

Holy Qur'an

The source of guidance and salvation



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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) said that after the first reading of the Holy Qur'an, mothers and fathers should inculcate children to read the Qur'an regularly with due care and supervision

Hudhur (aba) said fact is that it is very important to instil love of the Qur'an in children's hearts, especially in the times where there are many other interests for children, like the television, internet and other books

Hudhur (aba) said God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as a source of real safeguard of the Qur'an in this age

Hudhur (aba) read many faith-inspiring passages from the august writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hudhur (aba) prayed that may we, our offspring and our future generations have true love for the Holy Qur'an and practice its teachings

The parents' concerns should not be limited to finishing the first reading of the Qur'an, rather children should be continually supervised to read it regularly

Hudhur (aba) said MashaAllah our children generally finish their first reading of the Holy Qur'an at a very young age



However, it is noticed that not so much concern and effort is put in repeat and constant reading of the Qur'an once its first reading is completed



When Hudhur (aba) asks about regular recitation of the Qur'an, Hudhur (aba) usually gets the response that reading is not done on a regular basis

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Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

Mothers and fathers should inculcate children to read the Qur'an regularly with due care and supervision.

Once a lady took her child to Hudhur's mother and very proudly told her that she had managed to make the child finish the first reading of the Qur'an at the age of six

Hudhur's mother replied that finishing first reading of the Qur'an at the age of six was not such an achievement and asked how much love of the Qur'an had the mother inculcated in her child?

Hudhur (aba) said that it is very important to instil love of the Qur'an in children's hearts, especially in the times that we live in where there are many other interests for children, like the television, internet and other books.

Early morning recitation of Qur'an would make children aware of its significance.

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Love of the Holy Qur'an

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had drawn our attention that in a world with diverse interests, where new sciences are introduced, the significance of the Qur'an increases.

Love of the Holy Qur'an

Hudhur (aba) said love of Qur'an will be instilled in the hearts of children when parents will inculcate its recitation and pondering over its meanings in them, when the Qur'an will be recited in the morning in every home before or after Fajr Salat

This will fill a home with blessings and will have a very virtuous influence on children

Regular recitation of the Qur'an while reflecting on it will generate love for the sake of God between husband and wife and this in turn will make their children useful members of the Community

Hudhur (aba) said Ahmadis should make their full efforts in this regard

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) made great efforts to promote this. It was indeed the purpose of his advent to give the Qur'an the highest status



Real love of the Qur'an is to make one's full effort to obey its commandments, to avoid what the Qur'an forbids and to employ one's full capacity and capability to fulfil what it commands



Its recitation should be done with fear of God

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Translation of the Holy Qur'an

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that it is important to read and understand the translation of the Qur'an and Salat, however he said:

'We certainly do not allow that only the translation of the Qur'an is read. This negates the miracle of the Qur'an. One who suggests this, wishes the Qur'an not to remain in the world.'

Hudhur (aba) said it is indeed a great miracle of the Qur'an that its text remains intact to this day as it is God's promise: **'Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.'** (15:10). Even the worst opponents of Islam agree that it is preserved in its original form

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Hudhur (aba) said God sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as a source of real safeguard of the Qur'an in this age

He advised his Community to understand the Qur'an and to love it in numerous places

Hudhur (aba) said we also observe in terms of worldly laws that unless they are enforced they are of no use

Thus salvation cannot be attained merely by reading the Qur'an and not practising it and one cannot be the recipient of its blessing and grace

He said: 'The Holy Qur'an is law of the heavens and is a source of salvation.'

Practice of the Holy Qur'an

Therefore it is extremely important to understand and practice the teachings of the Qur'an

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote: 'Remember the Holy Qur'an is a fountainhead of real blessings and a source of salvation. Those who do not practice on the Qur'an, it is their own fault. One group among those who do not practice upon it is that which does not have faith in it; they do not consider it to be Word of God. These people remain very remote. However, how regrettable and astonishing it is if those who believe that it is Word of God and is a healing formula of salvation do not practice on it

Hudhur (aba) said may God through these moving words of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) enable us to practice the teachings of the Qur'an and to understand it. Then alone would we be fulfilling the dues of our Bai'at.

The teaching of course is to avoid every vice that the Qur'an mentions and make a complete effort to adopt every virtue that it cites

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also said: 'The Holy Qur'an does not simply require that having given up evil, man should assume he has attained excellence. Rather, it wants to define man with supreme excellences and high morals and that his actions and deeds involve sympathy and welfare of mankind. The consequence of which should be that Allah the Exalted is pleased with him.'

