

Persecution and Relationship with Allah



Friday Sermon
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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) gave a summary of the worsening persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan, which is nothing new, people of God have always been persecuted

This oppression only strengthens our faith given that history of Prophets of God is being repeated

Those who oppose the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) should remember that by rejecting the truth which the Holy Prophet (pbuh) foretold and which is in the Qur'an, they are joining those who have a bad ending

In relation to the date (11/11/11) Hudhur (aba) mentioned the prophecy of the Promised Messiah 'after eleven'.

Hudhur (aba) urged to make intense prayers, supplications that reach heaven and we experience triumph

Hudhur (aba) said the oppression started when the the National Assembly, passed a bill and declared us non-Muslims in 1974



Later, taking full advantage of his dictatorship, General Zia made the law even harsher



We were not allowed to say the Kalima, Assalamoalaikum and were not allowed to do anything that would even hint that we were Muslims



Ahmadis are being imprisoned and decreed with death sentences for following their religion



How dare we, in spite of being so few in numbers, injure the religious sentiments of the majority by calling ourselves Muslims?

The persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

Hudhur (aba) said this is nothing new. Thus has been the treatment of Pharaoh-like individuals in each age to people of God. The Qur'an records Pharaoh saying: **'These are a small party, And they have offended us.'** (26: 55 – 56)

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Our response is that we are the followers of that Messiah who has taught us principles of peace and conciliation in continuation of the Sunnah of his master, the Holy Prophet (pbuh)



We are thus ready for every kind of sacrifice with the insight that we are the followers of that Imam who was told by God:

'The Messenger of God in the mantle of the Prophets.'

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was given characteristics of each prophet

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) writes in *Brahin e Ahmadiyya*:

‘This revelation means that I have been bestowed a portion of the particular circumstances or attributes of all the Prophets from Adam onwards—may peace be on them—who have come into the world from God Almighty, whether they are from among the Israelites or otherwise.

Hudhur (aba) explained that partaking some of the circumstances of the other Prophets also entails facing opposition.

However, this opposition or legislation cannot harm our Community in any way at all

This is because God has also informed of the triumphs and of the successes that were granted to the other Prophets

Triumph in the face of opposition

God thus revealed to the Promised Messiah:

'Good tidings to you, O My Ahmad'

"I am the One Who grants victory—I shall give you victory. A wondrous aid will you behold. The disbelievers, i.e., those of them in whose fate lies guidance, will fall in prostration saying, 'Forgive us our sins, we were in error.'

The hostile legislation, the oppression, persecution cannot stop the success of the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

God has promised him of a triumphant success

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A revelation of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is:

‘Yours is the victory and you will triumph.’
[Tadhkirah, p. 606].

However, with the grace of God, the Ahmadiyya Community is progressing in the face of bitter persecution. This alone would be sufficient proof for a fair-minded person of its truthfulness.

God states in the Qur’an: ‘**Have they not travelled in the earth and seen what was the end of those before them? They were far more powerful than these and stronger in the marks they left in the earth. But Allah seized them for their sins, and they had no protector against Allah.**

That was because their Messengers came to them with manifest Signs, but they disbelieved; so Allah seized them. Surely He is Powerful, Severe in punishment.’ (40: 22 – 23)

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Triumph in the face of opposition

As we see the signs of Divine help and support with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), it further strengthens our belief that just as God was with him in his lifetime and helped him, God will do so in the future

God gives the opponents of Prophets and persecutors of Divine communities leeway for a while, but when His chastisement comes, no power on earth can be of any avail.

It is cause for concern for the leaders as well as the public who unconsciously condones oppression. Today there is not a single official pro forma or document in Pakistan that does not contain offensiveness about the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Recently an Ahmadi was dragged into a false law case of murder. The perpetrators admit that the Ahmadi was innocent and they added that they had filed the case against him because he was an Ahmadi. If he renounced Ahmadiyyat and was abusive about the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), not only would they drop the case, they would help him get released and would fete him with garlands..

Those who are quietly condoning it all are also unconsciously perpetrating sin or perhaps decency has ceased to exist or perhaps there is no belief in God.

The persecutors

Hudhur (aba) added, yet these are the people who are confirmed Muslims and Ahmadis are non-Muslims



Addressing our detractors, Hudhur (aba) said
'O opponents of Ahmadiyyat, fear God for
Whom your wealth, your conceit and
arrogance, your Imamat of mosques, your
political parties, your governmental power,
your majority in numbers has no significance.

In response to all your oppressions, our answer is the
 same which the Holy Qur'an states in the verses:
 '...Surely He is Powerful, Severe in punishment.'

The persecution of Ahmadi children Pakistan

Be it the mullah, or an opportunist politician or any governmental worker; whoever is involved in this persecution should remember that God can give 'Severe in punishment'.

Ahmadi school children who are told that they cannot stay in their schools because they are disbelievers

This is not a tale of ancient; this is a Sign of a Living God

Hudhur said that the persecution has spread to innocent Ahmadi school children

Fair-minded school headmaster or the owner of a private school are told that if Ahmadi children attend a school, others would not send their children and would have the school closed

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Decent people who do not listen to the mullah and the troublemakers are warned about 'consequences'

Those who oppose the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and exceed all limits in their opposition, should remember that by rejecting the truth which the Holy Prophet (pbuh) foretold and which is in the Qur'an, they are joining those who have a bad ending

Besides, what sin are they not committing as well as persecuting Ahmadis? The country is embroiled in all sorts of iniquity; bribery, filth, moral ills, thieving, robbery, murder and mayhem.

**Is all this not
incurring the wrath
of God?**

Hudhur said, 'think a little, O, negligent! It is our prayer that God saves the country.'

