Summary

- Holy Ramadan and the Holy Qur'an
- Etiquettes of reading the Holy Qur’an
- Blessings of the Holy Qur’an
- Peace in society
The Holy Qur’an was revealed in the month of Ramadan.
Huzur (aba) explained the verse

The Holy Qur’an has a special connection with Ramadan

The Holy Quran was revealed in the Holy month of Ramadan,

Angel Gabriel used to repeat the Holy Qur’an with the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) every Ramadan

Angel Gabriel repeated the Holy Qur’an twice with the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) in the last Ramadan of his life
Fasting in Ramadan is to made obligatory, because

- The Holy Quran was revealed
- The Shariah was perfected

Therefore, it is essential to recite the Holy Qur’an during this holy month
Huzur (aba) advised to

- Complete the reading of the Holy Quran twice during Ramadan
- If not possible, aim to finish at least once
- Attend Dars
- Attend Taraweh prayers
- Listen to the Holy Qur’an CD/ audio while driving

Every effort should be made to read and listen to as much of Qur’an as possible.
### How to appreciate the true significance of Ramadan?

| Recite the Holy Quran regularly, look for commandments given in it and then act on these for the rest of the year |
| Keep raising the standard of adherence to these commandments |

- Must comprehend the essence of *Taqwa* and good deeds
- The true spirit of the fasting should be understood

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The Qur’an should be read regularly, while reflecting on its words, and with efforts to put its teachings in practice.
Verse 2:186 states that the Qur’an has been sent as a guidance for people. Until it is read with deliberation, guidance cannot be attained and the difference between right and wrong cannot be understood. Huzur (aba) explained that in order to truly honour fasting, each believer should recite the Qur’an in such a manner.
Recitation of the Holy Quran

Recitation
• Extreme Regularity
• Always

Ponder
• Try to understand the teachings and directives

Action
• Do our best to act on its commandments

This alone will grant us nearness to God and will be a source of acceptance of our fasting.
The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that one who honours the Holy Qur’an will be honoured in the heavens.

He also said that salvation is not something which will be given after death. Rather, true salvation shows its light in this very life.

Huzur (aba) explained that “honoured in heavens” means that believers will be given blessings of Allah, they will be saved from the evils of the society and their prayers will be accepted.

Huzur (aba) referred to the Hadith that initial effort has to be made by man to seek Allah and in return Allah enhances our meagre efforts manifold.
Huzur (aba) said it is our good fortune

- We have joined the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).
- We have had insight into the status of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) as the Khatamun Nabiyyeen (Seal of all the Prophets).
- This honour distinguishes us from others and demands that we truly understand the teaching of the Qur'an and infuse its true honour in our hearts.
- Our each word and deed should reflect the teachings of Islam. If this is not so, it will be a case of treating the Holy Quran like a ‘discarded thing’.
Serious food for thought for each Ahmadi

And the Messenger will say, ‘O my Lord, my people indeed treated this Qur’an as a discarded thing.’

Recitation and following the teachings of the Holy Qur’an is the only way that would save us from treating Qur’an as a discarded thing!

Chapter 25, Verse 31
Huzur (aba) said

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that the Qur’an is a source of true salvation....

.. Muslims should value this magnificent water of spring as a favour of God and then practice what it teaches.

They will then see how God will alleviate their problems.

Our responsibility to implement the teachings of the Qur’an is increased in light of this saying of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) about the condition of the Muslims.

Ahmadis, with their actions should change the negative image of Muslim as prevalent in the world.
And when thou recites the Qur’an, seek refuge with Allah from Satan the rejected

Chapter 16, Verse 99
The key message of the verse

Huzur (aba) said Satan has challenged man to deviate from righteousness whereas every word of the Qur’an leads to guidance.

Before reading Allah’s teaching one should pray most sincerely to be protected from the attacks of Satan

If an effort is not made to safeguard ourselves from the impediments of Satan, he will stop us from understanding the Qur’an

This is why one needs to read the Qur’an after coming into the refuge of God otherwise, the true message of the Holy Qur’an cannot be grasped.

