point of everything Ahmadi Muslim ladies and girls across the UK aspire to and achieve in the year.

(Lajna website)



The highlight of the event was on the final day when Hazrat Amirul Momineen addressed the gathering to bring the Ijtema to a close. In this Huzoor spoke of the responsibilities that Lajna Imaillah as an auxiliary organisation bears and the harms of following societal trends.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V reminded the participants

that Hazrat Musleh Ma'ud gave the name '*Lajna Imaillah*' after much deliberation and the term means, '*a community of the servants of Allah the Almighty*'.

With such a noble name for the organisation, Huzoor said it naturally brings upon its members heavy responsibilities.

Huzoor Aqdas quoted chapter 49, verse 15 of the Holy Qur'an which addresses the desert dwellers of Arabia at the time of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^(peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and states,

"Say, 'You have not believed yet', but rather say, 'We have accepted Islam.'"

Explaining this verse in the context of responsibilities that Lajna Imaillah members have, Huzoor pointed out,

"Here Allah the Almighty commands that whilst those rural people should say they have 'accepted Islam' and become Muslim, they should not claim to have 'believed' or to have gained true faith. This is because the standard of faith required of a sincere believer far exceeds the mere acceptance of Islam. Anyone who recites the Kalima [Islamic declaration of faith] can say they are a Muslim, but not everyone can say they are a believer or have acquired true faith."

Huzoor clarified further,

“Proclaiming that Allah the Almighty is the One and Omnipotent God, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is His Messenger, and Islam is a perfect religion, represents only the most basic level of belief. Absolute faith requires a far higher level of belief and understanding and one cannot reach that level, until and unless they act upon all of the commands of Allah the Almighty. So, the first thing that every Ahmadi must remember is that they must strive to become complete in their faith and belief.”

Speaking about some of the specific responsibilities Lajna members have, Huzoor Aqdas spoke about the fundamental significance of the worship of Allah the Almighty.



From an administrative perspective, this Ijtema has been organised and run by women from start to end, and they will have made a programme that is attuned to the needs and preferences of our ladies and girls. Hence, this Ijtema is a collective and practical demonstration of the great status bestowed upon women by Islam.

<https://www.reviewofreligions.org/13446/womens-rights-and-equality/>



“You should all be aware that the worship of Allah is fundamental to true belief and faith. Namaz is the cornerstone of reforming an individual, whilst, at the same time, it serves to unify and strengthen the collective bond amongst Muslims.”

Huzoor Aqdas also outlined the importance of protecting oneself and one's children from the harmful effects of modern-day media saying,

“Today's society has become morally corrupted and spiritually decayed, as the harmful effects of the mainstream media and social media continue to drive people away from religion and belief in God. Even in schools, very small children are being taught inappropriate and immoral things, which they are far too young to comprehend. As a result, children, from a very young age, are being conditioned by their schools and the wider society into a secular way of thinking and away from religious values and teachings. In such conditions, the onus is very much upon parents to ensure the moral training of their children.”

Huzoor Anwar elaborated,

“These days, even children's cartoons or computer games include storylines or characters that are wholly inappropriate and take away children's innocence. The long-term consequences of such exposure are extremely dangerous and can easily take our future generations away from religion and away from moral values. Thus, parents must keep a close eye on what their children are exposed to, and to counter the

outside influences, Ahmadi Muslim parents must develop a purely Islamic atmosphere within their homes, where the commands of Allah are acted upon and the best morals are displayed.”

Speaking further about how Ahmadi Muslim parents should keep a strong bond with their children, Huzoor Aqdas stated,

“Talk to your children every day and tell them those things that will bring them closer to Allah the Almighty and His Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). As I have said many times before, it is essential that Ahmadi Muslim parents develop a genuine friendship and mutual trust with their children from the very beginning. Whilst this is the duty of both parents, it is especially incumbent on Ahmadi Muslim mothers to forge a loving and close bond with their children and to instil religious values within them. You should encourage your children to talk to you freely and openly. Children are naturally curious and it is the duty of a mother to answer their questions.”

If children ask questions that mothers do not have the answers to, Huzoor said they should not just ignore them or brush them to the side, rather they should research the answer and explain it to their child.

Explaining how mothers should inculcate an interest in religion within their children, Hazrat Amirul Momineen advised,

“Strive to develop an interest for religion in your children. Explain to them why religion is important and to be valued above all else. Ensuring your children's moral and spiritual training is a huge task and the foremost challenge for Ahmadi Muslims who have children growing up in today's society, and mothers have the main role to play in this effort.”

Amongst the qualities Huzoor Aqdas spoke about was that a true believer should adopt is the attribute of humility and explained,

“Another quality and virtue of a believer is humility. It is very easy to say you are humble but sometimes a person's conduct belies such claims. For example, some people who consider themselves humble do not realise that the way they speak to others causes them pain and reflects their arrogance and pride. At all times, we must be cautious and conscious that we never manifest even the slightest degree of pride or consider ourselves superior to others. Where, on the one hand, arrogance causes disorder and restlessness in society, it also plays a very negative role in the moral upbringing of one's children. This is something to seriously ponder and reflect upon.”

Speaking about the quality of spending on the poor and needy, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated,

“Another virtue required of a believer is that they should have the habit of being regular in Sadqa and spending in the way of Allah the Almighty. With the Grace of Allah, most of our members are those who generously give Sadqa to help the poor and needy and make great sacrifices to fulfil the needs of the Jamaat through Chanda (financial sacrifice). Now, as the economic state of the world worsens and people's financial condition becomes strained, some people



may think that they should focus on their own needs and tighten their giving hand. In such circumstances, we should remember those in greater need than us and help and support them as much as possible."

Hazrat Amirul Momineen also spoke about 'purdah'. Huzoor noted that some women express that it is 'difficult' for them to observe purdah in Western society. However, that was a result of a '*needless and misjudged inferiority complex*'. Huzoor pointed out he had given examples in previous speeches of how there are countless examples of young, professional, Ahmadi Muslim women who courageously adhere to purdah whilst going about their day jobs. Referring to such women who are employed and also wear the Hijab, Huzoor elucidated

"On those occasions when their employers sought to prevent them from observing Hijab, the Ahmadi women took a stand and said they would not compromise their faith. They would not remove their scarves just to satisfy their employers. They would not forsake their modesty for the sake of their career. They made it clear that they would much rather lose their jobs than be forced to dress in a way that was against their beliefs. In the end, seeing their intelligence and no doubt being impressed by the courage of their convictions and their standards of morality and decency, the employers changed their minds and permitted them to work whilst observing Purdah. Do not, therefore, submit to the pressures of the world!

The commands of Allah are timeless, and only if we act upon them can we live fulfilling lives and protect ourselves and our future generations."



Alongside the learning experience, the Ijtema also allows personal development of participants. Be it on a local, regional, or a national level, participants of all age groups get to prepare and participate in competitions of recitation of the Holy Quran, speeches, and different quizzes. Moreover, the entire gathering is run by women of the Community themselves who are responsible for ensuring the security and wellbeing of everyone attending. Through all this, members gain invaluable skills that they can then utilise in their daily life, be it at home, during their education or in the workplace.

<https://voiceofbritishmuslimwomen.co.uk/2022/09/18/national-ijtema-a-weekend-to-be-spiritually-refreshed/>



Speaking about the moral standards of the West that Ahmadi Muslims must guard against, Huzoor said,

"In Western countries, there is a growing trend and movement to teach small children in schools or elsewhere, things that are entirely beyond their comprehension and not at all age appropriate. They are trying to sexualise innocent young children by

teaching them things they are not ready to process. Throughout history, children have not been exposed to such things at such a young age. So why now is there a need to force very small children into discussions about sex? All it serves to do is to destroy the innocence of youth and is bound to have long-term harmful effects.”

In concluding his address Hazrat Amirul Momineen prayed for all the participants. He said,

“If our Ahmadi women can fulfil their duties and

objectives, then, Insha'Allah, they can and will bring about a great moral and spiritual revolution in their homes, in their cities, in their nations and the entire world. May Allah enable all of you to be the ones who give rise to such a spiritual revolution and may the future generations of the world say that Ahmadi mothers and girls of this era played an outstanding role in saving them and ensuring that they remained on the path of true spiritual salvation. May Allah enable it to be so.”

