

STRIVE TO FULFIL THE CONDITIONS OF BAI'AT



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Summary

In his sermon from Melbourne, Australia, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) encouraged Ahmadis to strive to fulfil the conditions of Bai'at

The purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) is to instil Taqwa in people's heart.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that we need to self-analyse; do we give preference to worldly rituals over faith?

We should try and attain the standard that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) expected of us.

Huzoor (aba) related some faith-inspiring incidences of new and established Ahmadis

We need to particularly self-analyse and adapt our lives according to the pleasure of God. May God enable us to do so!

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Delivering his Friday sermon from Melbourne, Australia, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih related that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

‘I was sent to strengthen faith and prove the existence of God to people because the spiritual state of every nation has greatly weakened and the Hereafter is considered mere fables. ... Tongues utter a lot but hearts are overcome by love of the world.’

‘.. I have been sent so that the age of truth and belief returns and Taqwa (righteousness) is instilled in hearts. These matters are the ultimate cause of my being. I have been told that having become distant, the heavens will come closer to the Earth once again.’

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that those of us who claim to be in the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah need to self-analyse if we are fulfilling the objective of his advent.

He said that he had come to strengthen faith, ... faith is strengthened by perfect belief in God

If today we please our worldly masters more than God, then we do not fulfil the objective of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

If after taking Bai'at, we do not give true recognition to the Being of God, then calling ourselves Ahmadi is of no value.

Do we give preference to worldly rituals over faith?

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The Promised
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said: 'There is
verbal professing
deeming God
above all, but
actions show that
hearts are
overwhelmed by
love of the
world.'

Today, love of the world, idle pursuits
and indecency has taken people
away from remembrance of God.

Ahmadiis need to first self-analyse
themselves; whether they are trying
to observe Salat according to the
commandment of God or not.

If not, then they deprive themselves
of the blessings associated with
accepting the Messiah of the time
and ...

...it leaves their claims as mere
verbal professing.

Each Ahmadi needs to analyse if he is fulfilling the covenant of
giving precedence to faith over worldly matters.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) stipulated ten conditions of Bai'at. He said that anyone wishing to be part of his Community should keep a strong bond with him and fulfil the ten conditions.

Many a time the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) advised us stressing the point with great pathos that if those who associate themselves with him do not instil distinct change for the better after becoming Ahmadis, then there is no difference between them and the others.

We should try and attain the standard that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) expected of us.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) thus advised his followers:

The benefit of Bai'at is not ritualistic. Such a Bai'at does not have blessings. One can only attain blessings of Bai'at when one progresses spiritually and connects with love and sincerity to the one whose Bai'at has been taken.. ... Connection of love and sincerity should be developed as much as possible One should swiftly turn to honesty and worship of God and hold oneself accountable from morning till evening!

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said not to assume that God is pleased merely by one taking Bai'at. Taking Bai'at is only the outer shell while the core/kernel is within.

...One should scrutinise oneself whether one is mere shell or is there a kernel within!

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After taking Bai'at

- one should develop one's faith as well as love of God.
- From this love of God, one should develop love of His beloved Prophet (pbuh) and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), Khilafat and love for each other.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that high standard of **obedience** should be attained. Obedience does not mean that while one accepts the decisions of the Khalifa of the time and the administration of the Jama'at which suit one but objects to other decisions that do not suit. If one claims to have taken Bai'at then one should demonstrate perfect obedience. ... Indeed, taking Bai'at signifies selling oneself!

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once advised a friend that change is essential after taking Bai'at and if no change is inculcated then the act is tantamount to deriding Bai'at. In fact only that person takes Bai'at whose previous life goes through a death and who starts a new life after taking Bai'at.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'The reality of Bai'at should be fully understood ... And the reality of Bai'at is that the one who takes Bai'at instils sincere change and fear of God and having recognised the real objective, demonstrates a pure example. Failing this, there is no benefit in taking Bai'at. On the contrary, such a Bai'at would be a greater source of chastisement, because to knowingly disobey after making a covenant is extremely hazardous.'

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**The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also said:
'Taking Bai'at signifies being aware of the reality of
Bai'at.**

**Someone takes Bai'at in person by placing hand over
hand but does not understand its real objective or
does not care. His Bai'at is useless and it has no
significance in God's sight.**

**Another person sitting thousands of miles away takes
Bai'at with sincerity of heart and after accepting the
reality and objectives of Bai'at, he implements what
he has declared, and reforms his practices.**

**This person is a thousand times better than the one
who took Bai'at directly but did not implement it.'**

The purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

One of the conditions of Bai'at is to enter into a bond of devotion with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which is over and above all other worldly bonds.

Huzoor gave faith inspiring examples of dedication of new Ahmadis from Soviet block, when they visited Qadian.

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Some faith-inspiring incidences

To attend Singapore Jalsa, many poor Ahmadis sold their properties to raise travel funds. Their requests for prayers were for their children to stay firm on faith. Their love of Khilafat is intense and it is merely for the sake of Allah.

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Some new Ahmadis gave up their jobs after a long period of unemployment, so that they did not miss out on the blessings of Jalsa Salana

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Some new Ahmadis were miraculously helped by God and granted unexpected income so that they can attend Jalsa

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Huzoor (aba) related a faith-inspiring incidence of a young woman from Switzerland, who had to give up her job because her employers pressurised her to join in mixed swimming sessions as a part of her training. Allah the Exalted helped the young woman and she still managed to complete her course.

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said: ‘Therein is a lesson for our young women/girls that God’s blessings come your way if faith is given precedence over worldly matters.
- It is not essential to adopt everything of here [the West].
- Adopt their good points but avoid their not so good points.

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Girls are not forbidden from swimming, they should definitely swim but not in a mixed situation.

Huzoor (aba) said that my grandmother used to tell me that she was a very good swimmer; this is more than a hundred years ago.

There were no swimming pools in those days and swimming was done in canals, she was a very good upstream swimmer.

Our women should swim but it should be done under 'ladies only' arrangement.

If God's grace is to be had, then all apparent small commandments should be followed.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih gave
the example of an Spanish
Muslim who has stopped
shaking hands with men after
taking Bai'at.

No Ahmadi girl/young woman
should have any complex of
any sort that they cannot
greet men.

When handshake with men
is not allowed then this
commandment should be
followed.

Similarly men should try and
not do handshakes with
women.

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One of the ten conditions of Bai'at is that one will endeavour to benefit mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities and powers.

Ahmadis do this; in Africa Ahmadiyya schools are open to all for education and Ahmadiyya hospitals provide healthcare to all.

These services are acknowledged openly by the leaders of these countries.

We need to particularly self-analyse and adapt our lives according to the pleasure of God. May God enable us to do so!

He said: 'Our purpose is for them [his followers] to be purified and selfless to such an extent that compared to faith they do not consider worldly matters much. And all kinds of negligence which are a source of distance from God are removed.'