

Friday Sermon Slides February 19th, 2010



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SUMMARY



Hudhur (aba) gave a discourse on the Divine attribute of **Al Hasib (The Reckoner)** in his Friday Sermon today.



Hudhur (aba) expounded the merit of initiating the greeting of *Assalamoalaikum* and responding to it in a better way.



Hudhur (aba) then threw light on the message of goodwill that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) brought for humanity, in compliance of his master the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

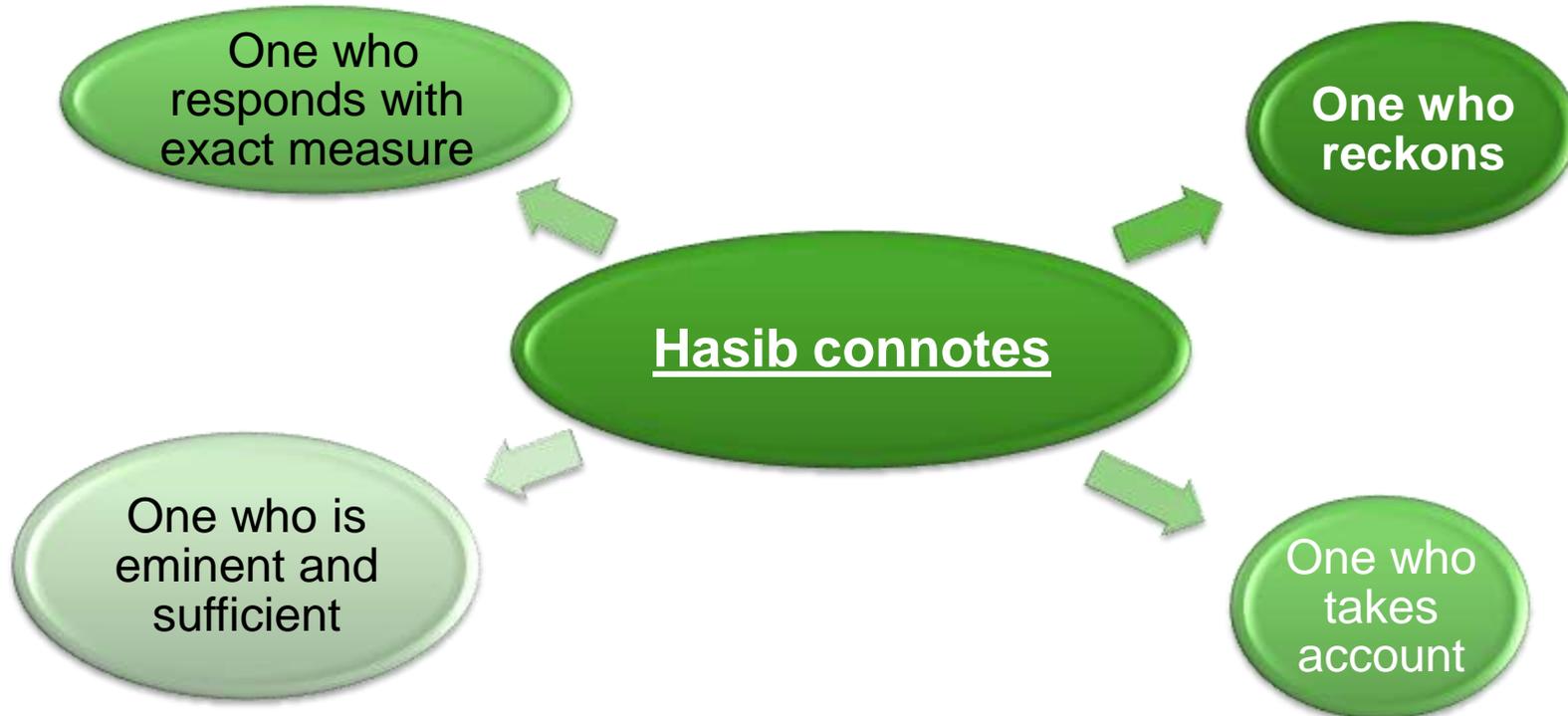


Hudhur (aba) explained the unfaltering compassion and goodwill of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) towards those who followed him as well as those who persecuted him.



