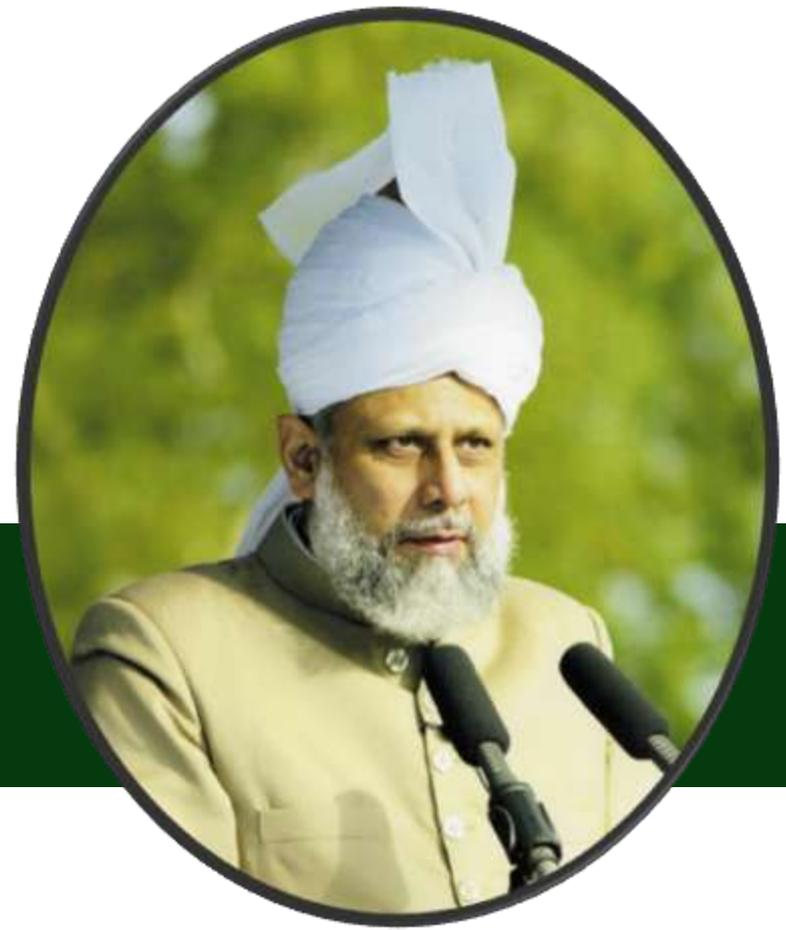


# Friday Sermon Slides

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# Summary

## Nur

- Huzur (aba) gave a discourse on God's Nur in continuation with previous sermons
- The Holy Prophet pbuh made every effort to make people understand and accept God's Nur

## Guidance

- God's Nur is accepted by people who are guided
- God thus declared that it is for Him alone to grant guidance
- Allah knows best who endeavours and wishes to be guided.
- It is the act of a person that absorbs God's grace and as a result he/she gains guidance.
- Huzur (aba) emphasised the importance of the Holy Qur'an and Salat to attain guidance

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- May the atmosphere of Qadian be filled with *Hamd* (praise of God) and *Durud* (invocation of blessings and salutations on the Prophet) making every attendee of the Jalsa partake a measure of real *nur*.

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أَفَمَنْ شَرَحَ اللَّهُ صَدْرَهُ لِإِسْلَامٍ فَهُوَ  
عَلَى نُورٍ مِّن رَّبِّهِ فَوَيْلٌ لِّلْقَاسِيَةِ  
قُلُوبِهِمْ مِّن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ  
مَّبِينٍ

Chapter 39, Verse 23

Is he then whose bosom Allah has opened for *the acceptance of Islam*, so that he possesses a light from his Lord, *like him who is groping in the darkness of disbelief* ? Woe, then, to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of Allah! They are in manifest error.

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Huzur (aba) gave a discourse on God's Nur in continuation with previous sermons



Huzur (aba) said without doubt it is God who grants guidance.



It was the wish of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that the world should accept the *nur* (light) and the guidance that he had introduced.

Nur

So the world, having taken a measure of this *nur*, could illuminate their hearts and find nearness to God.

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إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ  
اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ  
بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

Chapter 28, Verse 57

Surely thou wilt not be able to guide *all* whom thou lovest; but Allah guides whomsoever He pleases; and He knows best those who would accept guidance.

Huzur (aba) said without doubt it is for God to lead to guidance and to grant guidance.

Nur

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) knew that rejection of this *nur* could bring about Divine chastisement



The heart of the Holy Prophet pbuh was replete with compassion for humanity



He could not bear any one person departing from this world without receiving this guidance.

## The guidance

So, he would awaken at night to worship and supplicate God with heartfelt compassion

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فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ  
لِلْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ  
ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصْعَدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ كَذَلِكَ  
يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرَّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

Chapter 6 , Verse126

So, whomsoever Allah wishes to guide, He expands his bosom for *the acceptance of Islam*; and as to him whom He wishes to *let go astray*, He makes his bosom narrow *and close*, as though he were mounting up into the skies. Thus does Allah inflict punishment on those who do not believe.

