

Friends of Allah

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Summary

- Huzur (aba) gave a discourse on the fragility of reliance on worldly supports and explained the solid support that God grants to those who seek Him as a Wali (Friend).
- **Nations who forgot Allah were destroyed. Their stories are mentioned in the Holy Qur'an so that the believers can take note of their own spiritual condition and progress in faith.**
- By citing the example of the spider's web, God has explained that verbal professing of faith is not enough. True salvation comes with God's grace and by putting His teaching in practice.
- **Muslims have been enjoined that their success is in connecting with God.**
- **Huzur (aba) explained some prayers in this regard and prayed that may we all strive to become wali of Allah**

The case of those who take helpers beside Allah is like unto the case of the spider, who makes for herself a house; and surely the frailest of *all* houses is the house of the spider, if they but knew!

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ
اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ كَمَثَلِ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ
اتَّخَذَتْ بَيْتًا وَإِنَّ أَوْهَنَ
الْبُيُوتِ لَبَيْتُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ لَوْ
كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ

Chapter 29, Verse 42

Huzur (aba) gave a discourse on the fragility of reliance on worldly supports



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People who make friends others than God

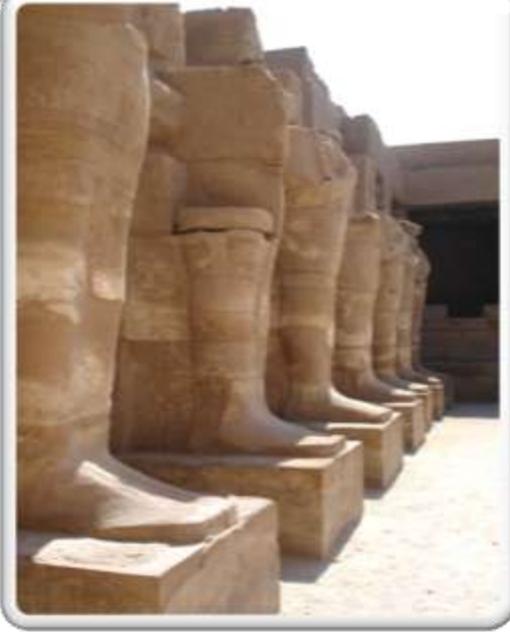
Unfortunate people who, having left the threshold and friendship of God search for other supports.

They see transitory benefit and overlook permanent gain.

Worldly ranks and resources make them abandon pleasure of God.

Rather than come into the refuge of God's strong defence they deem the spider's web as their defence.

The Holy Qur'an mentions in many places how earlier people were destroyed because instead of Allah, they sought temporary refuges.



The wealth and power of nations like Korah and people of Ad, Thamud, and Lot were of no avail to them when God's decree came to pass.

People who forgot Allah were destroyed

Through these stories we are alerted that simply believing is not sufficient, one has to seek Divine friendship and has to honour the due of friendship with God.

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فَاجْعَلْ لِي صَرْحًا لَعَلِّي
أَطَّلِعُ إِلَىٰ آلِهِ مُوسَىٰ
وَإِنِّي لَأَظُنُّهُ مِنَ الْكٰذِبِينَ

and build me a tower, that I
may have a look at the God
of Moses, though I believe
him to be one of the liars.'

Chapter 28 , Verse 39

Nations who forgot Allah were destroyed

The Holy Qur'an gives the example of Pharaoh that when his end came, let alone the preservation of his kingdom, even his boast of divinity could not save him.

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حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَذْرَكَهُ الْغَرَقُ قَالَ آمَنْتُ
أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا الَّذِي آمَنْتُ بِهِ بَنُو
إِسْرَائِيلَ وَ أَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

“till, when *the calamity of* drowning overtook him, he said, ‘I believe that there is no God but He in Whom the children of Israel believe, and I am of those who submit *to Him.*’

Chapter 10 , Verse 91

Nations who forgot Allah were destroyed

When Pharaoh's end came God made him say ‘God of the children of Israel’, people for whom he had nothing but contempt in order to expound his disgrace and utter helplessness at that point.

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The real kingdom is that of God

The transgressors do not realize that the real kingdom is that of God and when His decree comes into action, great big Pharaoh-like people have to face it.

True fear of God is that which stays, even when one is in power otherwise it is all verbosity.

There are those who only take God's name in a ritualistic sense. These are the people who live in a spiders' web. Their faith is in their wealth, their connections, their faction and their gangs.

They do not realise that the only Being that is sincere is the Being of God alone.

فَخَسَفْنَا بِهِ وَبِدَارِهِ الْأَرْضَ فَمَا كَانَ
لَهُ مِنْ فِئَةٍ يَنْصُرُونَهُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ
وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُنتَصِرِينَ

Chapter 28, Verse 82

Then We caused the earth to swallow him up and his dwelling; and he had no party to help him against Allah, nor was he of those who can defend themselves.

None can avert God's decree

Huzur (aba) explained that when people look for support through the wealth of others they forget God.

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Huzur (aba) explained the message

The stories of the Pharaoh, Korah etc. are not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an to simply provide a lesson of history for us.

Rather they are there for the believers to take note of their own spiritual condition and progress in faith.

Last year's economic crisis gave the entire world a slight jolt. It is termed as the credit crunch. The effects are still manifesting themselves.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote: 'I have been sent to strengthen the faith and to prove the existence of God Almighty to the people, for their faith has become weak, and they take life after death no more seriously than a fable. The conduct of every person proclaims that he has not the faith and trust in God and in the hereafter as he has in the world and its ranks and its resources. Tongues profess a lot but the hearts are suffused with the love of the world... I have been sent so that truth and faith may be revived and righteousness may inspire the hearts.'

