

Status of Prophethood of the Promised Messiah and Divine Promises of Triumph



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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said one should not be perturbed by difficulties after taking *Bai'at*. Gradually, true believers prevail over their enemies

These glad-tidings of triumph are absolutely true, but when God gives glad-tidings, those who accept them need to abide by some responsibilities and obligations

We should fully pay the dues of God and the dues of mankind as well as fully take part in taking the message to others, utilising our knowledge and our capacities

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote : 'God has decreed from the beginning and has declared it as His law and His way that He and His Prophets will always triumph. Therefore, as I am His Prophet, that is, I am Commissioned by Him, however without a new law, or a new claim or a new name, rather, I have come in the name of that very noble, Seal of all the Prophets, and from among him and as his manifestation.

This is why I say that just as it has been from ancient time, that is, from the era of Adam to that of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), the meaning of this verse has always come true. It will yet again, come true in my support: **'Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty.'** (58:22)

Hudhur (aba) said he recently received a letter from Pakistan and that Hudhur does not agree with the premise of the letter. The letter stated that it needs to be emphasised in the publications of the Community that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was a Prophet of God because many people hesitate in calling him a Prophet

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He was a Prophet, without a new law and in complete subordination of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and in light of the Quranic statement: **'And among others from among them who have not yet joined them...'** (62:4).

It is part of our faith that the a station has the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was so lofty that even his follower has been granted the status of Prophethood.

Indeed, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is the Seal of all the Prophets and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is a Prophet of God only in his (pbuh) subservience

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) had advised that when the Messiah comes, take my greetings to him even if you have to crawl over glaciers to reach him

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Khilafat is borne out of Prophethood and is to operate on the precepts of Prophethood

It should also be remembered that without the status of Prophethood for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) there can be no Khilafat

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The system of the Ahmadiyya Community and the Khilafat can only continue if we accept the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as a Prophet.

The detailed advice of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to people taking *Bai'at*

***Bai'at* and repentance should not be just verbal professing, rather it should be from the heart**

Hudhur (aba) said a person taking *Bai'at* wants to bring about a pure change

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said one should not be perturbed by difficulties after taking *Bai'at*

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also advised not to make *Bai'at* conditional to any worldly objective

Gradually, true believers prevail over their enemies

The weapons of triumph are

Istaghfar
(seeking forgiveness from God)

It is seeking forgiveness for one's past sins as well as future sins and to come in God's refuge

Repentance

Repentance is to feel revulsion at the wrongdoings that one is involved in and make firm resolve to avoid them and to seek help from God

Acquisition of religious knowledge

Holy Qur'an, followed by in this age, the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in light of the Qur'an and the authentic Ahadith

Five daily Prayers

With firm belief in God and His attributes one's attention is drawn to the five daily Prayers

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said if one brings about these revolutionary changes in oneself, one will become part of the triumph that is destined for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

It is indeed God's promise that He will grant triumph to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

but he advised his followers that these were the 'weapons' to bring about triumph, otherwise one's participation will be merely in name

Hudhur (aba) said each one of us should try and be a part of this triumph

Divine Promises of Triumph

What we have to remember that while these glad-tidings are absolutely true, but when God gives glad-tidings, those who accept them have also to abide by some responsibilities and some obligations

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**God revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace):
'I shall carry thy message to the ends of the earth.'**

God will indeed take this message to the world, and our responsibility is to avail blessings like MTA and vast Ahmadiyya literature for Tabligh

It has never happened that a community of a Prophet of God abandoned its task

God's work carries on. If we will not do it, He would arrange it through other means

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Who could be dearer to God than the Holy Prophet (pbuh). However, he and his Companions worked hard and also had to give great sacrifices for these. They attained a very high spiritual station through their excellent observance of Salat and their love and deep devotion of God

Divine Promises of Triumph

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote in his book 'Tadhkirat-ush-Shahadatain':

'O all people, let it be known that this is a prophecy of One Who has created the heavens and the earth. He will spread His community in all the countries. And will grant them triumph over everyone through the spirit of proof and reasoning.'

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Hudhur (aba) said we should also be like this today.



We should be firm in our belief that the promises made to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) will certainly be fulfilled



If our most humble effort can be part of the fulfilment of these promises, then we would attain God's pleasure



Each Ahmadi worker should understand his or her responsibility and try and put it in practice

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote in his book 'Tadhkirat-ush-Shahadatain':

'Days will come; in fact they are close by when this will be the only religion in the world which will be evoked with honour.

