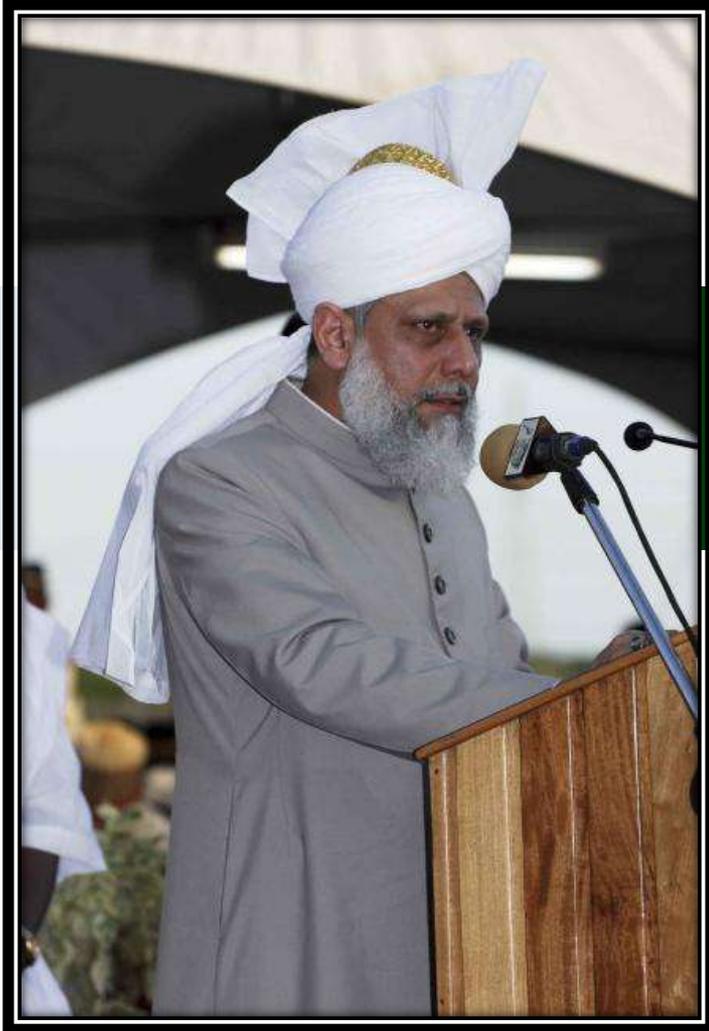


**Positive resolve and
absence of despair in
true believers**



**Friday Sermon
December 24TH , 2010**



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SUMMARY

Today Hudhur (aba) based his Friday Sermon on true believers' positive resolve and absence of despair even in most challenging of times

Hudhur (aba) recounted the faith-inspiring highlights of Jalsas in Rabwah in the past; enthusiasm of school children, decorations of Rabwah and generosity of hospitable families

Hudhur (aba) counselled Ahmadis against despair in these difficult and restrictive circumstances of distress and anguish

Hudhur (aba) advised us to turn all our distress in tearful supplication to God during Jalsa Qadian and then make this practice a permanent part of life

Hudhur (aba) announced the sad news of the martyrdom of Sheikh Umer Javed sahib from Mardan, Pakistan

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ
دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي
وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ

Chapter 2, Verse 187

And when My servants ask thee about Me, say:
I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant
when he prays to Me. So they should hearken
to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow
the right way

Positive resolve and absence of despair in believers

Today Hudhur (aba) based his Friday Sermon on true believers' positive resolve and absence of despair even in most challenging of times and recited the above verse at the start of the sermon

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Jalsa Salana Qadian reminds of Jalsa in Rabwah



Announcing the start of Qadian Jalsa on 26 December, Hudhur (aba) recalled the delightful ambience of the Jalsas that were held at Rabwah until 27 years ago



The faith-inspiring highlights were enthusiasm of school children, decorations of Rabwah, setting up of temporary Bazaar and generosity of hospitable families



Hudhur (aba) expressed his hope that the memory of Jalsas in Rabwah is kept alive in order to create a resolve that temporary restrictions will not dampen our spirit