By citing the example of the spider's web, God has explained that verbal professing of faith is not enough. This does not bring about man's salvation. Rather, salvation comes with God's grace and by putting His teaching in practice.

Spirituality and taqwa are very important for believers.

In Ahmadiyyat the true *wali* of God is that person who has a connection with Khilafat.

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(Essence of Islam, vol. IV, p.110)

The advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) took place so that he could implement the teaching of the Holy Qur'an which was established 1,500 years ago by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

This is the teaching that brought about a living relationship between man and God and with respect to ways of worship and social obligations that seek the pleasure of God.

The companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) shared half of all their belongings for the sake of their migrant brethren

One companion of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) declined to buy the material from the traders at a lower than market price for the sake of seeking Allah's pleasure

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said 'be a wali [of God], do not be a devotee of a wali [of God].'

- We Ahmadis need to self-examine and see if we are playing any role in this. Do we wish to aspire to make God our Wali? Or do we consider the rank and resources of this world our friend?
- Until such time that reliance on any other but God does not come on an end we cannot be called true believers.
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- Without doubt we say we are among those who believe, however, do we consider God as our shield? That will be achieved when each action of ours is for God alone. We will not be those who simply read about friends of God, rather we will take our spirituality to the lofty height where everything is only to seek God's pleasure.

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ
وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

Chapter 1, Verse 5

Thee alone do we worship
and Thee alone do we implore
for help

God has enjoined the Muslims repeatedly to adopt taqwa and make God their shield and to ever be mindful Allah is the only eternal Being.

A true believer must never depend on apparent planning and arrangements. If God's support is not there, the apparent arrangements cannot help.

Huzur (aba) said in time of need we should turn to God in the first instance then plan and make arrangements.

A very significant prayer

Only Allah can enable us to worship Him and He alone can fulfil our needs. Such is the significance of this prayer that it is obligatory to repeat it several times in the daily Salat.

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وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ
وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا لَا
نَسْأَلُكَ رِزْقًا نَحْنُ
نَرْزُقُكَ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ
لِلتَّقْوَى

And enjoin Prayer on thy people,
and be constant therein. We ask
thee not for provision; it is We
that provide for thee. And the end
is for righteousness

For spiritual development one should make
oneself and one's family regular in Salat.

Chapter 20, Verse 133

**Muslims have been enjoined that their success is in connecting
with God**

When a believer prays to God, God provides spiritual and material sustenance,
provides contentment and one looks to God every step of the way. This
develops one in taqwa and indeed God Himself looks after and provides for
one who abides by taqwa.

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قُلْ أَعْيَرَ اللَّهِ اتَّخَذُ وَلِيًّا فَاطِرِ
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ يُطْعِمُ وَلَا
يُطْعَمُ قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَكُونَ أَوَّلَ
مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

Say, 'Shall I take any protector other than Allah, the Maker of the heavens and the earth, Who feeds and is not fed?' Say, 'I have been commanded to be the first of those who submit.' And be thou not of those who associate partners *with God*.

Chapter 6, Verse 15

Muslims have been enjoined that their success is in connecting with God

Huzur (aba) expounded that it is the height of foolishness to leave the Master of the heavens and the earth and seek help from man.

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When all arrangements of sustaining life have been put in place by God, then it is ridiculous to turn to others simply impressed by their influential status.

Fact is, even the most influential person is dependent on God.

Muslims have been enjoined that their success is in connecting with God

He is the fountainhead of all resources. Each believer should be mindful that it is this God he/she is worshipping.

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فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، أَنْتَ وَلىّ
فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ تُوفِّينِي مُسْلِمًا
وَأَحِقِّينِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

Chapter 12, Verse 102

“--O Maker of the heavens and the earth, Thou art my Protector in this world and the Hereafter. Let death come to me in a state of submission to Thy will and join me to the righteous.’

A very significant prayer

This prayer is cited so that we may seek Divine nearness and spiritual development through it.

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The key message of the verse

Chapter 12, Verse 102

God's *wali* does not forget Him in prosperity or adversity. He remembers God in every situation, in every circumstance.

Difficulties and hard times should not make us have negative thoughts about God, rather we should pray for complete obedience in all circumstances so that we are counted among the righteous.

Huzur (aba) related a prayer

'O Allah guide me along with those whom You have guided, grant me safety along with those whom You have granted safety.

Be my Provider along with those for whom You have provided.

Whatever You have granted me, place blessing in it for me. Protect me from the evil of whatever You have decreed.

Surely,

You decree and none can decree over You. He whose Friend You become is never disgraced.

O our Lord, Blessed and Exalted are You.'

Huzur (aba) said we should say this prayer regularly that was taught to Hadhrat Hassan Bin Ali by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Huzur (aba) said he has certainly not forbidden vaccination against swine flu.

Huzur (aba) said rumours should be avoided!

Whoever [vulnerable groups], children and the elderly, is being asked by the authorities to take the jab should go ahead.



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Huzur aba concluded with prayers

May we put the teachings of the Holy Qur'an in practice

May we look for refuge in God each moment

May we stay away from worldly greed

May we honour each other's dues in the highest order

May we become the recipients of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

May we strive to become a *wali* of God

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