



# Friday Sermon Slides

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# Summary

- Huzur (aba) said that His *Awliya* (plural of Wali) are guaranteed that they shall have no reason to fear or to grieve as long as they keep progressing in their belief in God and *Taqwa* (righteousness)
- **Allah will become Friend of the people who are righteous, follow His commandment and live in the fear of losing his friendship; It is not easy to achieve the status of a *Wali*.**
- Allah forgives the past sins of people who successfully attain the status of Wali, and they become free of future sins.
- **One should make every effort to purify one's heart, so that when God glances into it, there is not even a speck of sin. One should learn to love others for the sake of Allah**
- When one strives, then God helps such a person to reach the heights in his or her quest of Divine love and wisdom.
- **May Allah Almighty enable us to strive to achieve this status and to acquire His friendship.**

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أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ  
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Behold! the friends of Allah shall certainly have no  
fear, nor shall they grieve —

Chapter 10, Verse 63

## Characteristics of a *Wali* (Friend of Allah)

Huzur (aba) based the entire Friday sermon on elaborating upon these verses which shed light on the characteristics of a *wali* (Friend of Allah)

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الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا  
وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ

Chapter 10, Verse 64

Those who believed and  
kept to righteousness —

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For them are glad tidings in the present life and *also* in the Hereafter — there is no changing the words of Allah; that indeed is the supreme triumph.

لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَىٰ فِي  
الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي  
الْآخِرَةِ لَا تَبْدِيلَ  
لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ  
الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

Chapter 10, Verse 65

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# Huzur (aba) explained the message

Huzur (aba) said that *Awliya* (plural of Wali) are guaranteed that they shall have no reason to fear or to grieve as long as they keep progressing in their belief in God and *Taqwa* (righteousness)

For such believers, there is a promise that God Himself will become their Friend

They are the recipients of Divine blessings in this world and in the hereafter.

Huzur (aba) further elaborated that a true believer is one who remains steadfast in his belief even if he incurs a worldly loss because he has firm faith in the rewards that he will reap in the next world, promised by God Himself.

The first and foremost prerequisite to become worthy of this promise is that one must fulfil the obligations of becoming a friend of Allah.

In order to become a friend of God, one must be prepared to follow His commandments and to live his life in a state of fear of losing the pleasure of God.

It is indeed not easy to achieve the status of a *Wali*.

## Characteristics of a *Wali* (Friend of Allah)

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Chapter 32 , Verse 16

أِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا  
الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهَا  
خَرُّوا سُجَّدًا وَسَبَّحُوا  
بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُمْ لَا  
يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

Only they believe in Our Signs who, when they are reminded of them, fall down prostrate and celebrate the praises of their Lord, and they are not proud.

Allah makes those believers His friends who seek His closeness by fulfilling their obligations. Allah forgives their past sins, and they become free of future sins.

## Characteristics of a *Wali* (Friend of Allah)

However, in certain cases, man is ungrateful and he adopts the path of rebellion and denial in the existence of God, the result of which is that he becomes Hell bound.

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تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ  
الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ  
خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا  
رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ

Chapter 32 , Verse 17

Their sides keep away from their beds; *and* they call on their Lord in fear and hope, and spend out of what We have bestowed on them.

## Characteristics of a *Wali* (Friend of Allah)

One should make every effort to purify one's heart, so that when God glances into it, there is not even a speck of sin.

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The Promised Messiah  
(on whom be peace)  
told us that God is  
Independent and  
Besought of all; He  
does not need  
anyone to be friends  
with Him.

It is man who benefits  
from this friendship  
with Allah, and what  
a friend to have, One  
Who never abandons  
His loved one in this  
world or in the next  
and Who forgives his  
shortcomings.

وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا  
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ  
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلِيٌّ مِّنَ الدُّنْيَا  
وَكَبَّرَهُ تَكْبِيرًا

Chapter 17, Verse 112

And say, 'All praise belongs to Allah Who has taken unto Himself no son, and Who has no partner in *His* Kingdom, nor has He anyone to help *Him* on account of weakness.' And extol His glory with all glorification.

## Characteristics of a *Wali* (Friend of Allah)

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God shows us this path of friendship with Himself which is a beautiful relationship to have.

## Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith about the Day of Judgment and characteristics of a Wali

*There will be three groups of Awliya (the friends of Allah). God will ask the leaders of each of these groups why they performed righteous deeds in the world.*

*One person on behalf of the first group will say that they did so to attain the Promised Paradise. God will then lead this group into Paradise, bestowing upon them His favour.*

*The leader of the second group will say that they did so to save themselves from the Fires of Hell. God will then lead them into Paradise, bestowing upon them His favour as well.*

*The leader of the third group will say that they did so to acquire the Love of Allah and to attain His nearness. God will then remove all barriers between Himself and this group, and He will lead them into Paradise and angels will be with them and they will be closest to God.*

The leader of this third group will indeed be the best of all human beings, the best among the Awliya: Hadhrat Muhammad Mustafa (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). **NOVEMBER 13, 2009**

## Huzur (aba) explained the Ahadith

*One cannot attain nearness to God Almighty till he loves someone for His sake.*

Ahmadis should ponder over these; it is only the love for one another, the obedience to *Nizam-e-Jamaat*, the bond with *Khilafat* that will reap them the rewards of the world and the Hereafter.

*Verily, Allah likes three things for you and disapproves three things.*

*He likes that you should worship Him Alone, not to associate anything with Him (in worship) and to hold fast to the Rope of Allah and not to be divided among yourselves;*

*He disapproves for you irrelevant talk, persistent questioning and squandering of the wealth*

## Characteristics of a Wali; Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

*Huzur (aba) presented another hadith on the which talks about love of people with one another for the reward of gaining Allah's favours. These are the people who shall have no fear, no grief, and their righteous deeds shall be to gain the pleasure of God and the prophets of God shall envy their relationship with God.*

The purpose of the advent of prophets is to bring a revolution in the spiritual lives of people, and hence the highest status of *awliya* is reserved for the prophets, and the most supreme of them is the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). These prophets will be in fact proud of their followers that they have excelled so high in their love for their Allah.

## Allah becomes Friend of His Wali

Huzur (aba) read out an excerpt from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) about the spiritual progress of man in this world and in the next.

When one sets foot in this direction, then God helps such a person to reach the heights in his quest of Divine love and wisdom

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**May Allah Almighty enable us to strive to achieve this status and to acquire His friendship.**

**May He forgive our sins and cover them with the shades of His infinite Mercy, Ameen.**

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