Chapter 16, Verse 99
Surely, thy Lord knows that thou stands up praying for nearly two thirds of the night, and sometimes half or a third thereof, and also a party of those who are with thee. And Allah determines the measure of the night and the day. He knows that you cannot keep its measure, so He has turned to you in mercy. Recite, then, as much of the Qur’an as is easy for you.

Chapter 73, Verse 21

Etiquettes of reading the Holy Quran
The key message of the verse

Huzur (aba) said the starting part of the verse enjoins *Tahajjud* Prayer. God states here, read whatever you know,

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

‘...all good is in the *Quran*.’


However, ‘*Recite, then, as much of the Qur’an as is easy for you*’ does not mean that whatever one knows of the Qur’an is sufficient, rather effort should be made to learn as much as possible.

It is most important to read, understand and reflect on the Qur’an.

Chapter 73, Verse 21
Etiquettes of reading the Holy Qur’an

Huzur (aba) said recitation of the Qur’an should be such that each word is clear and understandable.

Chapter 73, Verse 5
And remember the favour of Allah upon you and the Book and the Wisdom which He has sent down to you, whereby He exhorts you. And fear Allah and know that Allah knows all things.

Huzur (aba) said unless the Qur’an is read properly, it is not possible to have an insight into the ‘favour’ that is being referred to in this verse. Reading the Qur’an in itself is a blessing for a believer.

Etiquettes of reading the Holy Qur’an

Chapter 2, Verse 232
This is a Book which We have revealed to thee, full of blessings, that they may reflect over its verses, and that those gifted with understanding may take heed.

The Qur’an contains the accounts of the previous Prophets, description of the time it was revealed and prophecies for future.

It is the task of people of understanding to announce to the world to reflect on the Book and to take heed of its commandments.

Etiquettes of reading the Holy Qur’an

Chapter 38, Verse 30
And when the Qur’an is recited, give ear to it and keep silent, that you may be shown mercy

Chapter 7, Verse 205

Huzur (aba) said each Ahmadi should inculcate respect for the Qur’an as well as pass it on to the children.

Huzur (aba) said some people are a little careless when the Qur’an is being recited on the TV, they continue to talk.

Either they should stop talking or if it is that important to carry on, they should switch off the volume of the TV.
‘So stand thou upright, as thou hast been commanded, and also those who have turned to God with thee; and exceed ye not the bounds, O believers; for surely, He sees what you do.’

Huzur (aba) said Surah Hud had ‘aged’ the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), therein is a warning for us.

Huzur (aba) said this is a lesson for us not to limit worship to mere actions but we should try to understand the philosophy behind these commandment.
And this is a Book which We have sent down; *it is* full of blessings. So follow it, and guard against *sin* that you may be shown mercy.
And We are gradually revealing of the Qur’an that which is a healing and a mercy to the believers; but it only adds to the loss of the wrongdoers.
And every one has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works. Wherever you be, Allah will bring you all together. Surely, Allah has the power to do all that He wills.
And when those who believe in Our Signs come to thee, say: ‘Peace be unto you! Your Lord has taken it upon Himself to show mercy, so that whoso among you does evil ignorantly, and repents thereafter and amends, then He is Most Forgiving, Merciful.'
Peace in society

- Huzur said this beautiful teaching enhances peace in society.
- We claim to be Ahmadi Muslims who try to put the teachings of the Qur’an in practice.
- The Qur’an enjoins to send peace on each other, whereas we see discord at times among brothers.
- **We need to reflect on this**

Huzur (aba) advised that we should not ignore the glorious teachings of the Holy Quran over small issues!
In conclusion

The Qur’an is a great Book that encompasses everything. It is essential for spiritual development and to seek nearness to God, recite it while reflecting over its meanings and practice its directives.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that Qur’an should be reflected on, for it contains everything.

He said it has the remedy for every illness and has the antidote for the evil.
Huzur (aba) prayed

- May God enable us to seek His pleasure through the Holy Qur’an
- May we also be able to draw the attention of our children to its beauty and inspire its love in them.