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Jalsa Salana Pakistan

Hudhur (aba) said that delights of Jalsa will definitely be restored, Thus, we do not despair on when and how will these days return

It will happen because we believe in God's power, Hudhur (aba) said only the astray despair of God's mercy

We are the followers of the Mahdi of latter-days who have been taught to walk on the straight path

Ahmadis endure hardships for God's sake in a dignified manner, keeping their tears only for God

قَالَ وَمَنْ يَقْنُطُ مِنْ
رَحْمَةِ رَبِّهِ إِلَّا الضَّالُّونَ

Chapter 15, Verse 57

'He said, 'And who can despair of the mercy of his Lord save those who go astray?'

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Hudhur (aba) said short periods of time have no significance in the life of nations. Progressive people keep general advancement in view

During the period of restrictions, the speed of our progress has increased significantly, even in Pakistan

God has graced us with the blessing of MTA and Ahmadis in Pakistan are able to see many Jalsas and Ijtimas around the world on MTA

Thus, God did not stop dispensing spiritual provisions

We should never entertain hopelessness and should vent our angst through prayers

Blessings of MTA

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وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُنَزِّلُ الْغَيْثَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا قَنَطُوا
وَيَنْشُرُ رَحْمَتَهُ وَهُوَ الْوَلِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ

Chapter 42, Verse 29

And He it is Who sends down rain after they have despaired, and spreads out His mercy. And He is the Protector, the Praiseworthy

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that when persecution reaches its height, God comes to the aid of His humble servants and while all other schemes come to an end, God's scheme remains

The power of prayer

Hudhur (aba) said when God comes to the general help of people in despair with His mercy, how much greater would be His reward for believers?

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Chapter 2, Verse 258

اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

'Allah is the Friend of those who believe

Allah does not put believers in despair and most certainly comes to the aid of those who excel in humility

And He accepts *the prayers* of those who believe and do good works, and gives them more out of His grace...'

وَيَسْتَجِيبُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ

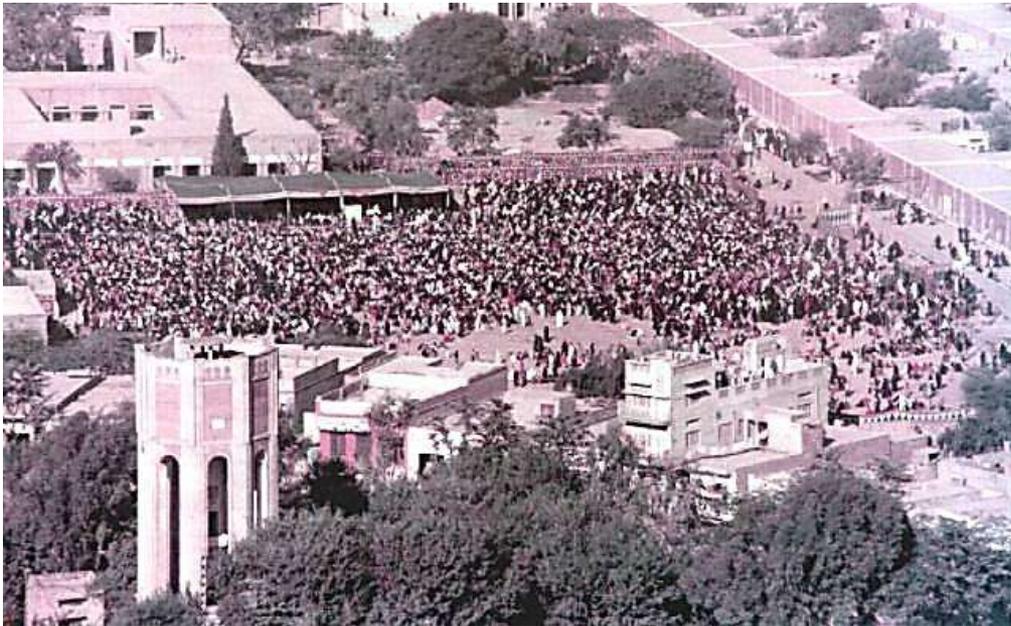
Chapter 42 Verse 27

The power of prayer

What God can give is beyond human imagination

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Jalsa Salana Rabwah



Hudhur (aba) reflected over the delightful and wholesome atmosphere of Jalsa in Rabwah and reflected on God's decree of triumph for Ahmadiyyat