God will place immense and extraordinary blessing in this religion and this mission and every person who wishes to annihilate it, will be disgraced and this triumph will remain until the Day of Judgement will come.'

This extract is from 1903 when Ahmadiyyat was just being introduced outside India

Today, the message of Islam has reached in 198 countries of the world through Ahmadiyya Community

God will indeed also fulfil the latter part of the prophecy

It is the task of each Ahmadi to understand his or her responsibility and not be complacent

- The bigger the promise and the glad-tidings, the more responsibilities we have

We should fully pay the dues of God and the dues of mankind as well as fully take part in taking the message to others, utilising our knowledge and our capacities

God revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace):

‘Despair not of the treasures of Allah’s mercy. We have bestowed upon you abundance of every kind of good.’

[Tadhkirah p.579]

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Our responsibilities

Thus God assured the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and informed him that he had been granted an abundance of good

We need to take the message to Muslims that the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was given the status of Prophethood because of his devotion

Our responsibilities

He said that these natural calamities will not stop, rather they will continue to occur, so much so that man will wake up to the fact and will wonder what is going on! God states that He will not stop until people reform their hearts



Hudhur (aba) said it should be remembered the these disasters are closely linked to the era of the Messiah



It is the task of the Ahmadi that he/she strengthens his/her faith, he or she should also alert the world and try to bring people close to God



It is requisite of the love that we have in our hearts that we should try to save humanity from being destroyed

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also gave earthquakes as a Sign of his advent.

In one of his revelations, God addressed the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as the son of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him):
'I am with you. O son of the Messenger of Allah'.

[Tadhkirah p. 707]

This revelation was accompanied with another revelation that said:

'Gather together all the Muslims on the earth on one faith.'

[Tadhkirah p.707]

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Hudhur said we face restrictions in some Muslim countries and cannot openly do Tabligh there. If one Tabligh source is not available, with wisdom another can be adopted. If direct Tabligh is not allowed in places, God provided us with MTA, which is taking the message all over the world.

Expounding the revelation about gathering all Muslims on one faith, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained that it is a special commandment

Some commandments are related to *Shariah*, like those regarding Salat and Zakat. These carry the prophecy that some people will disobey them

The other kind of commandment is one that comes into force by God's direct decree

Hudhur explained that this relates to God's command of '*Kun*' (Be) and whatever He wills takes place. These commands are destined to be met, by a process predetermined in the laws of nature

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Once God decrees something, the process starts and thus has started the process of people gradually coming into the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). We need not be troubled as to how will this happen in places where Ahmadis are treated less than second-class.

It is God's decree; it will therefore come to pass.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

‘Allah the Exalted has repeatedly informed me that He will give me much greatness and shall inculcate my love in hearts and will spread my mission over the entire earth and shall give my sect triumph over all other sects.

People of my sect will acquire excellence in knowledge and spiritual cognisance to a degree that they will silence everyone with the light of their truthfulness and with their reasoning and signs.’

May we strengthen our faith, adorn our worship of God and enhance our connection with God, so that we can be helpers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in the second phase of Islam so that we as well as our generations to come will be the recipient of blessings.

A tremendous glad-tiding

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Funeral prayers in absentia

Sahibzada Rashed Latif sahib Rashedi. He passed away on 27 April in Los Angeles. He was the grandson of Sahibzaba Latif saheed. He had a very sincere connection with Jama'at. He had moved to USA in 1965. On the instruction of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) he translated Tadhkirah in a regional Afghan language

Mubarak Mahmood sahib, a missionary of the Community. He passed away on 4 May after long illness at the age of 42. He graduated from Jamia Ahmadiyya in 1989. He served the Jama'at in Tanzania for eight years but later came back to Rabwah. He was diagnosed with cancer but kept working in spite of the illness and always remained cheerful. He leaves behind a widow and three sons. His parents also survive him.

Muzaffer Ahmad sahib from Sheikhpura, and his family Farzana Jabeen sahiba, Amtul Noor, Waleed Ahmad and Tassawer Ahmad, all lost their lives in a road accident. Muzaffer sahib was a qaid of Khuddam and had served the Jama'at in various capacities. He was an honest, fair-minded person.

May God elevate their station and may He forgive them.

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