



Friday Sermon; Purpose of Mosque and Masjid Nur

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Summary

Huzur (aba) continued the explanation of the concept of Nur from Nur Mosque in Frankfurt, Germany

Huzur (aba) said that every mosque of ours is built to establish God's Nur (Light) in hearts and to spread it around us and beauty of a mosque are the pious people who pray there

The word *minar* (minaret) is derived from the root word of *nur* and the purpose of minaret is to relay Adhan to call people to a Mosque or Masjid to worship Allah.

The word '*masjid*' is derived from the word '*sajdah*' (prostration), the ultimate submission.

Huzur (aba) explained the qualities of a true believer, with reference to the Holy Qur'an and reminded Ahmadis of their responsibilities

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Huzur (aba) explained

Huzur (aba) said today his Friday Sermon was the first at Masjid Nur, Frankfurt. By coincidence Huzur (aba) has been giving discourses about the Divine attribute of Al Nur in his last two sermons.

The German Jama'at wanted to hold an event to commemorate the completion of fifty years of Masjid Nur and invite dignitaries

On the invitation of Ameer Sahib, Huzur agreed to attend the event so that Huzur could personally give them the message of Islam

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The beauty and significance of a mosque is not by virtue of its completion over 50 years but with the people who populate it five times a day while adhering to taqwa.

The Holy Qur'an and ahadith provide us with guidance about the significance and dignity of a mosque

It is the identity of an Ahmadi to recognise the significance of mosque

Huzur (aba) said that every mosque of ours is built to establish God's Nur (Light) in hearts and to spread it around us

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The significance of a mosque

This is the *nur* which God sent down to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) through the Holy Qur'an and in this age made the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) a reflection of it so that it may spread all over.

Huzur said it is the misfortune of the Swiss government that they have given in to an anti-Islamic political party

- and held the referendum against building of minarets of mosques.

According to a report only 32% people voted in favour of this ban.

- The majority either abstained or were not in favour of this ban.

While the rest of the Muslims are nonchalant about this,

- It is the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who have raised concern at this ban

Ahmadis have registered their concern by meetings with public and politicians.

- Some politicians have even extended apologies in this regard

Swiss ban on Minarets

However, some decent people of Switzerland have publicly protested against this ban.

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Nur of Allah in our times

Muslims

- Ordinary Muslims say they have the *nur* in the form of the last Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the clear Book, the Qur'an.

Ahmadis

- Indeed, we too profess the same and have a greater belief in it.

Nur of our
time

- However, in order to partake of this *nur*, in accordance to the prophecy of God and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) a person was needed in this age to take this *nur* further afield.

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The word *minar* (minaret) is derived from the root word of *nur*.

The purpose of a minaret is to call people from a raised position to the worship of One God.

Nowadays the minaret is symbolic

Huzur (aba) said, one could object to the spires of churches. However, that is not our objective.



Swiss ban on Minarets

It is most preposterous to place a ban on the construction of minarets. Even if it is supposed that all Muslims are extremists, would a ban on minarets stop extremism?

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The purpose of Minaret

What a beautiful and solid message the minarets give out.

The purpose of a minaret is to relay the Adhan

which is a declaration of the Unity of God

and that Muhammad pbuh is God's Messenger

it calls to worship because that is the purpose of our existence

it calls to prosperity and a successful life in this world and the Hereafter

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The press coverage of fifty years ago, when Nur mosque was built, reflected the decency of the journalists of the time. More than seventy newspapers covered the construction of the mosque

News coverage carried statements like: 'A white mosque with high and beautiful minarets is built in Frankfurt.'

The minarets are as beautiful today as they were in the past but people have lost their fair-mindedness.

Islam is portrayed in a negative light and some sections of the press play an unconstructive role in this.

Anti-Muslim Press

It is the duty of all the Muslims living in the West to better themselves and stand up to this movement against Islam.

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People object that mosques are the hub of extremism, but the first commandment this verse gives is to establish justice and only then draw attention to worship of God.

قُلْ أَمَرَ رَبِّي بِالْقِسْطِ
وَأَقِيمُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ عِندَ كُلِّ
مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ
الْدِينَ كَمَا بَدَأَكُمْ تَعُودُونَ

Chapter 7 , Verse 30

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.'

Purpose of a mosque

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The purpose of Mosque and Minaret

A mosque is a place where one comes to bow down before God while staying firm on taqwa and fulfilling the requisites of justice.