We should continue to supplicate for this Divine destiny in our sincere prayers

Hudhur (aba) said he recalls the delights of Jalsa in Rabwah and with it crowds of people but never any chaos. Men and women would walk on separate sides of the road. Every man would be mindful of sanctity of women and every woman would be mindful of her modesty

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) enjoined women to walk by the wall side of streets and they obeyed this to the letter

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Jalsa Salana Qadian

Hudhur (aba) advised those attending the Qadian Jalsa, to be aware of its narrow streets and be mindful and keep separate paths for men and women.

Hudhur (aba) also enjoined regular observance of Salat at Jalsa

Those coming from Pakistan will thus have a direct experience of attending Jalsa

Hudhur (aba) reminded everyone not to create chaos around any of the Jalsa sites, be it the accommodation, the dining area or the Jalsa Gah

Hudhur (aba) said chaos is caused due to selfishness

If people will exhibit a sense of sacrifice there will be no chaos

Even if any one says something wrong, we should keep our emotions in check

أَمَّنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ
وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ
خُلَفَاءَ الْأَرْضِ ءِإِلَهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ
□ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

Chapter 27, Verse 63

'Or, Who answers the distressed person when he calls upon Him, and removes the evil, and makes you successors in the earth? Is there a God besides Allah? Little is it that you reflect

The power of prayer



Hudhur (aba) advised all Jalsa attendees to concentrate on prayers as there is no other objective of attending Jalsa but spiritual development



There could not be a better time to pray than the fitting atmosphere of Jalsa



Today, Pakistani Ahmadis are the most distressed in the world and they should turn their distress in tearful prayers to God

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Those who have been given the opportunity to be present at the Qadian Jalsa should move heaven and earth with their prayers and thus put their material and spiritual life in order

Hudhur (aba) advised duty-holders to engage in remembrance of God while on duty

True believers do not just pray for themselves in distress, they pray for the community and for the establishment of the religion of the Prophet (pbuh) as well as to save the world from destruction

Jalsa Salana Qadian and prayers

What is required is to honour the dues of worship of the True Creator, to safeguard against all manner of *shirk* (associating partners with God) and safeguard the next generation against it. This would lead to God's blessings and beneficence

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said

During the interval between a supplication and its acceptance one is often subjected to trial after trial, some of which are back-breaking. A persevering and good-natured supplicant smells the perfume of the favours of his Lord in these trials and difficulties and his intelligence informs him that they will be followed by help. One aspect of these trials is that they foster eagerness for prayer. The greater the distress of the supplicant, the more his soul will be melted.

This is one of the factors in the acceptance of prayer. So one should not lose heart and should not think ill of God through impatience and restlessness. One should never think that one's prayer is not accepted or will not be accepted. Such a notion is a denial of the attribute of God that He accepts prayers

His rewards are greater if we turn to Allah with sincerity, be consistent in turning to Him and to hearken to His command