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V عليه السلام has said that along with Durood Sharif [salutations upon the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم] and Istighfar [seeking forgiveness], the following prayers should be recited:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ
رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ
(آل عمران: 9)

“Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after Thou hast guided us; and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely, Thou alone art the Bestower.”

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَأَسْرَافَنَا فِي أَمْرِنَا وَتَبِّتْ أِقْدَامَنَا
وَاصْرِفْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ
(آل عمران: 148)

“Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people.”

Friday Sermon 31st December 2021

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HUMANITY FIRST UK TELETHON 2022

By Dr Aziz A Hafeez



Humanity First UK held its annual fundraising and awareness Telethon on 5th November 2022. The event was a virtual livestream which was broadcast on the charity's YouTube channel ([YouTube.com/HumanityFirstTV](https://www.youtube.com/HumanityFirstTV)). Across several other countries, there were simultaneous Telethons being held.

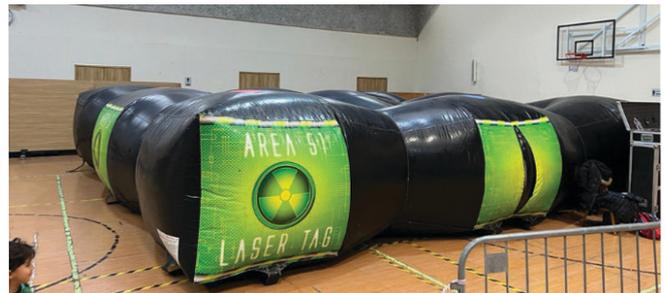
The programme lasted five hours of which the live broadcast was from 2-4pm and this was supported by the MTA International Studios in Baitul Futuh. Interviews and videos were shown from the varying programmes across the countries the Charity supports including UK's Food Bank and Women's Health initiatives.

A calling campaign was conducted before the event by Lajna and Men's teams to over 2k HF donors that had telephone numbers. The organisers also had a team setup remotely to make and take calls. The marketing teams further sent multiple messages and emails to HF's 4k donor base.

Amongst the special campaigns that were promoted were the Ivory Coast Hospital which Humanity First is attempting to build, Water for Life project which is providing clean drinking water in remote villages in Africa, Disaster Relief including Pakistan Floods, UK Foodbanks and Gift of Sight which is restoring peoples sight with free eye operations.

Special guests in the studio were Amir Sahib UK, Rafiq Hayat Sahib, a trustee of Humanity First International, who talked about the humble beginnings of Humanity First and the impact the organisation has.

By the Grace of Allah, the HF UK Telethon campaign raised over £250,000 Alhamdulillah.



POPPY APPEAL

Members of the Jama'at enthusiastically participated in the Poppy Appeal raising tens of thousands for the cause. Ansar manned collection tables at supermarkets, stations and other public venues. These funds provide a vital support to the Armed Forces Communities.

Majlis Ansarullah Mosque West set up stalls at Euston Station on the 4th and 11th November. Ansar involved included Messrs Sadat Ahmad, Muhammad Rasheed, Aziz Ahmad Tahir, Masood Ahmad and Abdullah Wahab



At St Pancras International station, members from the Croydon Jama'at were assisted by the leader of the opposition. Sir Kier Starmer lent his hand to Messrs Farooq Ahmad, (extreme right) and Nazime Aala Tahir Region Mr Asif Ahmad on Friday 5th November. Recent recruit to Majlis Ansarullah having turned 40 last year, Rehan Shah stood at Kings Cross Station while Regional President Charity Walk For Peace for Baitul Futuh, Dr Tayyab Ahmad Mansoor, organised a Poppy Appeal campaign for the Royal British Legion at Waterloo Station.



Both Dr. Malik's great grandfathers, Capt Ghulam Mohammad and Subedar Mohammad Khan had accepted the Promised Messiah during his life time.



Dr Mansoor was later honoured to participate and lay a



wreath during the official ceremony of Remembrance Day at Waterloo Station.

On Friday 11th November, Armistice Day Dr Irfan Malik of the Nottingham Jama'at was also honoured to be invited by the Western Front Association to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in London, in memory of the World Wars contribution of soldiers from the Indian Subcontinent.

On Sunday 13th November, Remembrance Sunday he delivered a presentation on the First World War contributions of the British Indian Army at an interfaith event in Normanton, Derby.

He delivered a similar talk on Saturday 19th November at a Remembrance event in Huddersfield.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES



Jama'ats in various parts of the UK participated in Remembrance Sunday Services. In Slough the Jama'at had the honour to lay three wreaths at the Services held by the respective Royal British Legion branches of Cippenham and Burnham on Sunday 13th November.

This followed on from the Jama'at's Poppy Appeal collections over the last two weeks in ASDA Cippenham and Sainsbury's Uxbridge Road.

At the Burnham Service, a wreath was laid by President of the Jama'at Mr Mahmood Mobashir with representation from Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Slough.

At the Cippenham Service, a wreath was laid by the Jama'at Secretary Umur Kharjiyya Atiq Ahmad Bhatti, as well as Zaeem Majlis Ansarullah Slough.

Dr Atiq Bhatti was also asked to speak at the Service and was part of the formal proceedings. He spoke about the importance of remembering and honouring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and the importance that Islam gives to this remembrance and service. He said,

"It is always a humbling time to have the honour to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday and join alongside the many thousands around the country who come together at this poignant time of year to remember those who fought for our tomorrow. Paying tribute, and praying for the brave men and women who fought to defend our freedom is an essential part of our faith, and an opportunity to come together for a unified service of remembrance. United we stand!"



Atiq Ahmad Bhatti, Secretary Umur Kharjiyya left Sharf ur Rahman, Zaeem Majlis Ansarullah Slough on the right with Tony Martin, President of the Royal British Legion Cippenham



Umayr Bhatti, Naib Qaid, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Slough Muzaffar Ahmad, Secretary Sanat o Tijarat

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy Day since it has become a tradition to wear a poppy for that day. It commemorates members of the armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The day has been observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919. In most countries the formal commemoration takes place on 11th November, the day and month that marked the end of hostilities of the first World War said to be 'at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. The UK Jama'at has been active in participating in this commemoration.

REMEMBRANCE EVENTS FOLLOWING THE DEMISE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

In the days that followed the passing away of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our longest reigning monarch, the Umure Kharijiyya department helped organize a series of events all over the UK. Given below is a gist of what took place.

Fazl Mosque in Southfields

Over 180 people attended the event including, Fleur Anderson MP and two Councillors George Crevilli & Malcom Grimston. A Book of Condolence was opened.

Kingsley Area

180 people attended the event including some dignitaries:

- Mayor of Alton
- Mayor of Farnham
- Mayor of Bordon
- MP Jonathan Lord
- Deputy Mayor of Guildford
- 1 Councillor from Surrey County Council
- 1 Councillor from East Hampshire District Council

East London - Newham, Redbridge, and Barking

65 people attended the event including 1 MP, 9 councillors, 1 faith leader and 1 police representative. A Book of Condolence was signed by many attendees and it will remain available at Newham Mosque for several days.

Gillingham

110 people attended the event which included the Deputy Mayor, Councillors, church members and neighbours. A Book of Condolence was signed by many people

Darul Barakaat Mosque, Birmingham

250 people attended the event which included several guest speakers:

- West Midlands Police and Crime commissioner
- St Paul's Church, Bordesley Green pastor
- RAF Veteran representative
- a Royal Navy rep
- a Royal British Legion rep.

Baitul Ikram Mosque in Leicester

60 people attended the event including guest speakers:

- Deputy Lord Lieutenant (Resham Sandhu)
- Harinder Singh (Sikh Community)
- Sergeant Ahmed Adams (Leicestershire Police)
- Rumail (Pukar News)

Baitul Hafeez Mosque in Nottingham

68 people attended the event including several dignitaries:

- Vice Lord Lieutenant- Tim Richmond
- The Sheriff of Nottingham- Cllr Nicola Heaton
- St Stevens Church: Linda Blackey

Darul Amaan Mosque, Manchester

58 people attended the event including the Mayor of Salford. A Book of Condolence was signed by the participants.