Citing 129 verse of Surah Taubah, Hudhur (aba) explained that triumph of Divinely-guided people and their communities is not hindered by betrayers and such like.

Al Hasib



Hudhur (aba) said all these qualities can be found in a Perfect Being and that Being is God, therefore one of His attributes is

Al Hasib

وَإِذَا حُيِّتُمْ بِتَحِيَّةٍ فَحَيُّوا بِأَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا
أَوْ رُدُّوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
حَسِيبًا

Chapter 4 , Verse 87

And when you are greeted with a prayer, greet ye with a better prayer or *at least* return it. Surely, Allah takes account of all things.

The greeting of *Assalamoalaikum*.

Hudhur (aba) expounded the merit of initiating the greeting of *Assalamoalaikum* and responding to it in a better way.

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The greeting of *Assalamoalaikum*.

Hudhur (aba) said this basic Islamic commandment is a guarantee of fostering good relationships within and outside communities.

Muslims are enjoined to promote feelings of mutual goodwill and are asked to respond to goodwill in an enhanced and better manner.

Muslims will be held accountable if they do not fulfil this societal obligation.

Hudhur (aba) said only the religion of Islam has this excellent and purposeful expression of greeting upon meeting each other, the principle is to promote societal peace

Salaam signifies sending peace to the other and wishing them safeguard from all kind of difficulties.



A heart-felt Salaam promotes feelings of love, affection and brotherhood.



It is enjoined to respond to Salaam in a better way, therefore one may say *Walaikumassalam warahmatullahe wabarakatahu*, i.e. peace be on you too and may God's mercy and blessings be with you.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) strongly stressed upon the need to promote saying of *Assalamoalaikum*

Once a young companion of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) entered his house with some presents, without seeking permission or saying any greeting

The Prophet told him to go back outside, say *Assalamoalaikum* and seek permission to enter.

Hudhur (aba) pointed out that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was highly focussed on spiritual training and would not dismiss this mistake as a minor slip up of a young person

Salaam and peace

Hudhur (aba) said that the best way to seek permission to enter someone's house is to say *Assalamoalaikum*, so that the sequence of prayer may start the meeting.

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Salaam and peace

'Etiquette of the road'

- The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) explained to his Companions that the 'etiquette of the road' is to greet anyone who passes by.
- This is because a believer is guarantor of another believer's peace.

Hudhur (aba) remarked it is very unfortunate that Muslims today have forgotten God's commandment and are killing each other.

Hudhur (aba) related that one Companion of The Holy Prophet (pbuh) would go to market place just to put in practice the commandment of promoting saying of salaam.

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The message of peace of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

If one accepts a hand extended in goodwill one will be rewarded for it, if one rejects it, one will be held accountable.

Hudhur (aba) said the other perspective of this is that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came in this age as a guarantor of peace and security. He gave his message of peace through his writings and books with extreme compassion.

In spite of his claim that he was from God and had been sent for their good, Muslims got together with people of other faiths and opposed him.

However, to this message of goodwill, contrary to the commandment of returning with a better greeting, a large part of the Muslim world rejected his message and they were abusive.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and the message of peace

I have been sent to the world for the reformation of moral, doctrinal and spiritual weaknesses and errors. I follow in the footsteps of Jesus as, and, in this sense, I am called the Promised Messiah. I have been commanded to spread the truth in the world through miraculous signs and holy teachings.



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I have been appointed that, so far as it may be possible for me, I should remove all these errors from the minds of the Muslims and should call them to pure morals, perseverance, meekness, justice and righteousness. I proclaim to all the Muslims, Christians, Hindus, and Aryas, that I have no enemy in the world. I love human beings with the love that a compassionate mother has for her children and even more so. I am the enemy only of the false doctrines which slay the truth.

