

Friday Sermon Slides

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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) gave a discourse on verses 2 – 4 of Surah Al A'la in his Friday Sermon today.

Hudhur (aba) explained that it is traditional that we recite this Surah in the first *rakah* of Friday Prayers, Eid and Witr Prayer

It is the responsibility of a believer to aspire to follow the magnificent and blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in every aspect of gratefulness to God and in His *Tasbih*.

God has created man with all necessary powers and strengths and has made him with a potential to progress physically and spiritually

God revealed the perfect teachings to the Holy Prophet (pbuh), and in this age in accordance with His promise, God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hudhur (aba) asked for special prayers for the Ahmadis of Egypt and Pakistan.

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Surah Al A'la and the tradition of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Surah Al A'la is recited in the first Rakah (one unit of Salat) of

Friday Prayers

Surah Al Ghashiyah is recited in the second *rakah*

Surah Al A'la is recited in the first Rakah (one unit of Salat) of

The Eid Prayers

Surah Al Ghashiyah is recited in the second *rakah*

Surah Al A'la is recited in the first Rakah (one unit of Salat) of

Witr Prayer

Surah Al Kafiroom in the second and either Surah Al Ikhlas or all the last three Surahs of the Holy Qur'an in the third *rakah*



It is the responsibility
of a believer, to extol
God's name in the
world.



Chapter 82, Verse 2

Glorify the name of thy
Lord, the Most High

To praise and extol
our Lord Who, in His
quality
of *Rububiyyat* (to
sustain and nurture) is
Most High



Whose grandeur is over
and above everyone
else's



Glorify Allah

'*Tafseer e Kabeer*', which Hudhur called a treasure of
knowledge, is the detailed Urdu commentary of most
Surahs of the Holy Qur'an, by Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may
Allah be pleased with him)

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Each person who is associated with the Prophet in the true sense

- should follow his blessed model

Regarding glorification of God, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) had the most supreme model

- He would pray to God, '...make me remember You and make me grateful to You...'

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ
اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

Chapter 33, Verse 22

Verily you have in the Prophet of Allah an excellent model,

Glorify Allah

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Glorify Allah: The blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

A Hadith relates that once the Holy Prophet (pbuh) came to the mosque and facing the Qibla, performed an extra-ordinarily long *sajdah* .



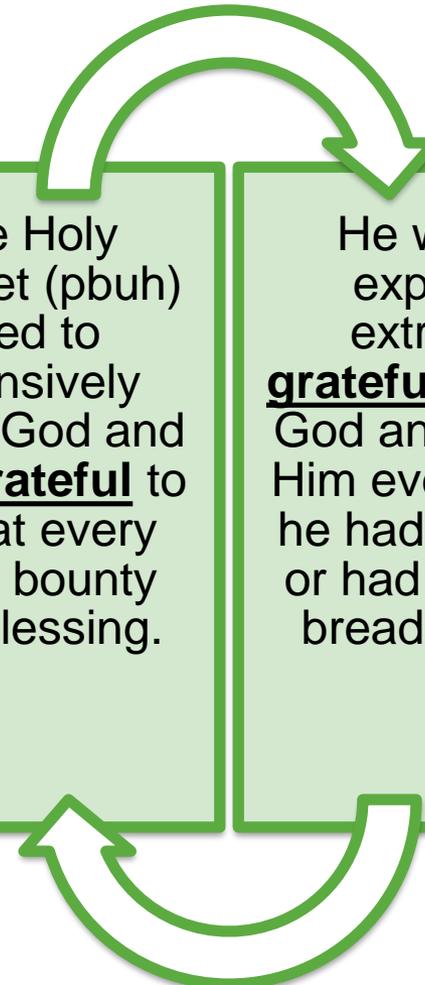
When he was asked why his *sajdah* was so long, he replied, 'Jibraeel had come to me with the glad-tiding that whoever invoked Durud (salutations and blessings) on me will have mercy shown to him and whoever will invoke peace on me will have peace given to him



I was prostrating in thankfulness of this.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) used to extensively glorify God and was **grateful** to Him at every small bounty and blessing.

He would express extreme **gratefulness** to God and glorify Him even when he had nothing or had just dry bread to eat.



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Glorify Allah: The blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

A phrase taught by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to his wife Hadrat Javeria was 'Holy is Allah according to the number of His creation, Holy is Allah according to the pleasure of His Self -

After the revelation of Surah Al A'lah the Holy Prophet (pbuh) taught to read the specified prayers for Sajdah and raku

-Holy is Allah according to the weight of His Throne and Holy is Allah according to the ink [used in recording] His words.'

After the victory of Makkah, as he entered the city on camel-back, his head was bowed down and at this triumphant time, the Prophet (pbuh) said the following prayer in utter humility: Holy are You O' Allah, all glorification and praise is Yours. O Allah, forgive me.'

