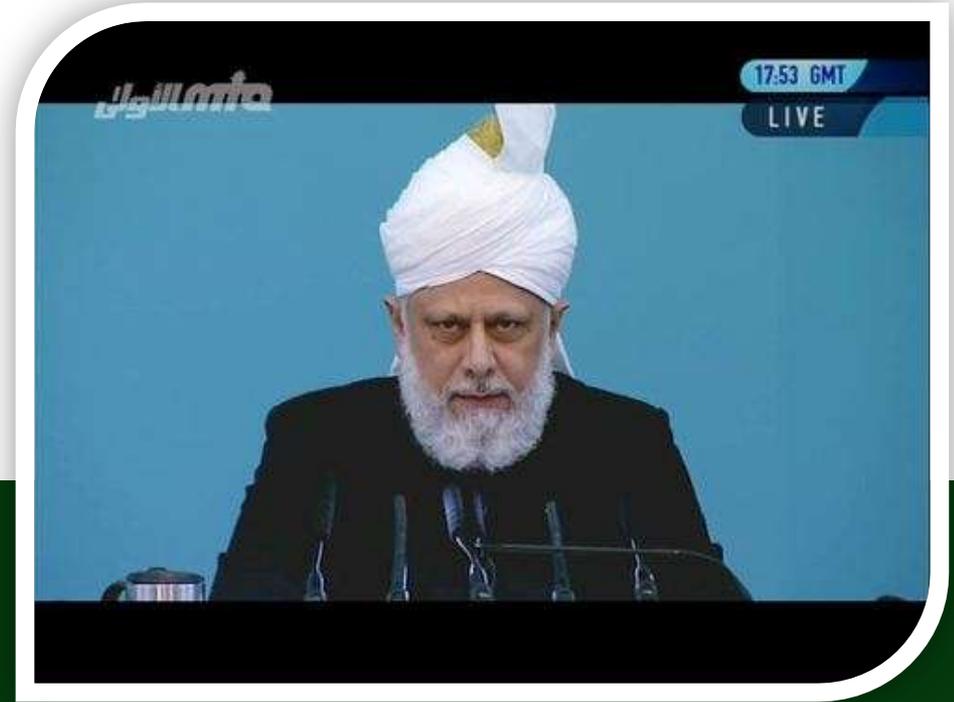


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**TRUE  
GRATITUDE**

**Friday Sermon July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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# SUMMARY



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After reciting Surah Al Fatihah, Huzoor (aba) said that after the occasion of Jalsa Salana, he generally gives his feedback on the event during the sermon

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Huzoor (aba) said that in these instances, he not only gets a chance to directly address Jamaat members, he also has the unique opportunity to gain first-hand information about specific issues, and the moral and spiritual standing of Jamaat during his meetings



which then assist him in imparting specific instructions to guide Jamaat members

Each and every Ahmadi Muslim should be extremely grateful to God Almighty for enabling him/her to participate in the Jalsa Salana, which was such a blessed and auspicious occasion

# Gratitude

As a believer delves deeper into the topic of gratitude towards Allah, he becomes a recipient of even greater blessings from Allah Almighty

And remember also the time when your Lord declared, 'If you are grateful, I will, surely, bestow more favours on you.' (14:8)

Therefore, Allah Almighty increases His favours upon those who are grateful to Him

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# Gratitude and blessings

every Ahmadi must remember that his/her gratitude will only be meaningful if the intention and the objective is to gain the pleasure and nearness of Allah Almighty and to this end, he/she brings about a pure transformation within him/herself by following the model of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw).



It is narrated in the traditions that the Holy Prophet (saw) would enumerate all of the day's blessings of God before going to sleep at night and would thank Allah Almighty for all His favours and would praise the Lord, Who bestowed upon him His Grace and Beneficence and granted him the bounties of life.



His feet would swell during his worship of The Divine. When he was asked why he bore such burden, he would respond by saying should he not be grateful to Allah for all His favours?



