

Companions' ardent love for the Promised Messiah (as)

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SUMMARY



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It is essential because in this age he alone is the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)



Hudhur (aba) related many faith-inspiring incidences involving young, old, boys, girls, poor and rich highlighting their dedication to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih prayed that may we too be enabled to pay the dues of Bai'at and continue to strengthen our love and devotional bond with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

In his Friday Sermon today Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih related accounts of some companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which highlight their ardent love for him.

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- It is essential because in this age
- he alone is the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)
 - who, in accordance to the prophecy of the Prophet (pbuh) brought back faith from the Pleiades
 - he removed harmful innovations in religion
 - he once again presented the pristine teaching of Islam.

He thus identified the true station of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and connected man with God.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

'I know from my veritable and complete knowledge that neither can any man reach God without following the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) nor can he receive perfect spiritual knowledge.'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that when man loves God in the true sense, God too loves that person. Acceptance is disseminated for that person on the earth and his true love is put in thousands of hearts and he is granted a power of attraction. A light is bestowed to him which always remains with him.

His complete devotion and perfect subservience of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) became the source of his nearness to God. In return, God too deemed it essential that a bond of brotherhood and devotion with him is maintained.

Hadhrat Allah Yar sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

A carpenter by profession, he moved to Qadian due to his devotion to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

- Later when he ran out of money, he was offered some work making parts of beds for the guest house by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) with whatever timber he had

Hadhrat Malik Khan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that he went to Qadian with Sahibzada Abdul Latif shaheed (may Allah be pleased with him) and took Bai'at

- Later, they had spent a couple of days in Qadian when Sahibzada shaheed told him to return home, lest the rulers of Khost harassed him

Malik sahib says Sahibzada shaheed used to say that with the grace of God alone, he had not met a greater scholar than himself and that if he were to meet one, he would kiss his feet

Malik sahib says after taking Bai'at he saw with his own eyes Sahibzada shaheed kissing the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) blessed feet.

Hadhrat Maulwi Sakandar Ali sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)



He remembers the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) saying that those who could not give up small things such as smoking etc., abandoning which would not upset anyone, how could they possibly give up bigger matters which would make their near and dear turn against them



Maulwi sahib writes that at the time he used to smoke the Hookah but instantly resolved to give it up

It was the love and devotion of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which made it possible for him to give it up

Hadhrat Shukr Elahi Ahmadi sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)



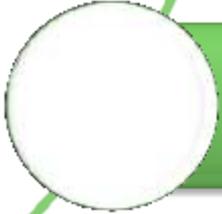
He was twelve or thirteen years old when he saw the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to come to attend a court case at a nearby place to where his school was.



He would be astonished at one of the companions who had a large fan in his right hand and would fan the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) with it with great vigour, as if it was run on electricity.



As a child he wondered at the magical way the companion devotedly fanned the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) with one hand



He writes that he now realises that it was the ardent love of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which made the companion serve him as he did.

Hadhrat Madad Khan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He initially went to Qadian to see the Promised Messiah before joining army as a junior commissioned officer

When he saw the blessed face of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) he instantly felt that even if the entire state of Kashmir was given to him, he would not leave Qadian

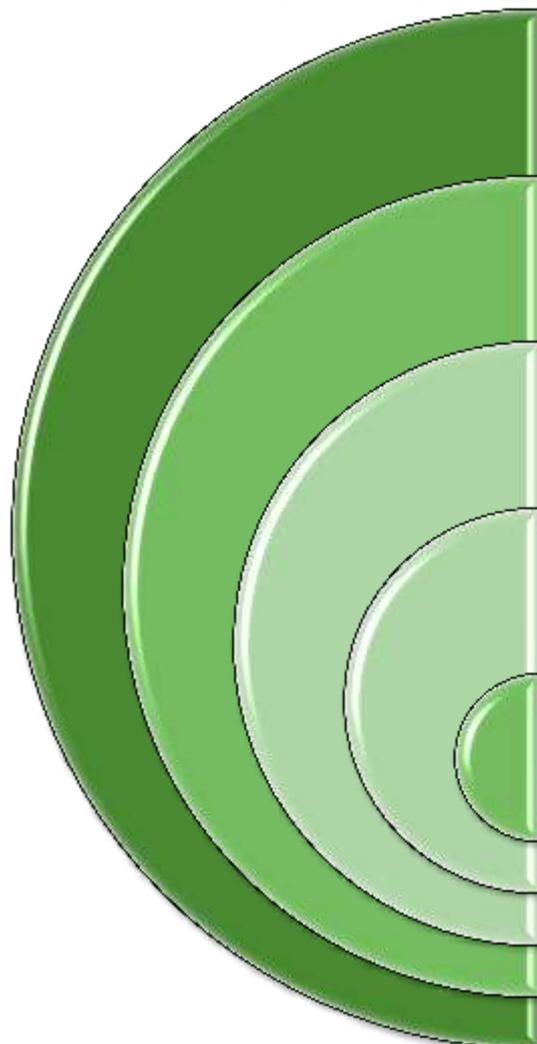
He forgot everything else and felt that even if he was paid a salary of thousand rupees 'outside' but did not see the spiritual luminous face, it would not be worthwhile

