



## Friday Sermon Slides April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010



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# SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) delivered his Friday Sermon from Basharat Mosque, Pedro Abad, Spain at the beginning of Jalsa Salana Spain.

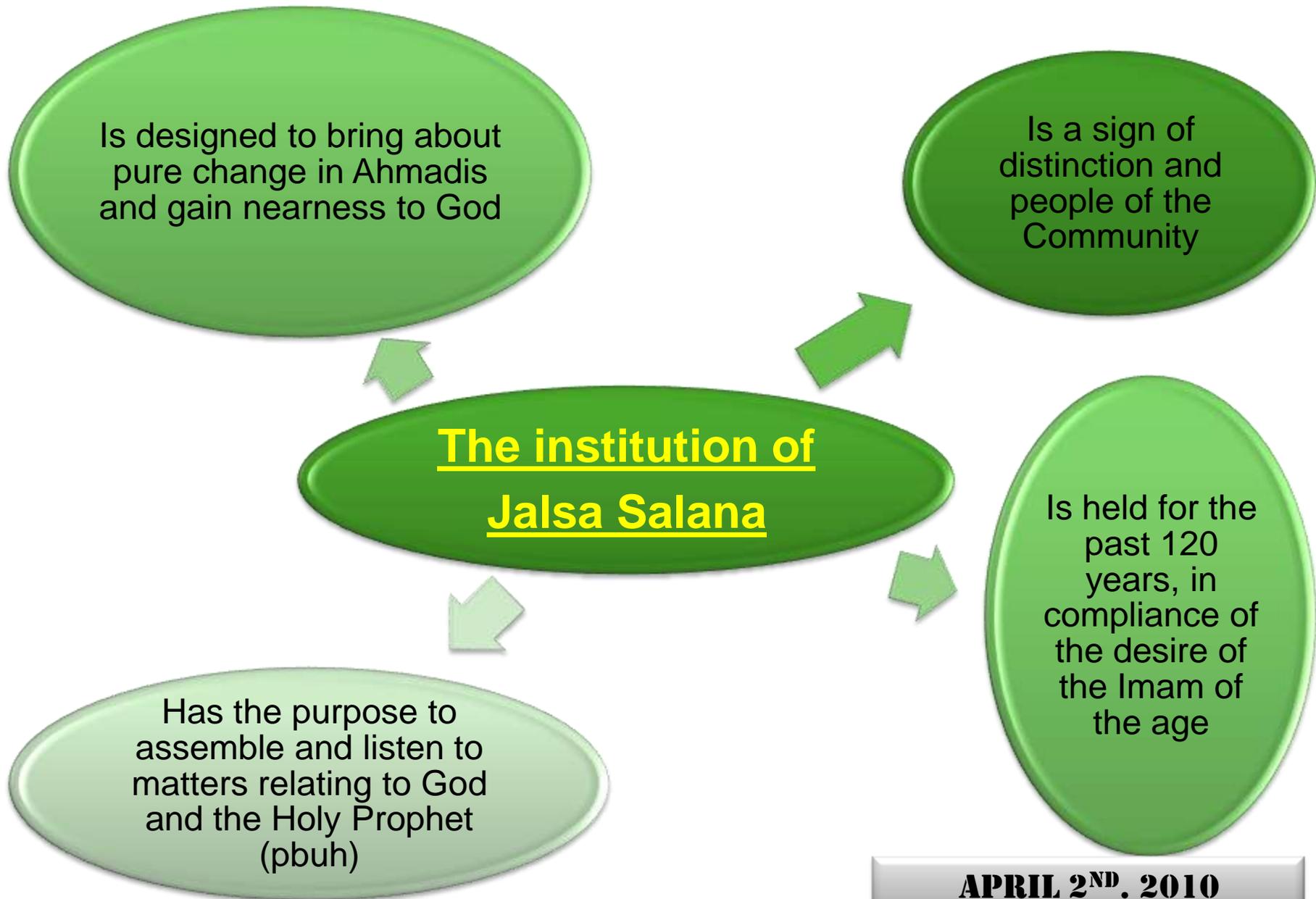
He explained that the institution of Jalsa Salana was designed for Ahmadis by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to gather for two to three days to listen to matters relating to God and the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in order to bring about pure change in them

Hudhur (aba) gave details about the beginning of Ahmadiyyat in Spain and reminded Spanish Ahmadis of their heavy responsibilities.

Hudhur (aba) reminded the Islamic teachings about gambling and alcohol and reiterated the purpose of our creation stressing that we should sincerely honour our pledge of bai'at

Next Hudhur (aba) gave the sad news of tragic martyrdom in Pakistan of three Ahmadis of the same family.

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- Jalsa Salana is a manifestation of the passionate desire of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for his followers to recognise the Creator and absorb His blessings

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- Jalsa Salana is based on God's special and true support and by being instigated purely by Divine orders, it carries tremendous blessings

- Therefore, with God's support man's humble effort; individual as well as communal level attracts several hundred-fold blessings.