Edinburgh

This event was hosted for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community by a local Church. 95 people attended the event and dignitaries included:

- Lord Provost of Fife Cllr Jim Leishman
- MSP David Torrance
- Cllr Lynn Wardlaw
- Cllr David Barrett
- Eileen Miller Minister Church of Scotland and NHS Fife Chaplain
- Rev Norman Grant

Baitul Rehman Mosque in Glasgow

90 people attended the event. Dignitaries included:

- Margaret Ferrier, MP For Rutherglen and Hamilton
- Robert Colburn, (Independent Living Crisis Response) Area Director for Scotland (British Red Cross)
- Elspeth Kerr (Former Councillor for Drumchapel)
- Anne McPherson, Chair Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Park Council
- Abdul Ghaffar Abid, Deputy Lieutenant

Cardiff, South Wales

51 people attended the event including:

- Dr Heather Payne (Senior Medical officer, Welsh Government)
- Mr Alad Edwards (Chief Executive of Churches together)

Baitus Samad Mosque in Huddersfield

100 people attended with many dignitaries present.

Watford area

60 people attended and dignitaries included:

- The local MP
- The Mayor
- Local Councillors
- Deputy Lieutenant
- A Police Inspector



Remembrance Event

in honour of

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II REMEMBRANCE EVENT BAITUL FUTUH MOSQUE

A historic remembrance service was held on Wednesday 14th September at Baitul Futuh Mosque to reflect on the Queen's life of service. Special prayers were offered for Her Majesty and for the Royal Family.

The interfaith event featured remarks from religious, political, community and civic leaders, reflecting on Her Majesty's extraordinary life of service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

The programme started with Tilawat, followed by one minute's silence in honour of the Queen. Several speeches then followed and the guest speakers were:

- Cllr Joan Henry, The worshipful the Mayor of Merton
- Hina Bukhari, GLA Member, Liberal Democrats
- Elliot Colburn MP, MP for Wallington and Carshalton
- Mrs Sarva Kumararajah, Hindu Community Streatham
- Inspector Jonathan Lloyd, on behalf of Police Borough, Commander for Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth
- Rev David Heath-Whyte, Rector, St Lawrence Church, Morden

- Tom Brake, Former MP for Carshalton and Wallington
- Stephen Hammond MP, MP for Wimbledon
- Cllr Ypgan Yoganathan, The Worshipful the Mayor of Kingston upon Thames
- Cllr Trish Fivey, The Worshipful the Mayor of Sutton
- Siobhain McDonagh MP, MP for Mitcham and Morden
- Sir Ed Davey MP, MP for Royal Borough of Kingston

The speeches spoke about the dedication of the Queen and her life's sacrifice to her country. Guest speeches were followed by closing remarks by Respected Amir Sb UK.

A special exhibition (including letters from Huzoor Aqdas to the Queen), paying tribute to the Queen was displayed and a book of condolence was opened for people to sign. Jama'at members also pledged to serve King and country.

The attendance was around 1,000 attendees including 340 Lajna. Also present were 4 MPs, 3 Mayors and 1 Deputy Mayor, 8 Councillors, a Police Borough commander and 3 Faith organisations were represented including representation from local Churches.



Mosques Competition Award **Fazl Mosque**
Flowers Hanging Baskets
Silver Certificate



Baitul Futuh Mosque
Garden Display at public place
Gold Medal, Trophy & Gold Certificate



Bait-ul-Subhan Croydon
Flowers Hanging Baskets
Gold Certificate

MOSQUES IN LONDON MAKE AN IMPRESSIVE SWEEP IN WINNING AWARDS 2022 FOR GARDENING COMPETITIONS



The Zair'at Department of the UK work throughout the year to improve the look of the surrounding of our Mosque buildings with flowers and well kept greenery. Their efforts always yield appreciation by visitors and when the mosque gardens are entered for competitions, they invariably do well. This year, when competitions ran for the first time properly since the pandemic, all the three mosques near the Fazl

Mosque received awards. These were announced and presented in a special ceremony convened at the Guild Hall in Central London on 6th October 2022.

It is worthy of note that Baitul Futuh received its gold medal, trophy and gold certificate two years running. Secretary Zairat Mr Mujeeb Ahmad Mirza was overjoyed but humbled by this achievement. He said,



'It is all due to the blessings of Allah Almighty and prayers of our beloved Huzoor that the Jama'at has been honoured in this manner.'

Gardening competitions are held between all the Boroughs of London.



PEACE FORUM GLASGOW

By Arshad Mehmood Khan - Scotland



Majlis Ansarullah Glasgow held its Peace Forum on Sunday, 6th November 2022 in Kirkintilloch, Scotland. More than 25 guests attended the event and received literature from our bookstall that was set up in the hall. The guests also met with many Jama'at members and exchanged contact details who further promised to attend our future events.

In relation to the setup of this event, a committee was formed by the chairman of the event a month beforehand where several meetings were called to discuss the arrangements. In particular the leafleting, personal invitations to guests, contacting politicians and charities, audio, photography, social and print media, exhibition, catering and venue were some of the many details that were reviewed.

There were representatives from the Scottish Parliament, Church of Scotland, local council, Rotary Club of Scotland and a local charity who all shared their feelings at the event on the topic of peace and what actions they are taking towards peace.

Proceedings commenced at 3 pm with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an with English translation by Mr Abdul Ghaffar Abid, Nazim Tabligh Scotland, followed by introductory words from Mr Ahmad Owusu Konadu covering Islam Ahmadiyyat and Khilafat. Mr Ahmad welcomed guest speakers of other faiths and mentioned some of the current issues relating to world crises and the pathway to peace. Further to this, solutions that Huzoor Anwar has given on many global platforms were also highlighted.

During the speeches that followed, the President of the Rotary Club of Scotland Deborah Carmichael said that the Rotary International is a humanitarian service that brings together business and professional leaders to provide community service, promote integrity, and advance goodwill, peace, and understanding in the world. She said that she was inspired by what she learnt about the Jama'at doing so much to further



peace and harmony and noted that these were issues by Huzoor many times.

Shulamite Ezechi, from Anyiso Charity organisation in Glasgow talked about charity projects that they are doing like IT and ESOL classes, research projects, and cultural events in Glasgow. She thanked Ansarullah Glasgow for donating cooked and tinned food and other essentials to their food bank many times and she was looking forward to having this partnership more strong.

Cllr Gillian Renwick, The Provost of East Dunbartonshire Council attended a Jama'at event for the first time and met with many members and she welcomed us into her council. She spoke about the current global unrest and its solution which is promoting peace in our society and she is standing with Ahmadiyya Jama'at on this common cause, in any forum.

Hon Rona Mackay, MSP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden Constituency said *'I am proud to be an anti-war and condemn the Ukraine invasion. I always raise my voice in every forum and appreciate the efforts being taken by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. I already attended one Peace Conference organised by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Scotland where I took this positive message.'*

Murabbi Humayon Jahangeerkhan, delivered the



Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association Glasgow North
Invites you to

PEACE FORUM

on Sunday 6th November 2022 at 3pm

VENUE:
Hillhead Community Centre 169
Meiklehill Road Kirkintilloch G66 2JT

Interesting speakers from various background followed by Q&A Session



work closely with local councils and charities for humanitarian support, especially for Ukrainian refugees and other needy people.

The event concluded at 4pm with a silent prayer lead by Murabbi Humayon Jahangeerkhan Sahib followed by dinner.

keynote address and said that as an Ahmadi Muslim, love for humanity is a vital part of our faith which is exemplified through our community's motto: *Love For All, Hatred For None*. He said,

'Ever since our community was established in the UK in 1913, we have received nothing short of respect and love from our nation - which no doubt, has been reciprocated ever since, through our community work.'

He quoted the words of Hazrat Amirul Momineen when in March 2022 Huzoor said,

"Most regrettably, it is this never-ending craving for power and wealth, whether on the part of Russia, the Western world or other major powers, that has led mankind down such a dangerous path that threatens to shatter the peace of the world."