He thought if he met his death while in Qadian the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) would lead his funeral Prayer and he would thus gain his objective

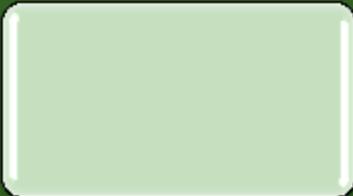
He wrote a letter to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) everyday and this practice was commended by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that he prayed for Khan sahib and would also do so in future.

Hadhrat Muhammad Ismail sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

	<p>He relates that he was twenty years old when the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came to Gurdaspur for the hearing of a court case</p>
	<p>Ismail sahib went along and saw that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had arrived and his own father was among the people around him)</p>
	<p>Ismail sahib started fanning the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) with a fan</p>
	<p>The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) smiled, looked at Ismail sahib's father and said 'Mian Ismael has also partaken of sawab/thawab'</p>
	<p>Ismail sahib relates that each time he recalls that incident, he feels elated</p>

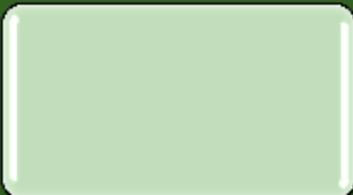
Hadhrat Sheikh Asghar Ali sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)



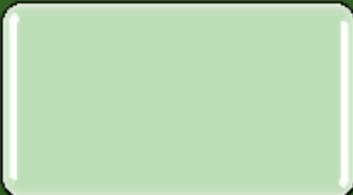
He writes that generally when visiting friends sought permission to leave Qadian, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to advise them to visit frequently



At other times, where he felt people could stay on, he used to ask them to stay for few more days



Every visitor left Qadian after seeking permission to go and having shook hands with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



At times the turn to shake hand would come quite late and there would be a chance to miss the train but that did not happen. With the grace of Allah, many a time the train would be late

Hadhrat Master Nazir Hussein sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He writes that it was his routine that whenever he had the opportunity to be in the blessed company of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace),

He would keep a notebook and pencil with him to note down matters that should be acted upon and other beneficial things.

Once Hadhrat Maulana Nur ud din (may Allah be pleased with him) was invited by the Nawab sahib to accompany him to treat a couple of workers outside Qadian



Hadhrat Maulana Nur ud din (may Allah be pleased with him) told him that his life was not his own, that he had a master who should be asked



When asked the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that there was no doubt that if he put 'Maulwi sahib' in fire, he would accept it and if he was put under water, he would accept it, but he was much needed in Qadian where he treated the underprivileged and if the nawab needed his treatment he had to stay on

Hadhrat Allah Ditta sahib (may Allah be pleased with him):

Hadhrat Maulana Nur ud din (may Allah be pleased with him) was most pleased to hear what the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had said about him. He said he was so happy that he could not speak that his master thought of him in those terms.

Hadhrat Master Maula Bakhsh sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that once
he came to visit
Qadian in seasonal
holidays

On his way out he
did not want to go
and sat in a field and
sobbed and cried

He then returned to
Qadian and returned
after his seasonal
holidays were over

He relates that he went to Qadian with his father in 1899. As soon as the carriage stopped in front of the guest house his father leapt out of the carriage and went inside to see the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

His father requested for Monib Sahib's Bai'at so that he could be included in prayers

Mohib sahib relates he took Bai'at after Maghrib and it was then that he realised why his father had leapt out of the carriage the other day

Hadhrat Maulwi Mohib sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

It was indeed his ardent love for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that had spurred him



He relates that once his four year old son insisted that he wanted to hug the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Such was his persistence that the next morning Musa sahib travelled with the little boy via train to Qadian

Once there a message was sent to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that the child wanted to hug him

When the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) emerged the child hugged his legs and said in the colloquial speech that he felt relieved/comforted

adhrat Haji Musa sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Hadhrat Abdul Ghaffarsahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that once when he was at the clinic of Hadhrat Maulana Nur ud din with his father, he saw the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) come out in the Ahmadiyya chowk [village square].