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Persecutors and Ahmadis

Adding, Hudhur said in spite of all the persecution, Ahmadis should make practical efforts to help, borne out of sympathy, but **more than anything Ahmadis should pray**. When no one wants to know us we should help with prayers, implore God for the reformation of the Ummah.

God is going to grant triumph to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

- as it is stated in the Qur'an: '**Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.'** Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty.'
- (58:22)

In this is a lesson for a believer and a non-believer both, to reflect

- Believers should try and strengthen their belief, consolidate their connection with God so that he or she becomes a part of the promised triumph.
- For the opposite side, therein is a challenge that they may try and use all their power, but God is Powerful and Mighty and He has decreed to grant triumph to His dear ones

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Triumph in the face of opposition

Lack of worldly means is of no significance for Ahmadis. Did the lack of apparatus in any of the battles fought by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) affect the outcome of the war?

Triumph in the face of opposition

Indeed, in spite of God's assurance, Prophets of God make ordinary arrangement according to their resources, but they stress on prayers.



The most perfect example of this was demonstrated by our master, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).



During the battle of Badr, the Prophet (pbuh), in spite of all Divine assurances, prayed in an anxious, impassionate and tender manner



By worldly standards the Muslims never had enough resources compared with the enemy in any of the battles but the power of prayers granted them success

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During battle, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and his companions (May Allah be pleased with them) did not neglect the obligatory Salat

At one juncture due to the onslaughts of the enemy the Muslims were not able to offer their Salat during battle and the five Prayers were combined

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was deeply saddened by this and said, 'damn you, may the enemy be destroyed due to whom we had to combine our five Prayers.'

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Persecution and Salat

Hudhur (aba) explained that the Prophet (pbuh) only cursed because he was not given the opportunity to offer Salat on time although he was constantly engaged in silent remembrance of God.

In his book 'Kitab ul-Bariyyah' the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that God is Most Powerful and Mighty and one who turns to Him with sincerity is never wasted. The enemy assumes to destroy with his ploys and has evil intent but does he assume to contend with God? Those who hatch evil plans are extremely foolish for at the time of making their wicked schemes they do not remember that Being without Whose command even a leaf cannot fall

Doubtless, God has promised triumph, yet in order to attract His grace it is most important to be attentive towards worship. Without this, a community cannot claim to be a Prophet's community.

Prophets of God come to this world to connect man with God, thus if a community does not practice this fundamental principle, how can it be part of the promised triumph?

The promise of triumph

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In his book 'Kitab ul-Bariyyah' the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that evil cannot harm the righteous. Rather, God's Signs are manifested and people increase in spiritual knowledge. Although the Powerful God cannot be seen from the naked eye, He manifests Himself through His great Signs.

Hudhur said if we continue to turn to All Powerful God with love and sincerity, none of the enemy's ploys can harm our Community.

This is why Hudhur had recently especially asked for prayer, worship and optional fasting.

The enemy is trying with all his might to attack us and our most effective source is prayer.

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The power of prayer

While the now international scale of enmity against us is an indication that God will manifest His glory more than ever, the world of Ahmadiyyat should be attentive that we will hold our worship most dear and will greatly enhance our connection with God.

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'After Eleven'

Hudhur mentioned a revelation of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that includes the words,

'After eleven.'

About this specific revelation, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'I do not know whether by eleven is meant eleven days or eleven weeks or eleven months or eleven years.

In any case a sign in proof of my innocence will appear within that period'.

There are many revelations in which there is promise of the manifestation of God's help and succour and quality of Rahmaniyyat and the promise is for it to happen unexpectedly



It is not implausible that from today's date (11/11/11), this month and this year, the destiny starts taking shape



Our triumph is destined to take place and will most certainly come to pass, in fact, it is happening

About this revelation, Hudhur related the writings of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him)

This revelation was fulfilled in the miraculous way when Jama'at had to take and act on the difficult decision of migration from Qadian. In this instance the revelation, after eleven related to the time.

Hudhur said the revelation of 'After eleven' was fulfilled in another way when the rule of a [Pakistani] dictator who wished to eliminate Ahmadiyyat was eliminated exactly after eleven years

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'After Eleven'

Hudhur (aba) said prophecies and revelations are fulfilled repeatedly and in diverse ways and we should hope for distinct, bright signs.

'After Eleven' and prayers

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was given a revelation in Persian that reads:

'Your supplications have reached heaven, then be not surprised if I should give you hopeful news. After eleven, if God so wills.'

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Hudhur (aba) said here too the subject is that of prayers. We need to turn to prayers with great intensity and that is why Hudhur drew attention to this matter a few weeks ago

Hudhur (aba) urged to make intense prayers, supplications that reach heaven and stir the heavens and we experience triumph

Hudhur (aba) said, 'may God enable me and you to make greater prayers than before

Dervish Chaudhry Muhammad Sadiq sahib passed away on Nov 5 after he fell over some days ago. He was young at the time of the Tehrik of Dervishes by Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) but he offered himself and was loyal till his last breadth. He was a sympathetic, intelligent and sincere worker. He took great care of the Jalsa Salana guests, going out of his way to look after them. He was a Moosi and leaves behind four sons.

Ahmad Yusuf sahib shaheed of Syria. He passed away last month during the current riots taking place in the country. He was returning home from work when he came in the line of cross fire. He was hard of hearing and it appears did not hear any warning that may have been given to take cover. He was born in 1976 and was not married. He took his Bai'at last year. A few members of his family had also followed him in taking Bai'at. He used to take part in all Jama'at programmes and was a most helpful person

Sad news of demise

May God elevate the station of the deceased.

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