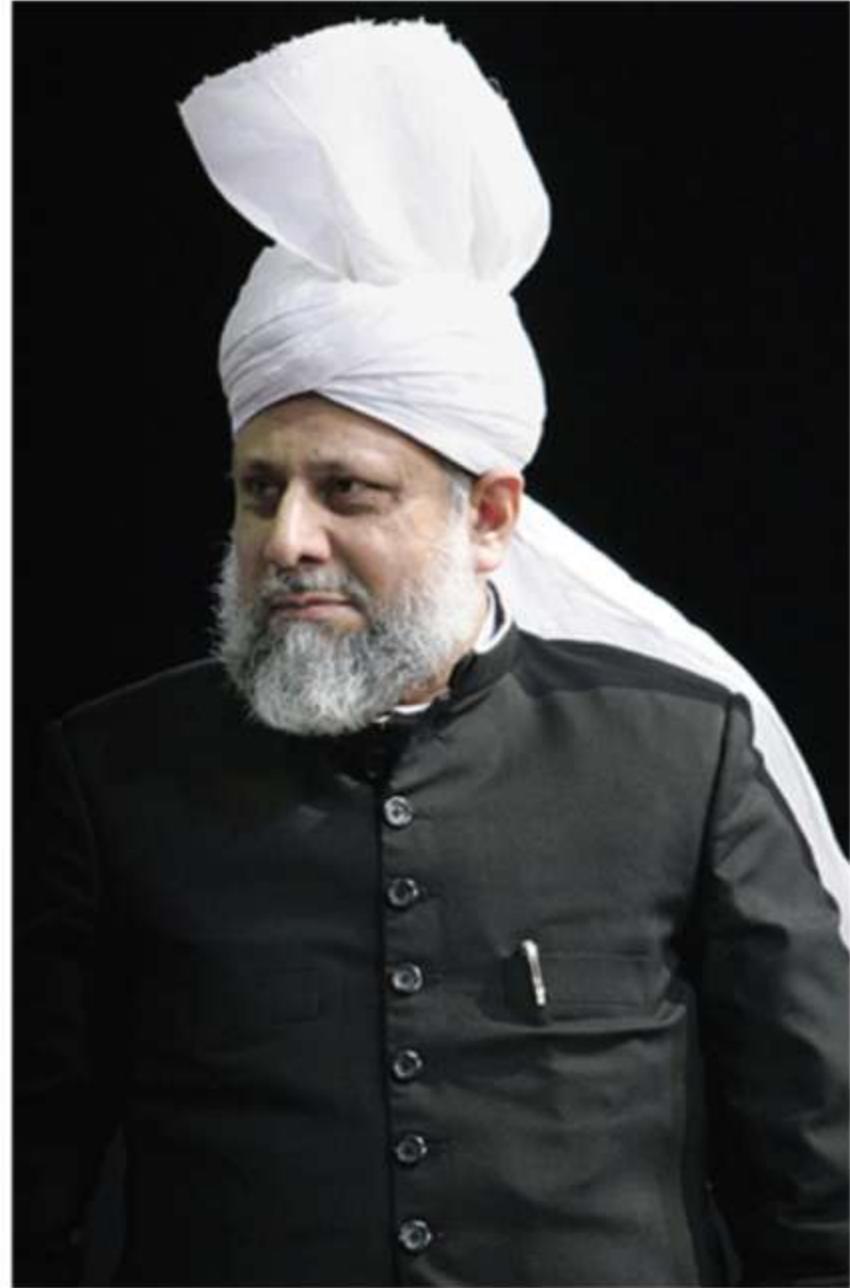


Friday Sermon Slides

1st January 2010



Summary

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One's life is a constant endeavour towards spiritual progress aiming to be granted God's Nur.

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May we practice taqwa in the true sense and be enabled to attain a measure of the *nur* brought by the Holy Prophet pbuh

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A truly blessed day

leads to spiritual development

focuses one on rights of God and His people

makes one seek the pleasure of God with all his/her capacities

is a day of practical effort to attain God's nearness

A TRULY BLESSED DAY

For a believer a year and its days are blessed when repentance is accepted and spirituality is enhanced leading to salvation.

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A TRULY BLESSED DAY

Friday is a most blessed day as stated by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessing of Allah be on him)

A believer tries to make Friday a day of his/her salvation, as that there is a time on Friday at which a Muslim, while he/she is offering Salat and is supplicating, will be granted whatever he/she is supplicating for.

Huzur (aba) said the first day of the year being a Friday makes it all the more significant for a believer so that he/she can adorn it with prayers.

We welcome New year by livening our nights with worship unlike non-believers who spend the first few hours of a New Year in idle amusements, revelry and alcohol consumption.

جَّدَّ جَاءَكُم مِّنَ اللَّهِ
نُورٌ وَّكِتَابٌ مُّبِينٌ

There has come to you indeed
from Allah a Light and a clear Book

Chapter 5, Verse 16

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) taught us an excellent way to partake of this light with reference to Friday.