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Human sympathy is my duty, and discarding falsehood, idolatry, every type of misconduct and wrongdoing, injustice, and immorality, is my principle. What has roused my sympathy is that I have discovered a gold mine and have been informed of a deposit of precious stones. In this mine I have been fortunate enough to find a shining and priceless diamond. Its value is so great that if I were to divide its price among the whole of mankind, each of them would become wealthier than the person who owns the largest amount of gold and silver in the world. What is that diamond? It is the True God, and to acquire Him means to recognize Him, to believe in Him truly, to establish the relationship of true love with Him, and to receive true blessings from Him.

Having found such great wealth, it would be a great wrong that I should deprive mankind of it and that they should die of hunger while I live in luxury. This I will not do. My heart burns at the contemplation of their poverty and hunger. My soul is in travail at the perception of their darkness and privation. I desire that their houses should be filled with heavenly wealth and that they should acquire so many jewels of truth and certainty that they should be filled to their capacity.'

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Chapter 4 , Verse 87

Surely, Allah takes
account of all things.

If the Muslims stop and think about their current condition it would fill them with dread; could it be that God has started holding them to account in this very world.

Allah takes account

Just ponder, why despite being called 'the best of people', Muslims are reduced to begging others and for this reason forces opposing Islam are continuing to have their own way.

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Hudhur (aba) said Ahmadis are certain that Islam will triumph through the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)



- It is our responsibility to inform the rest of the Muslims to understand the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) message and in perfect obedience join his Community.



- Muslims would then see how much power they will garner, how they would re-establish their lost dignity and how fast the peaceable message of Islam would spread.



- If only the Muslims understood this point

As for those of us who have had the good fortune to come in the bai'at of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), we need to make tremendous effort to take this message, for which our master (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) had great compassion, to others.

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ
عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Chapter 9 , Verse 128

Surely, a Messenger has come unto you from among yourselves; grievous to him is that you should fall into trouble; *he is* ardently desirous of your *welfare*; and to the believers *he is* compassionate, merciful.

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The unfaltering goodwill of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Hudhur (aba) explained the unfaltering compassion and goodwill of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) towards those who followed him and those who persecuted him. Hudhur (aba) said the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) stance was in total compliance of his master.

God has put it on record in the verse (9;129) that He is the Lord of the mighty Throne and the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) wished to establish the kingdom of God's Throne

He was the most ardent devotee of Lord of all the worlds

He was sent to establish God's kingdom

With the establishment of God's kingdom was the fulfilment of the kingdom of the Prophet (pbuh) on hearts and minds of people.

The unfaltering goodwill of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

In explaining verse 9:129 Hudhur said God forbid this does not signify that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) wanted to establish his own kingdom

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The cruelty and persecution meted out by the pagan of Mecca did not affect the Prophet's (peace and blessing of Allah be on him) compassion and sympathy for them.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was not just compassionate and merciful for people of his time. His momentous prayers were for Muslims of all eras till the Day of Judgment

In order to partake of the blessings of his prayers, we should exhibit models of mutual kindness, forgiveness, pardon and compassion.

We may then be able to establish that social order the foundation of which was laid by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

The goodwill of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Hudhur (aba) said in accordance with the pledge of '**...follow me...**' (3:32) it is our obligation to try and inculcate this thinking.

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فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فِئْلٌ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ
تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Chapter 9 , Verse 129

But if they turn away, say, 'Allah is sufficient for me. There is no God but He. In Him do I put my trust, and He is the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Allah is sufficient for divinely guided people.

Hudhur (aba) explained that triumph of Divinely-guided people and their communities is not hindered by betrayers and such like. Their success comes to pass with Divine will and none can stop it.

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Hudhur (aba) said today the followers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) endeavour to take the message to the ends of the earth.

Just like our master (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who said that God was sufficient for him, we too experience a measure of this.

Our objective is to take teachings forward to meet the purpose for which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was sent, to establish peace and love, fulfilment of each other's rights and to create an air of security

Allah is sufficient for divinely guided people.

Hudhur said these should not be mere words. As we take the message to others, our own condition should make it evident that we are making an effort to be true believers.

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Hudhur (aba) prayed



May Allah enable us to utilise all our capacities and capabilities for this significant objective

May we be distanced from worldly fears and worldly greed

May we continue to endeavour for the objective for which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came

We should always keep '**...Allah is sufficient for me...**' and '**... In Him do I put my trust...**' in view.

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