Before the end, a vote of thanks was delivered by Mr Wasseem Ahmad Goraya, Zaim Majlis Ansarullah Glasgow who observed that his team worked hard to make this event a success on short notice. He thanked all the speakers and participants and pledged to

'My concept, for that matter of peace, in view of the Islamic teachings is that be in peace, let others live in peace and spread the message of peace and that, of course, by winning the hearts and not by dictating or imposing our conditions.'

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V,
Peace Symposium, 25th April 2004

PEACE FORUM IN DUDLEY

By Khalid Ahmad



By the Grace of Allah members of the Dudley Jama'at were able to hold a Peace Forum at the local Village Parish Hall in Clent Hills on 16th October 2022. The event was organized by Majlis Ansarullah. Proceedings were attended by over 35 people including 11 external guests such as villagers, dignitaries and individuals from all walks of life. Preparations had started with booking of the Parish Hall and Zaem Majlis Mr Shahid Mahmood immediately constituted a working team headed by Mr Khalid Ahmad. Invitations for the forum along with the WW3 leaflet was delivered to each household in the village covering around 300 houses, by knocking on the door and inviting residents to attend the event in three rounds. Village visits were also held approaching all the churches in the village and also attending coffee mornings arranged by Clent Connect every Saturday at the same venue.

The hall had been setup before the start of the event with an impressive back drop banner provided by the Centre and an exhibition displaying messages of peace by Huzoor Aqdas, copy of the Holy Qur'an with English translation, leaflets providing our efforts towards promoting peace, and pop up banners displaying themed quotes by Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him), the book *Pathway to Peace* and the efforts made through Charity Walk for Peace.

The formal proceedings started at 2:15pm, chaired by Mr Khalid Ahmad Naib Nazim-e-Aala West Midlands region. After the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Mr Anwar Ahmad Kanwal and its English translation, the welcome address was delivered by Mr Shahid Mahmood local Zaem Majlis. Mr Mansoor Ahmad



Minhas presented a brief introduction to the Jama'at and its efforts towards establishing peace.

Mr Tariq Malik the Regional Coordinator for Charity Walk for Peace detailed the excellent work of the charity and invited the audience to join forces and help each other towards the same cause of promoting peace. He stated that to date Charity Walk for Peace had raised £7.1million pounds for UK charities and has supported over 600 charities without deducting any administrative costs. He thanked all the volunteers involved who are an integral part of the charity and who God had blessed to make the impact that was achieved.

Revd Kim Topham Assistant Curate for St Leonards, St Saviours and St John's addressed the audience quoting the beautiful teachings of Jesus^(peace be upon him) from the Bible *"Love your neighbour"* and praised the Majlis for holding such events. She added that today



she has learnt the similarities between two beautiful teachings and looked forward to working together for the betterment of the community.

The key note speech was delivered by Imam Imran Ahmad Khalid Missionary Incharge Baitul Ghafoor Mosque Halesowen. He described the importance of establishing peace in the society as well as globally quoting the verses from the Holy Qur'an as well as the teaching professed by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He quoted the verse of the Qur'an which translates,

"And if two parties of believers fight against each other, make peace between them; then if after that one of them transgresses against the other, fight the party that transgresses until it returns to the command of Allah. Then if it returns, make peace between them with equity, and act justly. Verily, Allah loves the just." (Ch. 49: v.10)

He further said that though this teaching is about Muslims, yet by adhering to this principle, the foundation of peace on a worldwide basis can be

achieved. To maintain peace, it has been explained at the outset that the foremost requirement is justice. And, despite abiding by the principle of justice, if efforts to make peace are unsuccessful, then unite and fight collectively against the party that has transgressed and continue until such a time that the transgressing party is ready to make peace. Once the transgressing party is ready to make peace, the requirement of justice is, do not seek revenge, do not impose punitive restrictions or embargoes. By all means, keep an eye on the transgressor but at the same time try and improve its situation.

Audiences were given opportunity for an open session and were invited to ask questions on the theme. Formal proceedings ended with a silent prayer. Refreshments were served. During these times the guests engaged with the members and held many interactive dialogues. All participants appreciated the event and efforts by the Jama'at in establishing peace. Many contacts were made and we have been invited to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony to be held in Clent on 13th November 2022.

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“The vision of God that is given in the Holy Qur'an with reference to peace is,
 “He is Allah, and there is no God beside Him, the Sovereign, the Holy One, the Source of Peace, the Bestower of Security, the Protector, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Exalted. Holy is Allah, far above that which they associated with Him.”

(59:24)

“It is quite obvious from this verse that the One Who is the Source of Peace, and the Bestower of Security, how can He tolerate that His creation should destroy peace and security on earth? If we hold these sentiments then a person who breaks the law and destroys the peace in our life, is punished for his deed. On the other hand, those who uphold the law are our true neighbours and are messengers of peace. Their friendship fosters sentiments of love and affection in us. If someone looks at them with a critical eye, we stand up in support of them.

“Similarly, according to the attributes of God that have been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, He dislikes those who violate peace. According to our belief, He metes out punishment to them, if not in this world then certainly in the next. And he who spreads peace, security and love here, God will bless him in his this world as well as the next.”

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, Peace Symposium, 24th March 2007

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VISIT TO SEA CADETS SANDWELL



Khuddam and Aftal from Dudley and Birmingham West Jama'ats visited Sea Cadets Sandwell centre at Cradely Heath in recent months. The group started their journey from Baitul Ghafoor Mosque with prayers led by local Missionary In-charge Humayun Jahangir Khan and were driven to the Centre. They were welcomed by the team and were briefed about the purposes of sea cadets and their activities. The Khuddam and Aftal were engaged in various tasks and team building activities dividing them in various groups. The activities included:

- Tie Knots
- CPR
- Monkey bridge
- Tug of War
- Morse code

The party learned different skills like leadership, team building, and time management and showed great interest in these activities. At the end refreshments were served.

Comments on Sea Cadets Sandwell Facebook page:

What an amazing Open Evening and Recruitment Event. Delighted to have Imam Khan, Elders and our good friends from Bhaitul Ghafoor Mosque (AMA UK) aboard. Equally pleased to have former Cadets with their children with us. Our thanks to CPO Sajid and Cadets from Birmingham (Sherbourne) Sea Cadets for their assistance and support. On-line joining has already started. Well Done Team Sandwell - a superb event!

<https://www.facebook.com/Sea-Cadets-Sandwell-386877581328026/>



HALESOWEN SCOUTS VISIT BAITUL GHAFOOR MOSQUE



Recently a group of young Scouts from Halesowen visited Baitul Ghafoor Mosque as a community cohesion building activity. The visitors comprised around 26 scouts from Beaver group and their trainers and parents. The Scouts were welcomed by the local Imam Humayun Jahangir Khan, Secretary Waqfe Nau Mutahir Ahmad and their team. The weekly children class was rescheduled for the day to host combined activities with scouts. First the Scouts and the team were given a tour of the mosque and children showed a great interest in learning about Ahmadiyyat and Islam. Murabbi Sahib gave an informative and an interactive 20-minute presentation explaining the basic beliefs of Islam. During the tour of the Mosque and Secretary Waqfe Nau team members explained to the children the purpose of the Mosque and a short history of the Jama'at.

After the tour children were given the opportunity to ask questions. Local Jama'at children mingled with the Scouts and learned how they can register to be a Scout and also what are the benefits of becoming one. At the end the guests were served with Pizza and drinks.

Halesowen Scouts posted this activity on their facebook page (Click the link below to follow

<https://www.facebook.com/page/1009384602458919/search/?q=long%20lane>)



OPEN HOUSE



The Baitul Futuh Mosque was once again selected for participation in the Open House project where organisers invited members of the public to visit landmark buildings of the capital. The year 2022 marked the 30th anniversary of the Open House Festival and involved a two-week celebration of special buildings and neighbourhoods across all 33 London boroughs.

The weekend set for visits to the Mosque was the 10th and 11th September. Sadly due to the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th, the nation found itself in mourning and this was reflected in the poor attendance over the weekend. Still members of the Jama'at ensured that those who did turn up were provided a detailed tour of the Mosque and engaged in discussions afterwards.

Regional Amir Baitul Futuh Mr Mubarik Sidiqqi ensured that manpower was provided with Dr Tayyab Mansoor playing a leading role and the Tabligh department were on hand to supply some valuable material for display in the Tahir Hall. Refreshments, supplied by the Baitul Futuh kitchen, were excellently manned by Messrs Rafiq Arif and Chaudhry Naseem Sadiq.