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## Jalsa Salana

Jalsa Salana is based on Divine support

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Purely in  
obedience to the  
call of the Imam of  
the age

In order to bring  
about pure  
change in  
themselves

To be part of the  
glorious destiny that  
God has decreed for  
the Community of the  
Promised Messiah  
(on whom be peace),

To take advantage  
of the spiritual  
sustenance that  
carries God's  
special support

**Hudhur (aba) said  
how fortunate are  
those among us who  
attend the Jalsa  
Salana**

Hudhur (aba)  
prayed that may  
this always be  
the objective of  
every person  
who ever  
attends Jalsa  
Salana

## The purpose of Jalsa Salana

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We should constantly self-reflect and self-examine, do Istaghfar profusely and recite Durud abundantly so that we bring about a revolutionary change in ourselves that would help us spread the teaching of Islam to the world and also absorb God's blessings

If everyone understood this aspect, not only would we benefit ourselves we would also be attracting other people to Islam.

## Peaceful Islamic revolution

- Hudhur said the revolutionary change that is to come about through the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) will be achieved by bringing pure changes in ourselves and with prayers. This revolutionary change will be eternal.
- This change will be brought about not by force but by following Islamic teaching.

Hudhur (aba) said it is pointless to take time off work if the spiritual ambience of the Jalsa is not availed

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# Hudhur (aba) explained the beginning of Ahmadiyyat in Spain

Karam Illahi sahib came to Spain as the first and only Ahmadi on the call of Khalifa of the time

He supported his family and the mission work by selling perfumes and passionately spread the message of Islam despite political restrictions and problems

Eventually the period of religious restrictions were lifted and gradually people of our Community emigrated to Spain to settle, and our missionaries started to come as well and a beautiful mosque was built.

Addressing Ahmadis (mainly of Pakistani origin) living in Spain, Hudhur (aba) said that they should be mindful of their huge responsibility. The practical example of Islamic teachings they set will be reflected in the progress of Ahmadiyyat in Spain.

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Hudhur (aba) reminded Spanish Pakistani Ahmadis that they should be grateful for freedom, peace and financial improvement they have in Spain and enjoined them to be of those who absorb God's blessings

Hudhur (aba) warned that this worldly progress should not take us away from God. Rather, this is a manifestation by God that those whom the world wanted to hand a begging bowl have been provided for by Him.

Hudhur (aba) cautioned that it should be remembered that God who has the power to bestow, is also displeased at wrongful deeds and no one can contend with God's displeasure.

## Message for Spanish Ahmadis

If worldly comfort is taking us away from our faith then it is a serious cause for concern.

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## Hudhur (aba) reminded the Hadith mentioned in his last sermon

*The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that he was not concerned about the poverty of his Companions but was concerned lest they got inclined to materialism like the earlier people and this materialism caused their destruction like the ancients.*

Hudhur said today the Arab world has the wealth of oil, they call themselves the standard bearers of Islam. However, they are distant from faith and their practice are contrary to Islamic teachings.

All this also has an effect on those who think Islam can only be learnt from the Arabs, in particular Saudi Arabia.

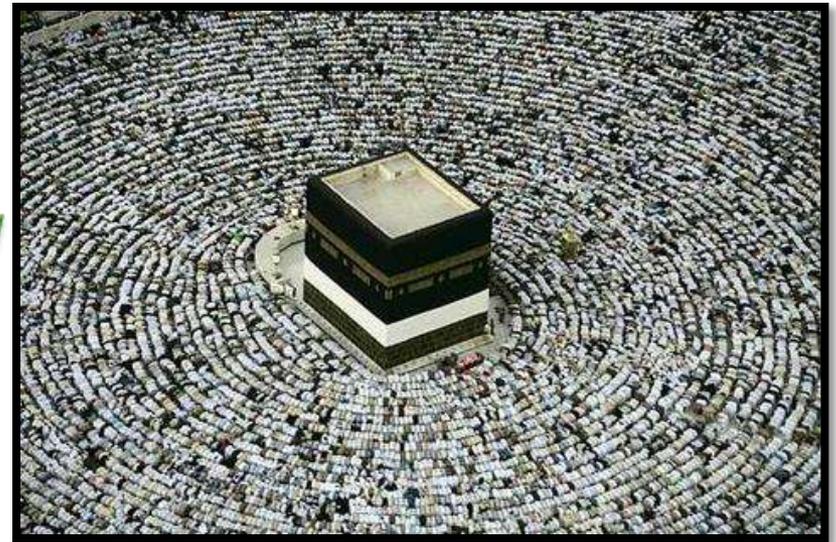


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# Hudhur (aba) reminded the Hadith mentioned in his last sermon



Hudhur (aba) related about a Nigerian Muslim who carried on with his habit of drinking alcohol even after performing Hajj. When his Ahmadi friend advised him against this practice, the Nigerian person replied that he had seen alcohol consumption in Saudi Arabia, indeed even in Makkah.