The guidance

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لَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ نَفْسَكَ  
أَلَّا يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ

Chapter 26, Verse 4

Haply thou wilt grieve thyself to  
death because they believe not.'

God thus declared that it is for Him alone to grant  
guidance and He alone knows best who endeavours  
and wishes to be guided.

The guidance

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# Allah keeps the granting of guidance in His hands

Huzur (aba) explained that Allah has knowledge of who happily and eagerly endeavours to attain His pleasure and is keen to accept all His commandments.

God opens up the heart of such a person and he/she gains insight of true Islam

His/her worship, fasting, Hajj and good morals are for the sake of God and not for the world

Huzur (aba) gave the example of someone who keeps his doors and windows shut deprives himself of light of sun. Similarly, spiritual light only reaches those who keep the windows and doors of their hearts open.

It is the act of a person that absorbs God's grace and as a result he/she gains guidance.

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ  
الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ  
الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ  
اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

Chapter 3 , Verse 20

Surely, the *true* religion with Allah is Islam (complete submission). And those who were given the Book did not disagree but after knowledge had come to them, out of mutual envy. And whoso denies the Signs of Allah, then surely, Allah is quick at reckoning.

**Al Nur**

Islam teaches perfect obedience and ascertains ways to honour the dues of God and dues of mankind.

## Real objective of religion is to recognise the True God

Huzur explained this station is attained by obtaining the *nur* that God sent down and this is the *nur* of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Holy Qur'an.

- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that most people are not drawn to true purity of heart and true love of God and true compassion for His creation, forbearance, mercy, justice, humility and all other pure morals and taqwa, purity and honesty which is an essence of religion.
- He said the real objective of religion is to recognise the True God and to arrive at that station in His love which burns the love of all save His.

Anti-Islamic furore

Today furore against Islam is raised among different people like a ban on minarets by the Swiss government'

Anti-Islamic Furore

At the time of the Promised Messiah ( on whom be peace) Islam was also under attack

The Promised Messiah  
Defended Islam

Even our opponents are forced to admit that the Promised Messiah defended Islam with his knowledge of Qur'an and Bible

## Furore against Islam

It was the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) knowledge of the Qur'an and Divine support that made him perform this great work

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إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ  
وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

Chapter 15 , Verse 10

Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.

**Huzur (aba) explained**

This verse denotes the advent of the Promised Messiah.

God established the Messiah for the defence of Islam having filled him with the *nur* of the true teaching of Islam.

# The Holy Qur'an

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was granted a measure of *nur* from the *nur* of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and of the Holy Qur'an and his knowledge of the Qur'an is peerless in this age.

Huzur (aba) said it is most important to read the Holy Qur'an so that a pious nature is further illumined by its light.

The practice of the Holy Qur'an is to honour dues of God and dues of mankind.

- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said the Holy Qur'an has been called an exhortation because it is a reminder of the inner law of man.
- The Qur'an did not bring a new teaching, rather it reminds of that inner law which is inherent in man in the shape of different powers.
- There is forbearance, sacrifice, courage, compulsion, severity, contentment etc. In short the nature that is inherent [in man] has been reminded by Qur'an.

إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا  
فَاعْبُدْنِي وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ  
لِذِكْرِي

Chapter 20 , Verse 15

‘Verily, I am Allah; there is no God beside Me. So serve Me, and observe Prayer for My remembrance.

Huzur (aba) explained that reading, understanding and remembering the commandments of the Holy Qur’an demands that all these commandments are put in practice.

**Nur**

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الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ  
قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ  
اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

Those who believe, and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Aye! it is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts can find comfort

Chapter 13, Verse 29

Huzur (aba) said people often write him to ask about worship. He has said before and would say it again that Salat is the greatest worship.

The Promised Messiah  
(on whom be peace)  
said there is no greater  
worship than Salat.

It removes one's  
suffering and grief and  
solves difficulties.

Salat

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## Nur of Allah

It is incumbent upon a believer to fulfil worship of God while remembering Him in the heart.

May our Salat be for the pleasure of God, may we be regular in our observance of Salat.

May God save us and our generations from going astray and may we be the recipients of the true Nur

Next Huzur (aba) announced that tomorrow InshaAllah the Qadian Jalsa begins.

Huzur (aba) advised us to pray that God enables the attendees of the Jalsa to observe Salat and remember God. Aameen

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Huzur (aba)  
prayed

Ahmadis around the world should pray that with the grace of God, the Jalsa is blessed in every way and may God keep every attendee in His protection and refuge and safe from evil.

May the atmosphere of Qadian be filled with *Hamd* (praise of God) and *Durud* (invocation of blessings and salutations on the Prophet) making every attendee of the Jalsa partake a measure of real *nur*.

Aameen



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