The low attendance meant that a lot more time

could be given to each visitor which was very much appreciated. The main tour guides with Mr Waleed Ahmad were Dr Afzal Ashraf, Shahid Ghauri, and Mr Zaheerudin Qamr, who travelled especially from Scotland, to lend a hand. Some of the comments given by participants are presented below:

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Very Friendly
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Extremely informative
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Really enjoyed the visit. Would like to return when the building work is complete
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“ Appreciated learning about the faith as well as the building ”

“ Outstanding. Really interesting ”

“ Really appreciated the breadth of knowledge of the guide ”

“ Very friendly and welcoming ”

“ Thank you ”

“ Knowledgeable, interesting and sensitive ”

“ Friendly and welcoming ”

“ A marvellously tranquil space ”

“ Excellent – we had lots of time, very interesting ”

“ Beyond what I expected ”

“ Came with a friend and thoroughly enjoyed it ”

“ Very good and given detailed information ”

“ Great tour – thank you ”

“ Bit more on the construction of the building would be nice ”

“ Very informative and interesting tour. I have learned a great deal about the faith ”

“ Very useful for general public to attend or do outreach work at community fairs/fetes/schools ”

BAITUL FUTUH REGION Q&A SESSION

Translated from a report given by Mr Mubarik Siddiqi



The Baitul Futuh Region held a question and answer session on 29th October 2022 in the Tahir Hall at Baitul Futuh. Some 600 members including around 150 Lajna were in attendance.

The event had two parts. The first was chaired by Maulana Naseem Ahmad Bajwa. After a recitation from the Holy Qur'an and Nazm, Maulana Naseem Bajwa spoke on the subject of spending in the cause of Allah. After this Dr Tariq Anwar Bajwa, Secretary Tehrik-e-Jadid UK addressed the gathering. Next Mr Irfan Qureshi, Secretary Jaidad gave a presentation about the new construction that was taking place at the Baitul Futuh complex. Using a projector he was able to show the different parts of the new construction.

After this there was a question and answer session with Amir UK. Subjects covered included blessings of Khilafat, obedience to the nizam of the Jama'at and the inherent blessings that lie within it along with acknowledging the special kindness and care afforded to the UK Jama'at by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. It was emphasised that all our blessings are rooted in our obedience to the Khalifa of the time.

In commenting on Huzoor's busy schedule, Amir Sahib stated how Huzoor has been working arduously day and night and traveling throughout the globe for the welfare of the world.

The audience was given the opportunity to pose any question they wished. This proved to be extremely successful as children, youngsters and seniors stepped forward to pose their questions.

In response to a question on rishta nata it was announced that only recently the Jama'at has started to conduct rishta nata forums throughout the country which will be conducted every six weeks. In relation to the education of our children, Amir Sb announced that with the guidance of Hazrat Amirul Momineen,



the Noor and Ayesha academies had been established. Soon Qur'an classes will also be started in all Mosques starting with the Fazl Mosque.

The Amir emphasised the need to improve our attendances at Mosques. His own life's experience has been that it is those who participate in Jama'at programmes, instil the love for Khilafat in their children, teach the importance of obedience to the nizam of the Jama'at that go on to be successful and this is transmitted to their children who grow up to be at the forefront of the services to the Jama'at and to the world at large.

In response to one question, Amir Sahib said that Huzoor oversees and conducts the tarbiyyat of Ahmadis of over 200 countries of the world from these shores. Those living in the UK should consider



themselves extremely fortunate that we are able to listen to Huzoor's addresses directly. We should all value this blessing.

The event concluded with a silent prayer and members were provided with a packed lunch to take home.



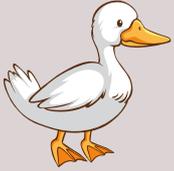
Hazrat Abu Huraira (Allah be pleased with him) *relates that the Holy Prophet Muhammad* (peace and blessings of Allah upon him) *said,*

“Whoever relieves a believer of his worries in this world will have his afflictions removed by Allah on the Day of Judgement. Whoever is lenient to someone whose means of sustenance have been straitened, Allah will be lenient to him in this world and the next. Whoever covers the weakness of a Muslim, Allah will provide him cover in the world and the in the world to come. Allah always stands by the side of the one who is helpful to his brother.

“Whoever treads a path in pursuit of knowledge, Allah will facilitate thereby his way to Paradise. Those who gather in any of the Houses of Allah to recite the Book of Allah and teach each other, are certainly blessed with tranquillity; they are covered by His mercy and are surrounded by the angels. Allah mentions them to those who are closest to Him. The one who is left behind because of his deeds, will not have his cause advanced because of the good name of his family.”
Muslim

CHILDREN'S STORIES

Aesop Fables: Short Stories with lessons in them



THE GOOSE WITH THE GOLDEN EGGS



One day a farmer went to the nest of his goose and there he found an egg which was all yellow and glittering. When he took it up it was as heavy as lead and he was going to throw it away, because he thought a trick had been played upon him. But he took it home on second thoughts, and soon found to his delight that it was an egg of pure gold.

Every morning the same thing occurred, and he soon became rich by selling his eggs.

But as he grew rich, he grew greedy; and thinking to get all the gold at once from the goose, he killed it and opened it only to find nothing.

Greed oft o'er reaches itself – meaning, if you are too greedy, you could end up with nothing!

THE FOX AND THE GOAT

A fox one day fell into a deep well and could find no means of escape. A goat passing by and overcome with thirst came to the same well, and seeing the fox, inquired if the water was good.

The clever fox put on a brave face and pretended to be having a good time and had words full of praise for the water, saying it was excellent beyond measure, and encouraging him to descend.

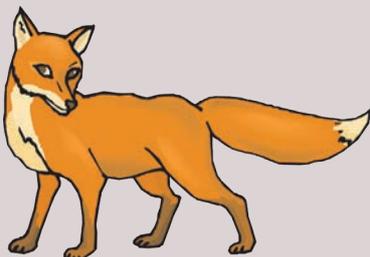
The goat, mindful only of his thirst, thoughtlessly jumped down, but just as he drank, the fox informed him of the difficulty they were both in and suggested a plan for their common escape.

"If," he said, "you will place your front feet upon the

wall and bend your head, I will run up your back and escape, and will help you out afterwards."

The goat readily agreed, and the fox leaped upon his back. Steadying himself with the goat's horns, he safely reached the mouth of the well and made off as fast as he could.

When the goat told him off for breaking his promise, he turned around and cried out, "You foolish old fellow! If you had as many brains in your head as you have hairs in your beard, you would never have gone down before you had inspected the way up, nor would you have exposed yourself to dangers from which you had no means of escape."



Look before you leap.



Flower Power

Remove one letter from each of the words below to spell 4 flowers:

1. Irish
2. Rouse
3. Master
4. Violent

Top Secret Countries

In each of the sentences below, the name of a country is hidden.
For example, "Interpol and the FBI catch criminals" contain the word POLAND

1. Our dog likes his food so much it eats a can a day
2. Always use a pencil when drawing lines in diagrams
3. The king was angry when a thief stole his painting
4. Does the teacher teach in a classroom?
5. In anger, many people say things they don't mean.

Brain Ticklers

1. A woman went outside without an umbrella or a raincoat, yet she did not get wet. How is that possible?
2. What is the opposite of NOT OUT?
3. What is in the middle of nowhere?
4. When can you add two to eleven to get one?
5. What starts with a T, ends with a T and has T in it?

Answers

Flower Power: Iris, Rose, Aster, Violet.

Secret Countries: Canada, India, Spain, China and Germany

Brain Ticklers: 1. It's not raining. 2. OUT. 3. The letter H. 4. 11 o'clock plus 2 = 1 o'clock.
5. A Teapot.

Jokes

What did the man say when he got a big phone bill?
What did the tree say to the woodpecker?
What do people make that you can't see?
What do you get if you cross an insect and a rabbit?
What does a caterpillar do on New Year's Day?

Who said talk is cheap?
You bore me.
Noise.
Bugs Bunny.
Turns over a new leaf.