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Glorify Allah: The blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Hudhur (aba) said that we should aspire to follow the magnificent and blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in every aspect of gratefulness to God and in His *Tasbih*.

His model draws the attention of the *ummah* to the fact that we should not rely on worldly means, rather we need to do *Tasbih* of the Lord.

Hudhur (aba) said there are others who sustain and nurture us in this world, like mothers, superiors and the government. However, their quality of sustaining and nurturing is full of flaws.

Our Lord, the Most High is free from all flaws and is Holy.

Rahmaiyyat (quality of being Gracious)

God has many attributes through which He extends His kindness to us.

By virtue of His *Rahmaiyyat* (quality of being Gracious)

He provides the means of sustaining us

By virtue of His *Raheemiyyat* (quality of Mercy)

He blesses us incredibly and also listens to our prayers

Raheemiyyat (quality of Mercy)

Glorify Allah: The blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

It is for a believer to do *Tasbih* of the Perfect Lord and to partake of His benevolent attributes and to avoid His chastisement.

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And as a Summoner unto Allah by His command, and as a Lamp that gives *brightlight*

Chapter 33, Verse 47

وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ
وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا

Hudhur (aba) said we should pray to God for protection against all evil

Indeed one who does sincere *Tasbih* is taken in God's refuge

Salat a form of *Tasbih*, it is therefore essential to be regular in it

Hudhur (aba) explained that in extolling God's name in the world we have the supreme example of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who truly honoured summoning people to God.

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Hudhur (aba) said without doubt the Holy Prophet fulfilled this task with the objective to extol the name of his Lord. He carried on with his Tabligh with gentleness, wisdom and steadfastness and in every sense of the word honoured *Tasbih* of God

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ
إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ

Chapter 5, Verse 68

O Messenger! convey *to the people* what has been revealed to thee from thy Lord;.

Glorify Allah: The blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Even in times of difficulty he moved onwards while doing *Tasbih* and instilled this spirit in his Companions through his power of holiness.

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In other words, man has been given the capacity to become a reflection of God's attributes.



Chapter 82, Verse 3

Who creates and perfects

As a child grows and develops all these powers and strengths are enhanced

God has created man with all necessary powers and strengths and has made him with a potential to progress

The most perfect model of such a reflection was the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to whom God revealed the last and perfect teaching

Who creates and perfects

God gave man the capacity to develop , evolve and increased his mental capacities making him aware of new things to make his life better.

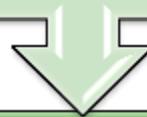
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Who creates and perfects

Hudhur (aba) gave the example of heart disease. With changes in life style heart disease became common and gradually man learnt how to treat this effectively.



Operation, angioplasty and now stem cells treatment is being developed to treat this effectively



By virtue of His *Rububiyyat* God provides capacity in humans as they progress.



Hudhur (aba) said when God guides mankind towards the cure of physical ailments why would He not do so in the sphere of spiritual ailment?

In every age Allah sent Prophets to heal spiritual ailments and He sent the Holy Prophet (pbuh) with perfect teaching which turned beastly people into godly people.

After an age, when even the Muslims forgot to put this teaching in practice, in accordance with His promise, God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



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He asserted that the cure of the spiritual ailments of the *ummah* was in the teachings of the Holy Qur'an.

Who creates and perfects

In medical field doctors make discoveries after long and arduous research, however God gave the cure for spiritual ailments 1400 years ago in the perfect Shariah and pious people in every age availed of it. In the latter-days, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) informed us of the cures for the new ailments.

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Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) explained

- Since God put a great potential for progress in man, He also provided means to realise it.

Two meanings of the verse

- Firstly, He created man capable of acting on teaching and then He sent His teaching.
- Secondly, when man deviated God sent guidance in accordance to the need of the time

Guidance

- The perfect teaching that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) brought ensured the rights of God as well as mankind. A believer should abide by this guidance and if anything is not clear then one should turn to the 'healer' who has been sent with the healing .

وَالَّذِي قَدَّرَ فَهَدَىٰ

Chapter 82, Verse 4

And Who
designs and
guides

Guidance

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It is also an obligation to do *Tasbih* of God and take His message to others and this is a sign of a believer who is free of any irregularity.



May God enable us to turn with sincerity to the one whom He has sent and to put God's teaching in practice

May we do His *Tasbih* in a correct manner

May we worship Him and take His message to others

May God keep everyone safe from every type of trouble and calamity and make them those who turn to Him.

Hudhur (aba) asked for special prayers for the Ahmadis of Egypt where about a dozen Ahmadis have been imprisoned. Prayers should be made for their speedy release who tell Hudhur that they are strong in their faith. Hudhur (aba) said prayers should also be made for Pakistan and the situation there.

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