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A TRULY BLESSED DAY AND NUR OF GOD



'Among the best of your days is Friday. On that day invoke blessings and salutations (Durud) on me frequently, for your Durud is presented to me on this day.'

The blessings of the most sincere invocation of *Durud* gave the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) the station of Messiah



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) enjoined his followers to invoke *Durud* on the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).



He said in turn they would then attain a measure of *nur* in accordance to their [spiritual] capacities and this would put their lives in this world and the Hereafter in order.

NUR OF GOD

Huzur (aba) explained the Hadith

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I The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday. On that day Adam was created, he was admitted to Paradise, and he was expelled therefrom'.

The significance of Friday, entering or being expelled from Paradise, are all dependent on deeds.

It is up to the children of Adam how they utilise Friday.

If they are drawn to virtue, to prayer and invoking *Durud* their life on this earth can be paradisiacal and they have the glad-tidings of Paradise in the Hereafter.

However, if they are embroiled in bad deeds then they have the tidings of Hell in this and the next world.

وَلِمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ
رَبِّهِ جَنَّاتٍ

But for him who fears to stand before his Lord there are two Gardens

Chapter 55, Verse 47

TWO PARADISES

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elucidated that a person who abandons sins out of earnest fear of God and His reckoning is promised **two Paradises.**

Firstly, he is granted a heavenly life on this very earth, he goes through a pure change in this world and God takes care of all his needs and wants.

Secondly, he is granted eternal Paradise in the Hereafter for he overcame and gave up sin of the self out of fear of God and gave God precedence over everything.



Now, the permanence of the world and mankind is with the prayers of an Ahmadi and it leads to Paradise.

God revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), 'He created Adam and bestowed honour upon him.

The champion of Allah in the mantles of the Prophets.

Good news for you, O My Ahmad.'

Tadkirah, p. 793

Tadkirah pp. 793-794 - Braheen Ahmadiyyah part V, p. 89

The meaning of the revelation: --; is that I have been bestowed a portion of the special faculties or special qualities of all the Prophets from Adam downwards. ---

This is what God has told me.'

Nur of God was given to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) because of

true love for the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

perfect subordination to the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Huzur (aba) hoped that each Ahmadi has spent the New Year day searching for Nur of God through

prayers

Good deed

NUR OF GOD

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يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَتَقُوا
اللَّهَ وَءَامَنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ
يُؤْتُكُمْ كَفَلَيْنِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ
وَيَجْعَل لَكُمْ نُورًا
تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِر لَكُمْ
وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

O ye who believe! fear Allah and believe in His Messenger; He will give you a double share of His mercy, and will provide for you a light wherein you will walk, and will grant you forgiveness — and verily Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful

One's life is a constant endeavour towards spiritual progress along with a need to rid the society of sin.

Chapter 57, Verse 29

DEEDS AND NUR OF GOD

A New Year should be welcomed with repentance, with serving God's creation.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that those who are steadfast and firm on taqwa and who adopt a certain detachment from this world in their love of God are given distinction from the rest.

They are granted a *nur* that permeates all their actions and their faculties. *Nur* permeates their wisdom and every action of theirs; their paths become of *nur*. In short, they are encased in *nur*.

Taqwa and ignorance cannot coexist. Although perception and insight and in turn taqwa can be of a higher or lesser degree.

Huzur (aba) said that if an Ahmadi is firm on taqwa, he/she will avoid ignorance.

Taqwa and perfect obedience of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) makes one a beloved of God and earns one double reward and *nur* from God. The double reward is the good of this world and the good of the Hereafter.

DEEDS AND NUR OF GOD

وَلَا تَنْزِرْ وَازْرَة
وَزْرَ أُخْرَى

Chapter 6, Verse 165

-- nor does any bearer of
burden bear the burden of
another. --.

DEEDS AND NUR OF GOD

Each person is answerable for his/her actions. Good deeds are a source of attaining good in this world and in the Hereafter.

This prayer speaks of the believers who seek good in this world and the Hereafter.

Chapter 2, Verse 202

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا
عَطَانَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً
وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقَنَا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ

And of them there are some who say: 'Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire.'

GOOD IN THIS WORLD AS WELL AS GOOD IN THE WORLD TO COME

This prayer prevents us from the hell of this world while honouring the dues of God and the dues of mankind.

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'Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come'

The words ***Rabbana*** (Our Lord) have a subtle indication towards repentance.

Man creates many a false *rabb*, such as one's schemes, knowledge, physical strength, beauty or property etc.

Unless one abandons all these and turns to the One God one cannot truly appreciate the True *Rabb*

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that *Taubah* (repentance) is not something that is superfluous or useless for man.

It can benefit man in this world as well as in the Hereafter.

Huzur (aba) prayed



May God always grant us good in this world and in the Hereafter and save us from the torment.

May He enable us to tread the paths of virtues.

May the New Year and every year to come keep the Community and the people of the Community safe and bring us good.

May we practice taqwa in the true sense and be enabled to attain a measure of the *nur* brought by the Holy Prophet pbuh

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