**HISTORICAL
SESSION**

29 JANUARY 1995

PART 1, Q7

YOUTUBE LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYsZeMc9LS4>

The Status of non-believers in the Hereafter

Questioner: *Please do not take this question as being impertinent. There are people who are non-believers but they follow all the rules, commandments and the good things taught in their religion. How would they be dealt with on Judgment Day? We are told that Allah is Merciful and Forgiving, but that whoever is an enemy to Allah, He is an enemy to such disbelievers. And that there will be a humiliating punishment for them, and they will be put into fire on the Day of Judgment. Please explain this apparent contradiction.*

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on him):

First of all there is nothing to apologise for. This is a very fundamental and important question of universal applicability which you have raised and granted me with an opportunity to answer for the benefit of all the guests. I'm grateful to you.

First of all, consider those people who are good and believe in the revelations which they believe to be from God, and who follow these injunctions honestly: what would happen to them and how would God treat

them on the Day of Judgment?

You may be surprised to learn that this question was raised 1400 years ago by God speaking to the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him. It is raised three times directly in the Holy Qur'an, with slight variation of words, but always to the same effect, without variation. He speaks of those who believe in the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him; He speaks of those who were Jews who had believed in certain books and prophets; He speaks of Christians by naming them; He speaks of all others who believe in divine books.

Having laid this foundation, then Allah says that IF these people do good deeds and believe of being answerable for their actions on the Day of Judgment - this is a very important condition that has been laid down - believing in the resurrection and to present an account of all their actions on earth. This is the meaning of believing in the Day of Judgment. The Holy Qur'an says there is no fear for such people; there is no repentance for such people; their reward will be with God, and they will be guaranteed peace and eternal help.

Could you expect a better promise from a benign God to all the people who in His eyes are good, to believers



of whatever religion but who act in accordance with the message of their religion, do righteous good deeds here on earth and who believe in being answerable for their actions on the Day of Judgment? That is very important.

The Holy Qur'an repeatedly lays emphasis on this aspect of religion. If you believe in God but do not put into practise the injunctions and requirement that He expects of you, it may be that you only believe in a mythical God. You really do not believe in life after death and do not believe in the question of accountability and you may live in a mythical world of your beliefs which would not bring about a change in your attitude to God, and of gratitude to other human beings. Accountability is, therefore, highly important.

With regard to the issue of hell and heaven, this has to be understood with reference to the Holy Qur'an, where there is no ambiguity on the issue, and very clearly points out to one fundamental fact. First of all, the words reported says those who hate God, God hates them. You are right to say that God does not hate anybody. This is true because hatred starts from those who hate God, and not from God. If you hate a creator, you hate his creation; if you are an enemy to an artist, you will burn his works of art and destroy all his efforts.

It is inconceivable to believe in the principle that if you believe in the destruction of goodness, you should escape the consequences of that madness and you should be left free to do whatever you like, and not be accountable for it even after your death. If you accept this then you deny that fundamental principle with to which I referred to earlier, that is the question of accountability. Remove accountability and there will be no order left in the life here on earth, even in the governments of those who do not believe in God. It

is accountability which keeps order, and the lack of monitoring to ensure that people follow the law both in letter as well as in spirit, is what determines the state of peace in any particular state.

The more people who are mindful of their duty to the letter of the law as well as the spirit of the law, the more peace would entail. The less you feel yourself accountable, the stricter becomes the legal measures to find you, to capture you, and to bring you to justice. But if there is a total lack of faith in you in the principles of law and in the principles of accountability, then nothing can be done for such a society.

The principle that God is an enemy of those who are enemies of God, is something which from which you cannot escape; if you do, you escape into chaos. Apparently, you escape from the hell of the hereafter, but you create a hell for yourself here on this earth. It is made very clear in the Holy Qur'an that each man makes his own hell. There is nothing which comes from outside and the hellish souls which are born here know that they are hellish. They are never happy and contented; they commit crime upon crime and keep on burning with some fire which coaxes on to further crime, yet they never find any happiness and peace.

True happiness is found only in goodness. With reference to your own personal experience, you know better than anybody else that whenever you have created a heaven for you here, you enjoy the eternal grace. According to the founder of the Ahmadiyya community, it is this building of our own heavens and hell here on earth which would materialise in the form of a spiritual something to which we will be sent after death - a heaven and hell of our own making. Thank you.

IMPORTANCE, BENEFITS AND BLESSINGS OF OBSERVANCE OF PRAYER

A Brief Selection of the Blessed Quotations of The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and his Caliphs made by Maulana Ataul Mujeeb Rashed, Imam of the London Mosque

Instructions of The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

Regularity in Prayers

“Offer Prayers with commitment to regularity. Some people offer only one of the daily prayers. They should remember that there is no exemption from prayers.” (Malfuzat Vol. 1 page 172)

Essence of Salat

“Salat definitely and surely dispels evils. Salat is not just going through certain postures. The essence of Salat is the supplication that has pleasure and bliss in it. (Malfuzat Vol. 1 page 103)

Fervency in Prayer

Fervency is essential in Salat. Unless the heart is lit with intense fervour, one does not get pleasure and bliss in the Salat. (Malfuzat Vol. 1 page 287)

Affirmation of Unity of God

Being inclined to someone other than Allah is to break away from Him. [...] Salat is, indeed the name of practical affirmation of the unity of God. (Malfuzat Vol. 1 page 107)

Salat – the Best Educator

Salat is the best educator and the most excellent means of teaching perfect servitude. [...] Be dutiful to Salat in such a way that, not only your body or tongue, but also all the intentions and passions of your soul entirely become Salat. (Malfuzat Vol. 1 page 108)

Man’s talisman

Salat is man’s talisman. It provides opportunity to supplicate five times a day; one of those supplications may well be heard. Therefore, Salat should be offered in a very decent way, and that is what I like so much. (Malfuzat Vol. 2 page 396)

Salat and Peace

The greatest criterion of man’s pious life is Salat. He, who keeps crying out to God in Salat, lives in peace. (Malfuzat Vol. 1 page 402)

Offering Salat on time

By nature, I like that Salat be offered at its prescribed time and this question of Salat on time is very dear to me. Even when it is raining heavily I wish to offer Salat on time. (Malfuzat Vol. 2, p 45)

Make Your Salat Decent

Man can never achieve nearness to Allah without practicing iqamuslat (observance of Salat). He ordered aqemuslat (observe Prayer) because Salat tends to falter and those who comply with iqamuslat they benefit from its spiritual form. [...] I have admonished my Jama’at to offer Salat decently and that too is supplication. (Malfuzat Vol. 2 p 346)

A Believer’s Treasure Trove

Salat is a treasure trove of supplications granted to a believer. [...] People do not value Salat these days and have thus distanced themselves from Allah. Salat is a pinnacle (mi’raj) of the believer and from that does he get satisfaction of heart. (Malfuzat Vol. 2 p 348)

Salat and Life

Salat, in fact, is a supplication to the Lord of Glory, without which one cannot survive nor get security and happiness. (Malfuzat Vol. 2 p 615)