They went up to him and shook his hand

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) engagingly asked Ghaffar sahib's father to relate something about Amritsar.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that day only Ghaffar shaib's father would talk.

As they walked, someone told Ghaffer sahib's father to stop talking, but the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, 'today only Ghulam Rasool will talk and no one else will talk.'

Hadhrat Sheikh Zainul Abideen sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that his brother who was a student of class/grade 8 fell ill. When all hope for his recovery was lost the family took him to Qadian

While Zainul Abideen sahib's brother was in Qadian, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) received revelation that the boy would not survive. Arrangements were made to take him home

The boy refused to go and said he wanted to be near the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). When the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was told about this, he smiled and said that was fine, he could stay

One evening he came home and told his mother that the lamp was about to be extinguished. His mother embraced him and he passed away while he hugged his mother. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) led the funeral Prayer

He relates how when the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once visited Jhelum to attend a famous court case multitudes of people gathered to see him and how fervently they all wanted to get a glimpse of him

The police and the crowd were eventually settled.

Mian sahib relates that their main concern was that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) reached his place of residence safely.

Hadhrat Mian Abdur Razaq sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Hadhrat Mian Wazir Muhammad Khan sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that when he first set eyes on the blessed face of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) his senses were dazed

He offered his Salat at Jummah near the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and noticed that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had given him an attentive look

This moved him so much that he cried profusely during Salat as well as afterwards

Hadhrat Dr Ghulam Ghaus sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Once he lost his cap on his way to Amritsar to fetch some ice

Some time after that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave him a cap, along with a very fine woollen coat and footwear. He used the coat and the cap but gave the footwear to his father

On his way home someone said to him that the cap looked a little used and they would get him a new cap from Amritsar

Mir Mehdi sahib replied that a cap like the one he had on could not be found in the heavens or the earth because it had been on the head of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for a couple of years

He relates that he may have met the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) around sixty to seventy times

He says every time as soon as he met the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) he used to take his turban off and rub the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) both hands on his head and until such time that he stopped, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) did not ever release his hands

Aziz sahib wrote that as a result he was 81 years old and had never been ill

Hadhrat Maulwi Aziz Dinsahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

Hadhrat Sheikh Muhammad Ismail sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that when the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) stayed on after finishing Salat in Masjid Mubarak everyone would be elated.

They eagerly looked forward to listening to matters of spiritual knowledge which would remove corruptions of their hearts.

He relates that they would look eagerly and keenly at the blessed face of their beloved master so that they would understand very well what he spoke.

They never tired of listening to him and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) did not ever stop them from asking.

Hadhrat Hadhrat Chiragh Bibi sahiba (may Allah be pleased with her)

Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was out for a walk in a garden and as a child she followed him around

Out of her love for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) she would put her foot in exactly the footstep of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

She relates that she knew there was blessing in doing so'

Hearing the sound of her footsteps, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) turned and looked at her and then resumed his walk.

Hadhrat Muhammad Zahoor ud din sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates the feeling of devastation at learning the news of the demise of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace); even in this state of sadness non-Ahmadi Muslims mocked them



When Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) was elected they sent their letters of Bai'at and later attended the Jalsa Salana



The place which was once graced by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) looked vacant and this saddened them



At the Jalsa Mian Mahmood (may Allah be pleased with him) made a speech in which he said that the tears of the Israelites shed due to the oppression of the Pharaoh became the river which drowned the Pharaoh. This speech left everyone in an entranced state

Hadhrat Sheikh Muhammad Ismail sahib (may Allah be pleased with him)

He relates that while offering Salat in Masjid Mubarak one is spiritually moved with love and fear of God

One forgot all one's problems just by looking at the 'light of God' and while in his company it appeared as if they were in paradise

He relates that so filled were they with the love of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that as youngsters after offering one Salat they would eagerly anticipate the next Salat and hoped that they would get a place on his left hand side during Salat and could be near him



Hudhur (aba) prayed

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih prayed that may we too be enabled to pay the dues of Bai'at and continue to strengthen our love and devotional bond with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) so that we may be completely subservient to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and thus attain God's love.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih announced that he would lead funeral Prayers in absentia of two esteemed ladies from Qadian

Rasheeda Begum sahiba was 85 years old, she was the wife of a dervish of Qadian and a daughter of a companion of the Promised Messiah. She had served as Sadr Lajna India for six years, she leaves behind three sons, one of her sons had passed away

Nazar un Nisa sahiba was 75 years old and was a Moosia. She leaves behind three sons who are all Waaqfeen e Zindagi

May God elevate the station of the deceased and may He enable their children to walk in their footsteps.