Jalsa Salana Qadian and prayers



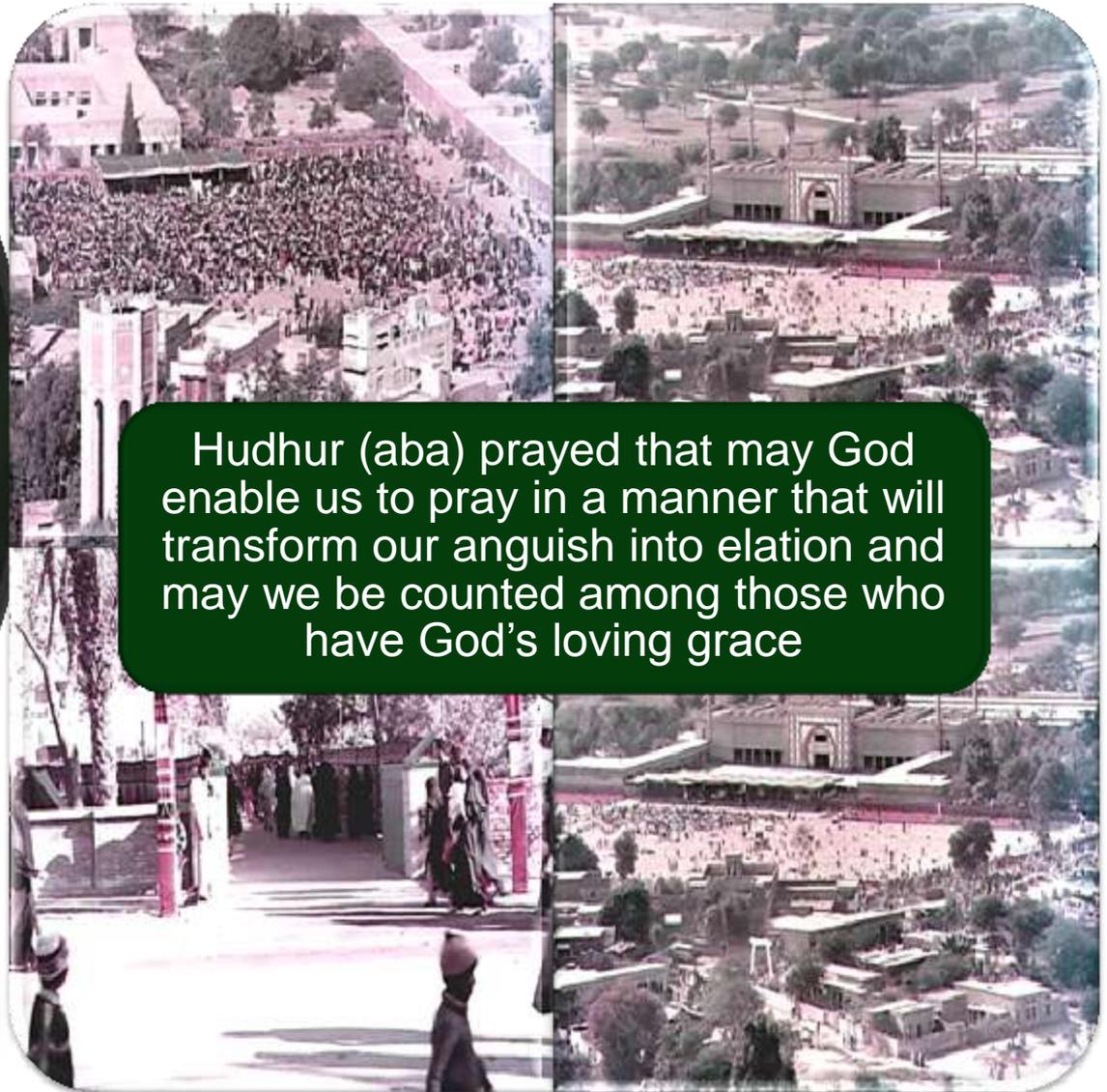
Without doubt, each martyrdom of the Community brings sadness and pain, but the sacrifices of these martyrdoms are accepted by God and thus bring us fruits of success



Today Pakistani Ahmadis and Ahmadis in some parts of India and some other countries truly experience distress. During the period of distress, time for acceptance of prayer is near



Hudhur (aba) said he would therefore advise us to turn all our distress in tearful supplication to God during Jalsa and then make this practice a permanent part of life



Hudhur (aba) prayed that may God enable us to pray in a manner that will transform our anguish into elation and may we be counted among those who have God's loving grace

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Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat



**Sheikh Umer
Javed sahib
from Mardan,
Pakistan**

Hudhur (aba) announced that he would lead the funeral Prayer in absentia after Friday Prayer.

Umer Javed sahib was martyred while members of his family were injured. Up to 18 bullet holes have been found on the car

He was from the descendants of the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

He was involved with the local Jama'at and had got married two years ago

His widow is expecting a child, Hudhur prayed for her good health and may God protect her from any complications

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