The word '*masjid*' is derived from the word '*sajdah*' (prostration)

i.e. the ultimate form of obedience and submission

When the time of Salat comes, call on God in the mosque, for He alone guides on the straight path.

A true believer, who has firm faith in the Hereafter, cannot do something that would deprive him/her of the blessings of the Hereafter.

Mosques are symbols of development of paying the dues of God and the dues of mankind and **minarets are a source of achieving this**

Purpose of going to the mosque at the time of Salat



They are the ones who turn to God in repentance, who worship Him, who praise Him, who go about in the land serving Him, who bow down to God, who prostrate themselves in prayer, who enjoin good and forbid evil, and who watch the limits set by Allah. And give glad tidings to those who believe.

التَّائِبُونَ الْعَبْدُونَ الْحَامِدُونَ
السَّائِحُونَ الرَّكْعُونَ
السَّجِدُونَ الْأَمْرُونَ
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَالنَّاهُونَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَالْحَافِظُونَ لِحُدُودِ
اللَّهِ ط وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Chapter 9, Verse 112

Huzur (aba) explained

Today it is the obligation of us, Ahmadis, to tell the world about the reality of Islam; and demonstrate the qualities of true believers as mentioned in this verse

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Qualities of true believers

Repentant They repent, that is, they detach themselves from vices and by their actions becomes closer to Allah

Worship God They worship God. A true believer who has perfect faith always tries his/her utmost and realises that without worship his/her life is incomplete.

Praise God True believer praise God and obey Allah following His commandment with the understanding of the all excellent attributes of Allah

Go about in the land serving Allah Like those who do Jihad of Tabligh and emigrate from persecution

Bow down to Allah and offer prayer Say daily prayers in the Mosque in congregation

Enjoin good and forbid evil

Watch the limits set by Allah They do not cross the boundaries set by Allah

Qualities of true believers; Huzur aba further explained

Repentance (tau'ba) This is a process of returning. In any journey, as one travels, he/she becomes closer to the destination and further from the starting point.

Similarly by Tau'ba one advances towards Allah and gets further away from the influence of Satan.

Go about in the land serving Allah Huzur (aba) said most of those present came to the West to avoid persecution and it is kind of the German government to have recognised this.

Huzur (aba) reminded those living in the West to practise and spread virtues in the society, put all of God's commandments in practice and also enlighten their younger generations about them.

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Message to Ahmadiis in Germany

Every honourable Ahmadi should be extremely cautious not to bring disrepute to Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam, by any of their action

Every Ahmadi should realise that he/she has been able to raise their standard of living and lives with freedom in this country because of Ahmadiyyat.

Therefore, they should spend their lives in a manner that will make them the recipients of God's pleasure.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said,

'Do not bring us in disrepute after being associated with us'.

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ

(Chapter 3: Verse 111)

‘: ‘You are the best people raised for the good of mankind...’

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Special responsibilities of an Ahmadi

God has granted the Muslims a very high status and the Ahmadis, who have taken the bai’at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Huzur (aba) said that regardless of religion, today the good of humanity is associated with Ahmadis.

Special responsibilities of an Ahmadi

This is a tremendous honour and each Ahmadi should be mindful that it is our task to bring down the barriers of hatred.

These barriers need to be brought down by promoting virtues and by worship of God.

These barriers will come down by being grateful that we were enabled to spread out in the world when faced persecution at home

This happened because when at a later time, Muslims were to be faced with walls of rancour and mistrust because of actions of a few Muslims, Ahmadis would be present to defend Islam through the practise of its true teachings.

Special responsibilities of an Ahmadi

Today, we have to invite the world to come and see the reality of mosques and minarets.

Invite them to come and see what true high morals are, what virtues are, how good is enjoined and how evil is forbidden.

Invite them to inform them how peace can be established in the world.

Every Ahmadi, man, woman, child and youth solemnly affirms to sacrifice their life, property and honour for this purpose.

If we are not able to distinguish ourselves from other Muslims, we will not be able to defend Islam.

Special responsibilities of an Ahmadi

Huzur (aba) said in order to be 'best people' we will have to present our practical examples

May God enable us to do so, Aameen

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, you and the others are equal in making claims but God is not pleased by mere claims

Huzur (aba) directed that receptions will not be allowed from now on to be held inside the Mosque by laying mats over the floors [of prayer hall].

**Huzur (aba)
directed**

No arrangement should be made for meals in the inner hall of mosque.

**This should be noted by
all Jama'ats of the world.**



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