

# WAYS TO GARDENS OF PARADISE

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# SUMMARY



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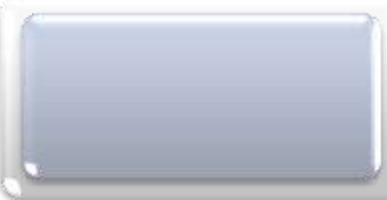
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These Jalsas are a source of receiving many blessings in the life of an Ahmadi Muslim, because it is an auspicious occasion held solely for the masses to congregate for religious purposes



where individuals are enabled to remember Allah, to be in the company of those who remember Allah, and to gain His favours

## Jalsa Salana Canada

The Holy Prophet (saw) said: Strive to walk in the gardens of Paradise. When the companions asked him to elaborate on this concept, Hadhrat Muhammad (saw) said that congregations held to remember Allah are such gardens indeed.

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# Jalsa; Gardens of Paradise

The inauguration of Jalsas by the Promised Messiah (as) has given us the opportunity to achieve this goal: to roam among the gardens of Paradise



The Promised Messiah (as) felt a great deal of pain towards the members of his Jamaat, and used to pray with anguish for them in these words

I pray until I exhale my final breath that may Allah Almighty purify the hearts of the members of my Jamaat and that may He extend the hand of His Mercy so that their hearts turn towards Him and that may He eliminate all malice and evil from their hearts and may He fill their hearts with love and purity. I have firm faith that my prayer will be accepted, and God will not let my prayers go wasted. I also pray that if there is an individual in this Jamaat who does not have the intention of gaining nearness to Allah, then he should be cut asunder from it and in exchange, a pious soul should replace him, whose heart is tender and is inclined towards the Divine

# Importance of Taqwa

The Promised Messiah (as) states: Unless and until our prostrations are filled with complete devotion, our supplications shall bear no fruit. .., physical prostrations are devoid of any reward unless our hearts are filled with Taqwa. The inclination of the heart means that one must fully obey the commandments of God, the bowing of the heart means that one should submit to His will, and the prostration of the heart means that one should abandon his own will to gain the pleasure of God Almighty.

This is the desire of the Promised Messiah (as) to see his followers established on the path of Taqwa, and for this he prayed fervently and profoundly. May Allah enable us to achieve this status

In order to gain the pleasure of Allah Almighty and to become the recipients of the blessings of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (as), each and every Ahmadi should renew his oath with a new energy and vigour that he shall make every effort to increase in his standards of attaining Taqwa

# Importance of Taqwa

Taqwa means that every true Ahmadi Muslim must make every possible effort to stay away from sin and immorality, therefore Allah states that worship performed in its absolute essence will safeguard you from all evil

Let it be clear that worship in its true essence inculcates the fear of Allah in a person's heart, but this fear is due to the love a true worshipper

Allah Almighty states that "I have not created man and jinn, but that they may worship me."



Man has no control over his birth and his death; only God has control over this. Similarly, God is the One Who has set forth the purpose of man's life which is stated above. This is the standard every Ahmadi should strive to attain.

These days, the Western countries have invented many ways to attain worldly pleasures which lead to nothing but debauchery and immorality, which is in turn displayed to the whole world. This debauchery is labelled as fun and pleasure

**They have gone astray and follow their worldly desires**

## Objective of life

The Promised Messiah (as) says that these people have forgotten God and His commandments, and are trying to seek and establish their own purpose and objectives in life. The final abode of these people is Hell

The way to a tragic ending is when man does not follow the commandments of God, and does not worship Him the way He must be worshipped

Man has involved himself in vain and debauched activities. Pornographic videos are available freely such that man has turned himself into an animal by watching these

Huzoor (aba) said that sometimes he receives complaints that young or middle-aged Ahmadis are also involved in watching such videos or a little less but certainly futile movies

## Admonition

Huzoor (aba) admonished all Jamaat members to be fearful of Allah Almighty who has made it clear that such people who have gone astray shall be Hell-bound

Huzoor (aba) addressed the youth as well, saying that sometimes, they are not familiar with the rules of Jamaat or cannot distinguish between right and wrong



Therefore, they must also refrain from developing friendships with such individuals who are involved in debauchery and immoral acts, which can be addictive once started

## Youth and good company

Sometimes it is the small wrongdoings that take a person to bigger evils

The Promised Messiah (as) says that God says that many men were created to become the fuel for Hell; however, this Hell was created by the hands of these people themselves. They are invited to Paradise with clean and pure hearts, but they do not pay heed. Many think they are very smart and try to establish their own path to 'Paradise', but they reach nowhere except Hell. For such people, this world will also be Hellish and their final destination will also be Hell

# Be righteous so you are saved

The Promised Messiah (as) says that prevention from evil is the best way to protect oneself from that evil. Allah Almighty will reward us for the smallest of our actions that are undertaken in order to gain His pleasure. The highest in stature is not one who has attained worldly luxuries, but one who has gained in righteousness.

He added that salvation is not dependent on one's nation, nor on wealth, but Allah Almighty looks at your actions.

The Promised Messiah (as) has warned in strong words saying that in the eyes of Allah Almighty, the only respectable person is the one who is righteous. God will save only the righteous. This is a delicate stance and a person who is righteous cannot be at the same place as a person who is impure.

Allah Almighty will save the righteous and destroy the malicious. Only God knows who is righteous, therefore one must be fearfully aware of this fact. Fortunate is the one who is righteous and unfortunate is the cursed one.

# Blessings of Jalsa Salana

Huzoor (aba) said that the environment that is created during the Jalsa provides us with a unique opportunity to ensure that we take the steps in the direction of safeguarding ourselves from all types of immoralities and evil inclinations

Jalsa gives us the opportunity to partake in righteous acts that lead us to the pleasure of God and His favours

Every Ahmadi Muslim should benefit during the days of Jalsa and the upcoming month of Ramadan

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