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Summary




The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, 'Only that person is good and pious in reality, who proves to be so in the sight of Allah the Exalted'.




The virtuous deeds of human beings are rejected by Allah if these are tainted with social evils and are not carried out with the pure intention to please God



Salvation lies in following the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) with humility and safeguarding oneself from pride in good deeds.



May our actions never be those, which due to adulteration of worldliness are rejected by God!



Another martyrdom in Pakistan and funeral prayers in absentia

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

'Every person should fear God. Fear of God would make him do many virtues.'

He also said: 'In reality only that person is good and pious who proves to be good when scrutinised by Allah the Exalted.

Many people deceive themselves and consider themselves pious, however only he is righteous in the real sense who is deemed righteous in the office of Allah the Exalted.'

If we are mindful of this important advice, we would rightfully pay our dues to Allah the Exalted as well as our dues to mankind.

Deeds done for pretence and ostentation are not accepted by Allah.

Only worshipping God without fulfilling the rights of mankind does not gain acceptance by God and cannot attain His pleasure.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih narrated a lengthy Hadith in which the Holy Prophet (pbuh) counselled Hazrat Mu'adh (may Allah be pleased with him).

He said: 'O Mu'adh I shall tell you something which will benefit you if you remember it and if you forget it, you will not attain God's grace and you will have no reasoning as assurance for salvation.

Allah the Exalted created seven attendant angels before He created seven heavens and the Earth and placed one angel as attendant of each heaven. They were told to remain in position and only permit those actions to go through which were allowed by God.

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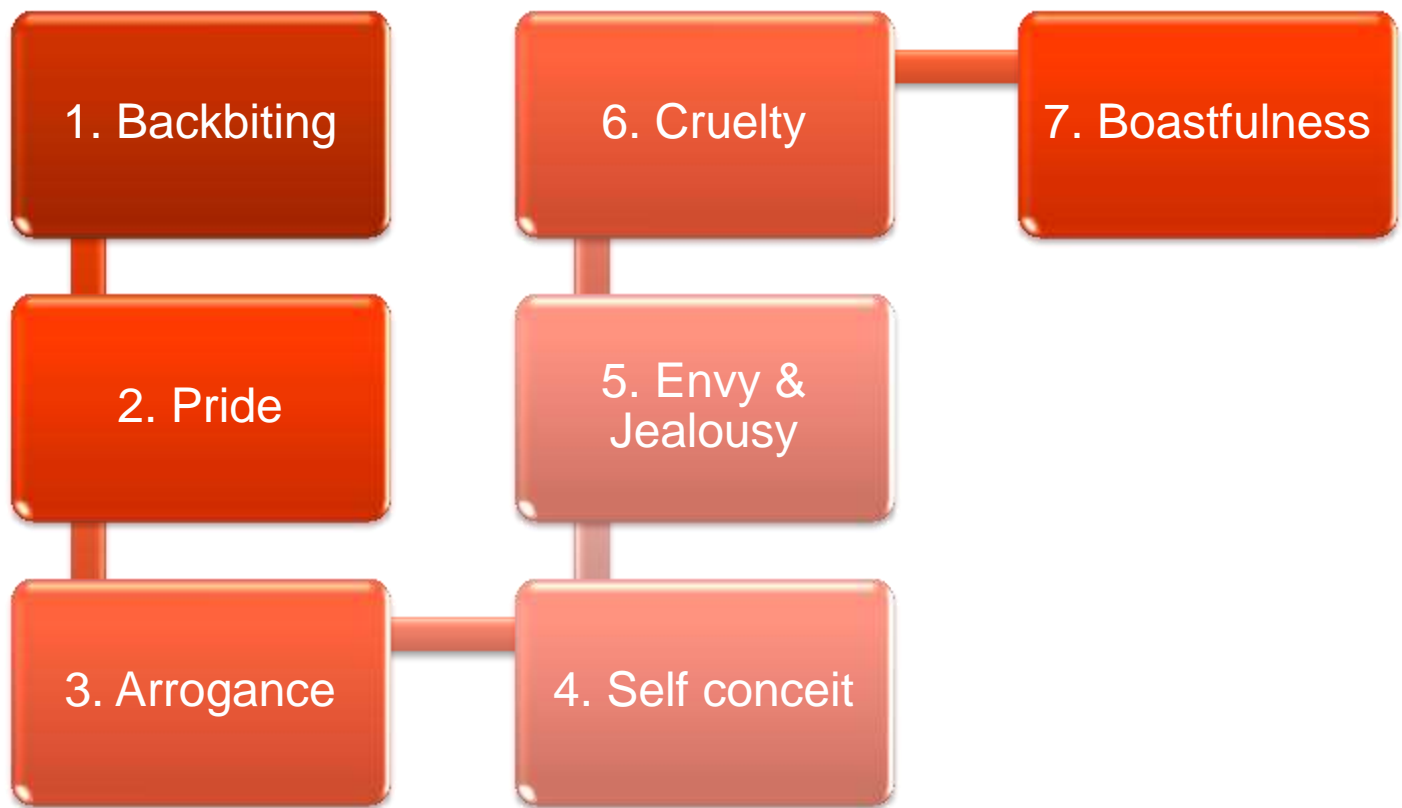
In this long tradition, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) related that the good deeds of people were rejected by these guard angels at various levels of Heaven, because these deeds were adulterated by the following weaknesses

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One person's deeds passed all seven Heavens and angels said to God, we cannot find any fault in these deeds'.