**We should thus follow his model.**

Say, 'If you love Allah,  
follow me: then will Allah  
love you and forgive you  
your faults. And Allah is  
Most Forgiving, Merciful.'  
(3:32)

This is the way to attain God's love, which in turn  
reaps further rewards

The Holy Prophet (saw) was not grateful for worldly  
blessings alone, he would express his gratitude for  
shelter against difficulties and trials, to the extent  
that he was thankful in the most trivial matters as  
well

**We must also emulate his example and  
incorporate these standards of gratitude in our  
lives**

## Gratitude; the holy model

His blessings upon these people, so it is in favour of man himself to be  
grateful to God

“And whosoever is grateful is grateful for the good of his own soul; but whosoever is ungrateful, truly my Lord is Self- Sufficient, Generous.” (27:41)

to make efforts to gain that Love, to affirm that every blessing in his life is from God indeed,

to declare, with words from the tongue, the praise and glory of The Lord,

Gratitude is that a person's entire existence should prostrate before God in humility and express his Love for Divine,

and to utilize His gifts such that they become a source of gaining God's pleasure

**What is gratitude?**

# True gratitude

True gratitude can  
only come with true  
worship

there is a dire need to  
raise the standards of  
worship and rectify  
certain moral  
weaknesses

the true expression of  
gratitude will only  
happen when they  
bring about a  
complete  
transformation in their  
lives

May Allah Almighty enable every Ahmadi to  
achieve these standards of gratitude to  
The Divine, Ameen.

# Gratitude and bounties of Allah

Try to analyse yourself, examine your situation, look closely at your household and assess how you can improve the standards of gratitude towards Allah



The day that we start practicing what we preach at every level and make it a source of Allah's pleasure, we shall truly have implemented the profoundly significant expression of gratitude to Allah Almighty



and the infinite bounties and favours of Allah shall descend continuously, in worldly and spiritual context

Huzoor (aba) then moved on to the topic of expression of gratitude to Allah that concerns him

Huzoor (aba) said that he witnessed this expression of extreme love and devotion in the USA and is witnessing it here in Canada as well, from children and adults alike, from men and women alike, from the youth and elderly alike

Huzoor (aba) thanked all the volunteers and participants of Jalsa Salana USA and Canada who fulfilled their duties with a sense of extreme responsibility

We should pray for these volunteers that may Allah Almighty grant them a sense of contentment such that they find even more satisfaction in the service of their faith, Ameen

# Gratitude and worship

Huzoor (aba) again reminded all the Jamaat members that this expression of devotion can only be meaningful if these Jamaat members prostrate towards Allah in complete submission and praise Him for His favours bestowed on



The culmination of this topic of gratitude towards Allah is that the Khalifatul Massih and the Jamaat members become true worshippers of Allah and become grateful to Him as it behoves to do so



Huzoor (aba) gave an example of how a hurricane caused electricity blackouts in the vicinity of Masjid Bait-ur-Rehman during his tour (he was in Harrisburg at the time) and there was no back-up system in place to overcome this shortage



Huzoor (aba) suggested the prearrangement of generators that can quickly provide electricity, and water should also be made available

# Gratitude; Canada Jama'at

Turning his attention towards the Canada Jalsa, Huzoor (aba) again reminded all Jamaat members, not only in Canada, but across the globe, to be grateful to Allah Almighty and strengthen this bond

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Secondly, the expression of love and devotion from Jamaat members are manifest indeed

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Canada Jamaat is larger in number and is blessed with a unique atmosphere and ambience in the Peace village, with a mosque nearby.

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But to truly benefit from this unique combination of elements, one must put forth the topic of gratitude before him

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Our moral and spiritual standards are not founded on worldly regulations but those of God. Thus, we must implement Quranic teachings in our lives

Huzoor (aba) said that he has received a number of letters from the youth about how they have felt an inner transformation



Some girls have adopted the hijab/coat, others have written about their other changes



This is the intention that Allah will accept, and may He enable all these youngsters to become the best possible Ahmadis

## Gratitude and worship

This again takes us to the topic of gratitude because it is God alone Who can bring about a change within a person, therefore all those who have experienced these transformations should make them permanent, seek God's help and guidance

Huzoor (aba) instructed the organizers to enumerate the weaknesses in the red book and try to find solutions to these weaknesses when making arrangements for next year's Jalsa

Huzoor (aba) recommended a thorough investigation as to why this technical difficulty arises every year. His own observation is that perhaps certain organizational departments are not cooperating and coordinating one with the other

To the younger generation, Huzoor (aba) advises that they should keep a close eye on their positive and good actions, and to ignore their weaknesses.

## THE RED BOOK

Every Ahmadi should keep in mind that his / her action or words should always have the purpose of propagation of Islam Ahmadiyyat as a motive

In the end, Huzoor (aba) once again touched upon the topic of gratitude, saying that in a way, the lighting of the households, the atmosphere around the mosque area, the spirit of volunteerism are all aspects of gratefulness, but these are temporary

However this gratefulness needs to be permanent and each Ahmadi must remain always ready to say “labaik” to the instructions of Huzoor (aba).

## Gratitude and obedience

Huzoor (aba) prayed for the members of the jamaat in the end

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