Salat Dispels Weakness

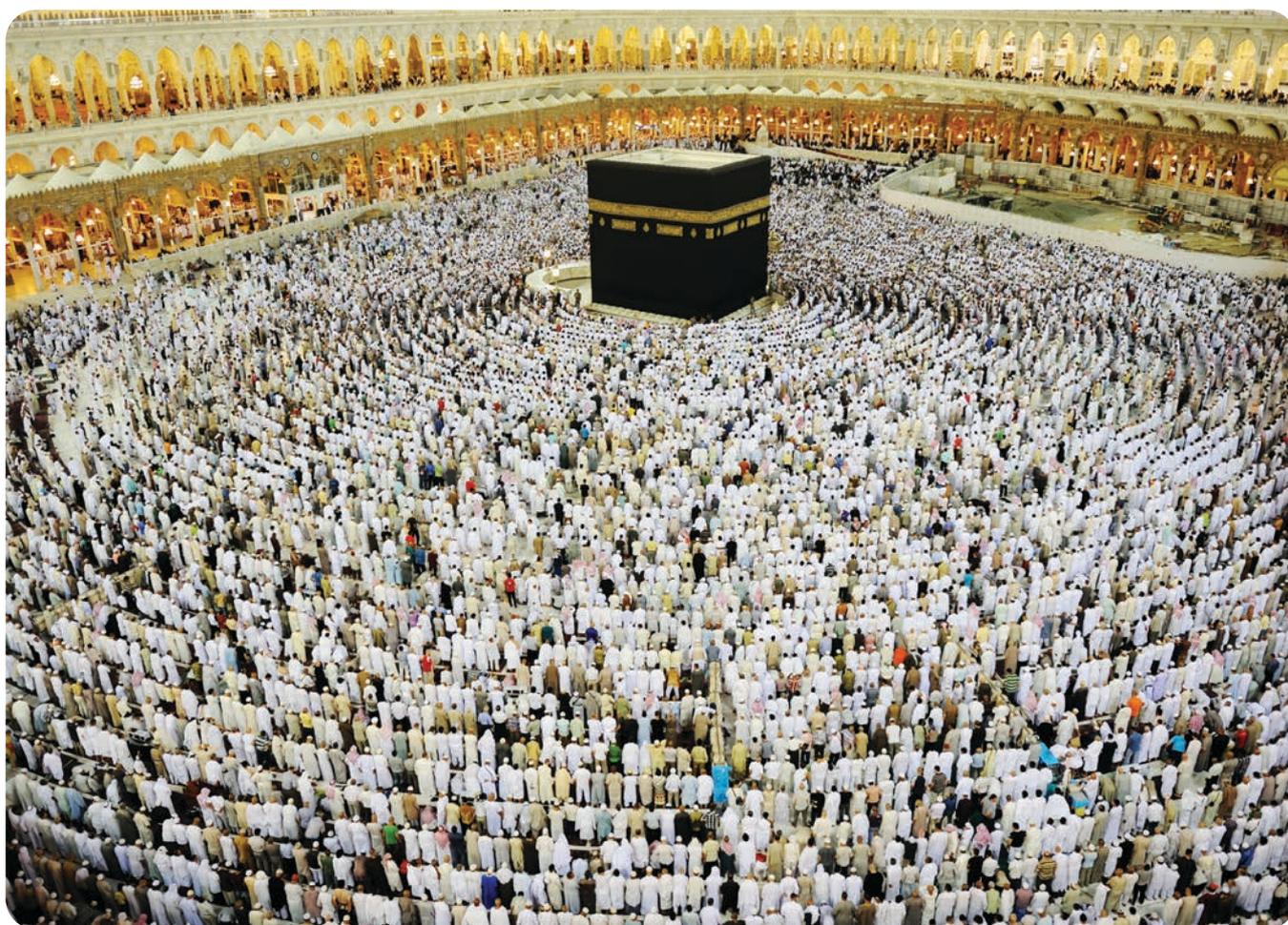
Salat is the good deed which dispels satanic weakness and that is what we call prayer. (Malfuzat Vol. 2 p 679)

Salat and Love of God

Perpetuate love for, and grandeur of, God in your hearts; and there is nothing more effective for that than Salat. (Malfuzat Vol. 2 p 681)

Salat and Inheritance of Heavenly Blessings

Salat is an instrument for security against sins. It is a characteristic feature of Salat that it drives one away from sin and evil deeds. Therefore, seek that sort of Salat and try to mould your Salat accordingly. Salat is the essence of blessings. Favours of Allah are attained through the Salat. Therefore, perform it decently that you may inherit Allah’s blessings. (Malfuzat Vol. 3 p 103)



Salat is a Vehicle

He who wants to meet Allah and desires to reach His court, Salat is the vehicle by which he can get there quicker. He who abandons Salat cannot reach there. (Malfuzat Vol. 3 p 189)

Key to Supplication

Salat is the key to acceptance of supplication. When you offer Salat, supplicate during that and do not be unmindful. (Malfuzat Vol. 3 p 222)

Best Incantation

There is no incantation better than Salat. [...] It dispels all sorts of sorrows and worries and resolves difficulties. [...] In my view, Salat is the best of all incantations; it should be performed properly and decently. (Malfuzat Vol. 3 p 310-311)

Blessings of Salat

The Salat taught by the Holy Prophet^(peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is that which when performing one joins the *abdaal* (saints), sins part from him, his prayers get accepted and he attains nearness to God. (Malfuzat Vol. 4 p 43)

Congregational Prayer and Unity

Congregational prayer [...] is for unity so that all those offering Salat be counted as one unit. The philosophy, underlying the instruction that all should stand together, is that those who are more enlightened may strengthen the lesser ones by infusing their light in them. [...] Those from one ward should offer

congregational prayers in the mosque of their locality five times a day. That will lead to mutual exchange of morals and intermixing of spiritual light thereby removing all weaknesses. It will also create fellowship and mutual love [...] that being the basis for unity. (Malfuzat Vol. 4 p 101)

Salat and Advancements

Some people achieve such degree of perfection that Salat becomes a kind of food for them [...] without which they feel severe anguish and restlessness. However, Salat gives them a special joy and comfort. A righteous believer gets pleasure in Salat. Therefore, Salat should be performed in a decent and orderly manner. Salat is the basis and ladder for all spiritual advancements. That is why it is said that Salat is a believer's pinnacle (*mi'raj*). (Malfuzat Vol. 4 p 605)

Salat and Truth

Salat dispels evils; it has a spirit of truth in it and has an effect of beneficence. (Malfuzat Vol. 5 p 45)

Recipe for Overcoming Difficulties

A complete and unfailing recipe to overcome difficulties and hardships that has been tested by millions of righteous persons does exist. What is that? It is the recipe called Salat. (Malfuzat Vol. 9 p 20)

Salat, Faith and worldly matters

Salat is such that it puts everything in good shape - the worldly matters as well as faith. [...] By performing Salat, one is saved from all kinds of wrongdoings

and immodesty. Therefore, your day and your night, in fact any moment, should not be bereft of prayers. (Malfuzat Vol. 5 p 403)

Each and Every Word of Salat is Supplication

Salat, in fact, is supplication. Each and every word that one utters during Salat aims at supplication. One, who is not attached to Salat, should prepare to face torment. One who does not supplicate brings himself to ruination. A sovereign is announcing repeatedly, "I relieve the distressed of their troubles; I resolve their problems; I am very merciful; I help the destitute". However, a person who is in trouble passes by him, does not pay attention to his announcement, neither does he mention his problem to him to seek his help will ruin himself. That is how God is. He is prepared to provide comfort to man all the time only if one pleads for it. For acceptance of prayer, it is essential that one avoids disobedience and supplicates enthusiastically, because fire is produced only when a flint strikes against another one forcefully. (Malfuzat Vol. 4 p 54)

Everyone should Observe Salat

I pray a lot that the whole of my community joins those who fear God, observe Salat, get up at night to prostrate and cry (before God), do not neglect obligations to God and are not miserly, close-fisted, neglectful and worldly-minded. I hope that God will accept my prayers and will show me that such are the people that I leave behind. (Majmu'a ishtaharat Vol. 2 p.619)

Brief Sentences

- Salat is God's right on us (i.e. we owe it to God); render it very nicely. (Malfuzat Vol. 3 p591)
- The pleasure of Salat is superior to every worldly pleasure. (Malfuzat Vol. 3 p592)
- Salat dispels thousands of faults and is the means of nearness to God. (Malfuzat Vol. 4 p292)
- Salat is the basis and ladder for all (spiritual) advancements. That is why it is said that Salat is a believer's pinnacle (m'iraj). (Malfuzat Vol. 4 p 605)
- Salat is the thing that relieves one of all hardships and dispels all misfortunes. (Malfuzat Vol. 5 p 402)
- Offer your five daily prayers with such fear and presence of heart as if you are seeing God. (Kishti e Nuh, Roohani Khazain Vol 19 p 15)
- He who is not committed to five daily prayers is not of my Community. (Kishti e Nuh, Roohani Khazain Vol 19 p 19)
- For comfort and peace of mind there is nothing better than Salat. (Malfuzat Vol. 5 p 402)
- In my view, Salat is the best of all incantations. (Malfuzat Vol. 3 p311)
- The real purpose and essence of Salat is supplication. (Malfuzat Vol. 1 p 234)

Instructions by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (Allah be pleased with him)