Hudhur (aba) said this is a verification of the concern of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), which in a way was also a prophecy.

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### Alcohol

When the Holy Prophet (pbuh) declared its prohibition, Muslims in Medina broke their earthenware alcohol containers as soon as they heard of the prohibition

### Hajj

Whereas today, an African Muslim goes to Hajj and brings back verification to consume alcohol,

### Destruction

Could there be a destruction greater than this?

**Alcohol is also known as *ummul khabais* (mother of all ills)**

- *Ismul kabeer* (great sin) is a sin that repeatedly incites one to commit sin.
- These sins take people away from God and ultimately leads to destruction.
- *Ismul Kabeer* like alcohol and gambling are destroying the Muslim world.

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# Alcohol and gambling

Hudhur (aba) said that Ahmadi parents should take steps to protect their children growing up in culture where alcohol and gambling are common



The habit of gambling starts are just playing apparently innocent games and then it sucks the children in as a quagmire



This problem is common in non-Admadi Muslims but the odd Ahmadi is also involved in this vice

# Alcohol and gambling

Hudhur said his directive to Ahmadis is not to work at a place that deals with alcohol, because it leads to destruction.

If a Muslims abandons faith he destroys his worldly life and that of the Hereafter.

Ahmadis can not be drawn into earnings from alcohol trading. We are only interested in pure and wholesome earnings

A true Muslim's point of view should be to give precedence to faith over worldly matters

Today Islam is the only religion that offers eternal salvation

The faith of the Muslims is a living faith, one that will stay established for always and God has promised to protect and safeguard it and has promised its triumph.

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Hudhur (aba) said we Ahmadis claim that we spend our lives according to the pledge of Bai'at that we have taken with the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Our objective is not this world, rather it is our faith, indeed it should be, otherwise there is no point in taking Bai'at.

Ahmadiyyat will InshaAllah triumph but as the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said one who forgets the teaching of Islam will see destruction

The warning that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) gave was to the followers of Islam, the Ummah, asking them to be mindful not to let comfort of this world make them get distant from faith for it ultimately leads to destruction

Hudhur (aba) explained that the Companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) gave faith precedence over worldly matters. They had spent their wealth most generously in the cause of Islam and honoured their dues to faith extremely well.

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# Muslims in Spain



Hudhur (aba) said to the Ahmadis in Spain that they live in a country where Muslims had once ruled and today hundreds of buildings still stand that carry the words of the Kalima on them.

This also is the country where on every step there is a cautionary testimony of the Muslims being negligent of their religion.



# Muslims in Spain

The world was impressed by the magnificent lifestyle of the Muslim kings. However, bitter in-fighting cost them dearly. They met their decline and were ultimately disgraced.



However, it is God's promise that the ultimate triumph will be of Islam and for this God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to this world.

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The task of revival of faith is entrusted to Ahmadis and if after coming to these countries we get involved in materialism it would be contrary to our pledge of Bai'at.



- God's mercy is without doubt extensive but we should be mindful that we can never deceive God.



- If He so wills He can question us on every single pledge of Bai'at. Are we among those who honour the pledge made with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)?



- The summary of the conditions of the Bai'at is to honour the rights of God and honour the dues of mankind .

- Each Ahmadi should be ever mindful of them, then alone will we be able to carry out our spiritual task properly.

- Human weakness can take our focus away from our faith that is why it is important to constantly remind ourselves of our pledge of Bai'at.

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ ﴾

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says that man is born with a nature that is inclined to God. Those who abandon this natural trait and make their life a base existence like that of animals drive themselves away from God. Once we believe that our existence is chiefly to worship God we should change every aspect of our life. Our aim should be ultimately to seek God's pleasure.

And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me.

Chapter 51, Verse 57

Hudhur (aba) said it was for the training of this objective that Ahmadis had gathered at the Jalsa in Spain.

They should pay particular attention to worship and prayers during the days of Jalsa aiming to bring about a revolutionary change in themselves which should be evident when they return home.

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- Next Hudhur (aba) gave the sad news of the tragic martyrdom of three family members in Faisalabad, Pakistan.
- Ashraf Pervaiz sahib, aged 60, his brother Masood Javed sahib, aged 57 and his 24 year old son Asif Masood were martyred by unknown assailants last night.
- Hudhur (aba) praised their dedication and sacrifice made by this family and their elders for the Jama'at.
- Hudhur (aba) announced that he would lead their funeral Prayer in absentia.

## The sad news of demise of Ahmadis in Faisalabad Pakistan

Hudhur (aba) prayed for an elevated status for the three martyrs and for steadfastness for their families

Hudhur (aba) called for Pakistani Ahmadis, specifically those who are well known in their areas to take care in their travel times.

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