Looking at those deeds, God said to the angels, 'You can only see the apparent actions of man and I can see what is in the heart of my servant.

This person did not do these actions with the sole objective to seek my pleasure. Rather, his intent and objective was to please someone else!

God said, 'My curse be on him.'

On this all the angels cried out, 'Your curse and our curse be on him.'

The seven heavens and all creation living in them started cursing him.

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Hearing this counsel and advice of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) Hazrat Mu'adh's heart trembled and he asked: 'O Prophet of God, if this is how actions are, how salvation can be attained and how can I be saved from the wrath of my God?'

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) replied:

Follow my Sunnah and have belief that no matter how good the deeds of a servant of God, he has some flaws, therefore do not be gratified by your actions.

Rather, have belief that our God and Lord forgives His servants in spite of their weaknesses'

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- 'And look, take care of your tongue/speech and do not hurt anyone with your tongue
- Do not consider you have more righteousness than others and do not show off your good deeds.
- Do not adulterate the actions that you do for the pleasure of God and to benefit you in the Hereafter with worldliness.
- Do not create chaos and disorder among people and do not tear them apart.
- Do not present your actions hypocritically before the world.'

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One is truly enabled to do virtues which gain acceptance by God when one follows the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to the core.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) supplicated with great pathos, he helped everyone, he was compassionate, caring and kind.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was gracious, selflessly served others and fulfilled the rights of Allah and His creations

We have to analyse ourselves in light of this role model and turn to God so that out of His beneficence God makes good shortcomings in our deeds and intentions

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We should pray that may God enable us to do deeds to gain His pleasure and these deeds are accepted utterly out of His grace.

May our actions never be those, which due to adulteration of worldliness are rejected by God!

We should pray that may we attain God's paradise in this world and the Hereafter. May God accept our prayers merely out of His grace.




**Ajaz Ahmad
Kiyani
Sahib**

Ajaz Ahmad Kiyani Sahib was martyred in Orangi Town, Karachi on 18 September.

He was a victim of target shooting; he was shot in head, arm and chest.

He was 29 years of age, kind, caring, affectionate and very respectful to his mother.

He leaves behind his widow, a four and a half years old daughter and one and a half years old son.

Last month his brother-in-law Zahoor Ahmad Kiyani Sahib was martyred in the same area of Karachi 

Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat

May God soon bring chastisement of this cruel group! There is a great need for prayers; situation is especially terrible in Karachi but is generally bad in the whole country, including Lahore.

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May God elevate the status of all the deceased and grant steadfastness to all the bereaved, especially the parents of the martyr whose young son has been martyred and God be the Protector of his young children and keep them in His refuge!

Abdul Momin Sahib Dervish was a dervish of Qadian who passed away on 11 September. He was 97 years old. He was a very devout person who was keen on Tabligh. He also served as a missionary in rural areas. In spite of his weak health in later years he used to offer Salat in congregation. He was a Moosi.

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Sheikh Rehmatullah Sahib passed away on 12 September after brief illness at the age of 94. He had accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1943 at the age of 24. He worked in Delhi and later Lahore. He then relocated to Karachi and worked with Chaudhry Shahnawaz Sahib in pharmaceutical import. In 1950 with the help of Chaudhry Shahnawaz sahib he started his own business which was greatly blessed by God. Although he was educated to matriculation level everyone thought he was very highly educated.

Sheikh Rehmatullah sahib became Naib Ameer Karachi Jamaat under Chaudhary Abdullah Khan sahib in 1950. During the riots of 1953 Khalifatul Masih II (May Allah be pleased with him) appointed him temporarily as the Ameer... Thereafter he continued as the acting Ameer during the illness of Chaudhry Abdullah Khan sahib. After the demise of Chaudhry Abdullah Khan sahib he became the Ameer of Karachi and continued as Ameer till 1964. It is written in the history of our Karachi Jamaat that during the riots of 1953 since there was a concern that Rabwah may be shut down, Khalifatul Masih II formed a separate Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya in Karachi. Sheikh Rehmatullah sahib was appointed as the Nazir-e-Ala of this. He was also a member of the Nigran Board that was formed during the long illness of Khalifatul Masih II (May Allah be pleased with him).

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He had a great attachment to Khilafat and had developed a distinct connection with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V during his Khilafat and was very sensitive and thoughtful about any trouble Huzoor may experience. He was a very forthright and honest person who was prayerful and keen in giving. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and helped anyone who was in need. Owing to his wide social standing he used to also do a lot of Tabligh.

One of his sons Nasim Rehmatullah Sahib has been Sadr of Cleveland Jama'at as well as Naib Ameer USA for a long time. He also serves as the Chairman of Jama'at website alislam.org. His other son Sheikh Rehmatullah Sahib is Naib Ameer of Faisalabad and also Sadr of the Mashawerti Board. One of his daughters Jameela Rehmani Sahiba has served Lajna in the UK. Ghulam Rehmani Sahib served as secretary Wasaya for a long period here in the UK. His younger daughter Nudrat Malik Sahiba served as Sadr of Columbus and regional Sadr of East Midwest in the USA.

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