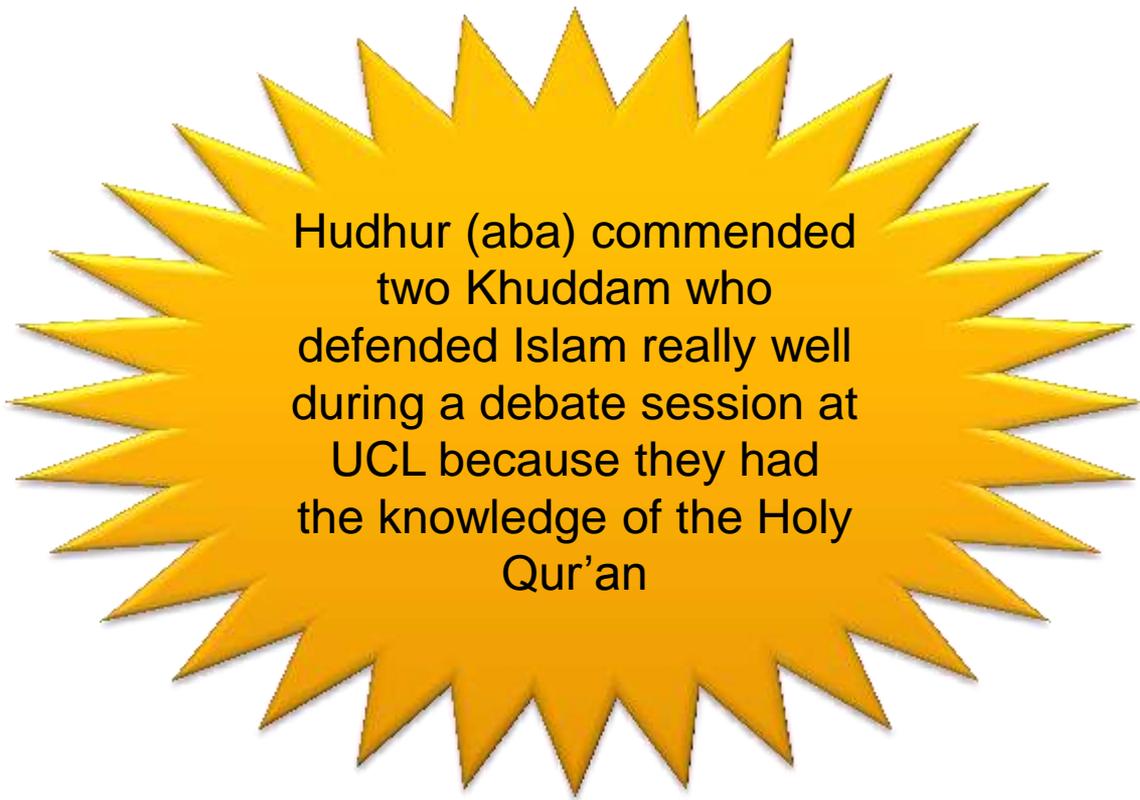
Hudhur (aba) said if a believer truly loves the Qur'an, he tries to attain such a standard himself and would also try and take his children to it

We should keep our targets high

Effort to adopt every virtue mentioned in the Qur'an would create a pure society which Islam wants to establish

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Hudhur (aba) commended
two Khuddam who
defended Islam really well
during a debate session at
UCL because they had
the knowledge of the Holy
Qur'an

We should try and understand the teachings of the Qur'an and Islam

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Knowledge of the Holy Qur'an

This would make our homes paradisiacal and will enable us to fulfil our dues of Tabligh in society.

Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'Holy Qur'an should be read with care, concentration and interest.'

Hadith relates that there are many reciters of the Holy Qur'an who are cursed by the Qur'an. The Holy Qur'an curses the person who reads the Qur'an but does not practice on it. When one comes across a verse denoting blessing while reciting the Qur'an, blessing should be sought from Allah the Exalted at the juncture. Where torment on people is mentioned, entreaty should be made to God for His refuge from His torment and it should be read with care and concentration and it should be acted on.'

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Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained that the manner in which the Qur'an has elucidated matters of faith is matchless in its eloquence and its reasoning influences hearts. So powerful is its eloquence that it was understood by the nomads of Arabia who were completely illiterate. How could people of the current age then not understand it?

Hudhur (aba) said it is a favour of God on us to send the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who not only explained the apparent commandments to us but also unravelled the deeper truths and insights of the Qur'an for us and thus gave us the beneficence of:

'And among others from among them who have not yet joined them...' (62:4)

We should try and accumulate the treasures that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave us.

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An Hadith relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that a time will come when there will be reciters of the Qur'an who will boast that there is no bigger reciter than them and there is no bigger scholar than them. He asked his Companions if they found anything good in this. They replied that they did not. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: 'These people will be from you and from this Ummah, but they will be the fuel of the fire of Hell.'

Hudhur (aba) said attaining God's nearness and avoiding His wrath as the cautionary Hadith depicts, is in understanding the teaching of the Qur'an with humility and to love it rather than make a profession out of it

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote : 'Be alert all the time and do not take a single step contrary to Divine teaching and the guidance of the Qur'an. I tell you truly that anyone who evades the least one of the 700 commandments of the Qur'an, shuts upon himself the door of salvation. The ways of true and perfect salvation have been opened by the Qur'an and all the rest is its reflection. Therefore, study the Qur'an with care and hold it very dear with a love that you have not for anything else. As God has said to me: 'All good is contained in the Qur'an.' This is wholly true. Those people are to be pitied who prefer anything else to it. The fountainhead of all your prosperity and salvation is the Holy Qur'an

There is no religious need of yours which is not filled by the Qur'an. On the Day of Judgement, the Qur'an will confirm or deny your faith. There is no other book under heaven beside the Qur'an which can furnish you with salvation. God has been very Beneficent towards you that He has bestowed a Book like the Qur'an upon you

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that it was important not to disregard the Holy Qur'an and to uphold its distinction over Hadith and other works. He said now there was no other Prophet or intercessor on the earth save the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and no Book save the Holy Qur'an. Thus, he enjoined to love the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) so that salvation is attained

He also said that it should be remembered that salvation is not something which will manifest after death; rather, true salvation is that which shows its light in this very life. Salvation is given to one who believes that God is Truth and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is an intercessor between God and the rest of the creation

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Hudhur (aba) prayed that may we, our offspring and our future generations till the Day of Judgement - who will accept the Muhammadan Messiah - have true love for the Holy Qur'an and practice its teachings and each moment attain the blessings of its beneficence

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