Effect of Salat on Practical Life

Aqeemussalat – observe Prayer. Offer Salat decently and let the effect of the pledge that you make during the Salat be apparent in your practical life. Verbally you say *iyyaka na'budu*, we are obedient to you, but are you steadfast on obedience? Supplicate and offer Salat; the two are not burdensome for the humble ones. (Khutbat e Noor pp 365-366)

Etiquettes of Salat

Some people are lax in Salat in different ways:

1. They do not arrive on time;
2. They do not pray in congregation;
3. They are not mindful of Sunnah and Hadith

Listen attentively! Nothing works well in this world for him who is wasteful of Salat. (Khutbat-e-Noor pp 365-366)

Salat –A Remedy for Sin

Salat restrains from sin and is the remedy to abstain from sin only when offered decently. Wake up from your sleep seeking salvation and run when you hear the Azan. (Khutbat e Noor p 166)

Salat - A Magnificent Thing

After verbal affirmation, Salat is the magnificent thing; if one has wasted that he has wasted his faith. Truly speaking therein lies the difference between disbelief (kufir) and Islam. (Khutbat e Noor p 281)

Instructions by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (Allah be pleased with him)

Regularity in Salat

Salat is fountain head of spirituality and a means of achieving nearness to God. Abstention from Salat is a poison that condemns man to an everlasting hell thereby subjecting him to death after death. One should save oneself from that and be regular with Salat. (Mash'al e Rah Vol. 1 p 403)

Commitment to Salat

It is our duty to make every member of our Jama'at committed to Salat and try so hard that not even a single member remains Salat-less. (Mash'al e Rah Vol. 1 p 220)

Iqamat (Observance) of Salat

Iqamat means offering Salat in congregation. That is to say, just offering Salat is not enough rather it is essential to Pray in congregation. [...] Islam ordains observing Salat, not merely performing it (individually). (Mash'al e Rah Vol. 1 p 278)



Instructions by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (Allah have mercy on him)

True Salat

If one offering long drawn out Salat does not abstain from indecency and manifest evil, his Salat would not be true Salat because true Salat restrains one from indecency and manifest evil. (Khutubat e Nasir Vol 1 p 314)

Salat and Real Virtue

Performing Salat according to the conditions laid down by Allah is a real virtue. (Khutubat e Nasir Vol 1 p 273)

Instructions by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on him)

Salat and Security of Life

Make it your habit to offer five daily prayers. That is essential for the security of a believer's life. [...] Try to offer such Salat that please Allah, and thereby endear you to Him. (Khutubat e Tahir Vol 1 p 115)

Salat and Households

I admonish all households that they try with utmost courage and effort to create members who offer Salat regularly. [...] The grace of those households wherein prayers are offered regularly will reach the corners of the world. Visitors from far away who stay with them will see a good model to follow. ... Decorate your houses in this way that they are filled with worship

and remembrance of Allah. (Khutubat e Tahir Vol 1 p 285-287)

Salat and Delivering Rights

If Salat is observed, rights of Allah as well as rights of people will be delivered, otherwise nothing will remain. (Khutubat e Tahir Vol 2 p 191)

Salat and Fortitude

Those who perform real Salat have unparalleled qualities of fortitude. When they suffer, the suffering does not prevail on them. They do not lament or bewail. (Khutubat e Tahir Vol 2 p 377-388)

Instructions by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (Allah be his helper)

Safeguarding Salat

Only guarding and supervising prayers will guarantee to keep us and our future generations free of sins and wrongdoings. ... If you want to save your children from falling into (these) filthy and obscene practices then the best way is try to make them regular with Prayers. (Khutubat e Masroor Vol. 3 pp 372-373)

Salat and Self-assessment

Each one of us should try to assess continuously that we are not falling short in any way concerning the Salat. (Mash'al e Rah Vol 5 part 3 p134)

Salat and Reward

Forcing oneself to get up from the bed and go to the mosque for congregational prayer, attending to prayers at the cost of one's business; that is what makes one deserving of reward. (Khutubat e Masroor Vol. 3 p 23)

Salat and Work

When it is time for Salat, focus your attention fully on prayer as commanded by Allah. Your engagements or other excuses should not stop you from offering prayers. Do not neglect Salat for the sake of your work rather stop your work for the sake of Salat. Otherwise that is also a kind of hidden Shirk. (Khutubat e Masroor Vol. 3 p 272)

Salat - 'the Middle One'

Be watchful over your prayers and 'the middle one' as well ... Salat, the hour of which approaches when you are pre-occupied with worldly engagements, needs special attention. Salat restrains one from indecency. ... By achieving excellence in Salat, one attains nearness to God and His love, without which he is like a tree that had its root cut off. (Khutubat e Masroor Vol. 6 p 281-294)

The Excellence of Worship during Youth

The Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him) says:

"If he spent this period (of his youth) in the worship of Allah, the reformation of the self, and obedience to God, he will be so rewarded in his old age, that when he will be unable to perform any worship, and indisposition and lethargy will overtake him, the angels will continue to record in his name the same Salat, fasting, Tahajjud, etc., which he used to perform in his youth. This is the Grace of Allah that considering his disability, despite his failure to do anything, such deeds are recorded in his account. (Malfuzat, Volume 4, p 199 - footnote (new edition) Thus, every Ahmadi, in state of health, should try to be regular with his prayers. Not only be regular, but he should also pay attention to congregational prayers. (Khutubat e Masroor Vol. 3 p 24)

Pray in Congregation

"Every Ahmadi, who has accepted the Promised Messiah^(peace be upon him), and thereby counts himself to be one of the believers, should pay special attention to these matters. Firstly, strive to offer prayers regularly. As far as possible, try to offer the prayer in congregation. Then adorn these (obligatory) prayers with voluntary prayers. In the context of Salat, I would like to make another point. Always remember that worship has a great connection with the institution of Khilafat. And what is worship? It is Salat. The verse, that follows the Divine promise of comfort and Khilafat for the believers, enjoins aqemussalt (observe Salat) as well. Therefore, the first condition to acquire an established position and benefit from the institution of Khilafat is observance of Salat, because it is worship and Salat that will absorb Allah's Grace." (Khutubat-e-Masroor Vol. 5 p 148-151)

Interest and Zeal for Salat

These high standards of morality and taqwa (righteousness) cannot be achieved without Divine help and guidance. Therefore, we should always seek Allah's help with prayers. For that, fill up the Salat

centres and mosques (with worshippers) in your area. With congregational prayers, not only will you achieve spiritual advancement but also set an example for others to follow. Convey this guideline to all the office bearers who are not present so that they also act upon it.

As for planning to get the people around for prayers, keep this in mind that the plan should be easily practicable. Some office bearers become so enthusiastic about carrying out their responsibilities that they ignore the ground realities. [...] They should try to maintain interest and zeal for prayers amongst the people but should not be overbearing. The people should be made to realise the need for the virtuous changes to take place in them as Ahmadi that would distinguish them from others. To bring about such positive changes always pray that they are granted steadfastness. (Closing address, Majlis Shura UK, 24 June, 2007, Al Fazl International 6 July 2007)

Parents' own Example

Another important matter, one of very important matters rather the most important matter, is to inculcate the habit of five daily prayers in the children because faith without worship is no faith. Parents' own example is most important in this regard. If they are regular with Salat their children will be regular as well. Otherwise their hollow words of advice will have no effect on the children. (Friday Sermon 27 June 2003; Khutubat-e-Masroor Vol. 1 p 144)

Joy and Comfort in Prayers

If we submit our tearful lamentations to our Lord, He will surely listen to our supplications, as promised by Him. First of all, bowing down to Allah, the Almighty, we will have to direct our Salat and supplications exclusively to Him; that is the basic thing. If you get joy and comfort in Salat then you have achieved everything. During the Salat, particularly supplicate in the words that we have been taught by the Holy Prophet^(peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). According to the Hadith, he used to pray: 'O Allah, grant my soul its taqwa, and cleanse it thoroughly and Thou are the best of all who can cleanse it. (Heart can only get cleansed by the Grace of Allah). (Muslim, kitabuz-zikr wad-dua)

May Allah grant us the ability to cleanse our hearts! (Khutubat-e-Masroor Vol. 2 p 220)



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