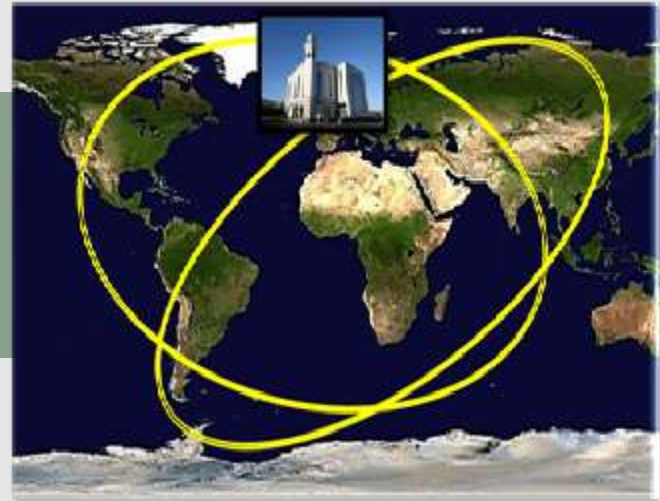


# SEEKING THE PLEASURE OF ALLAH



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# Summary

Allah the Exalted created man so that he may attain knowledge and nearness of God. **'And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me'**.

Hazrat Musleh Maud<sup>ra</sup> has the status of being a promised Khalifa; this is a rare and highly blessed status

Prophets of God come in this world to establish truthfulness and honesty. It is the responsibility of their Companions and future generations to safeguard these, whatever it takes.

A person who does not teach pious morals to his children is not only the enemy of his children, but also the enemy of the Ahmadiyya Muslim mission, the enemy of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and the enemy of Allah the Exalted

May we honour the dues of the trust given to us by our elders, May this trust continued to be honoured generation after generation!



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‘Allah the Exalted created man so that he may attain knowledge and nearness of God. **‘And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me’.** (51:57). How else can be a person treated who does not keep this real purpose in view and is embroiled night and day in worldliness, to acquire such and such land, to build such and such house, to possess such and such property but to be summoned back from this world after a brief respite?’

‘ Man’s heart should have an ache to attain nearness of Allah the Exalted due to which he becomes worthy in the sight of God. If he does not have this ache and is only concerned about the world and all that is in it, he will be killed after a brief respite.’



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**'Regrettably, rather than understand their obligation and keep the purpose and objective of their life in view, after attaining adulthood most people in this world abandon God and turn to the world.'**

**They are so enamoured by the wealth and reputation of the world that they keep a very small measure for Allah the Exalted.**

**They are only engrossed in the world and succumb to it and have no clue that there is also a God.'**



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The essence of worship is to make,  
attaining the pleasure of God as  
one's prime objective.

Even earning one's livelihood  
becomes an act of worship, if done  
according to the commandments of  
God.

If other commandments of God are  
ignored then offering Salat is of no  
use

Lack of absolute truthfulness,  
rancour, malice, jealousy and many  
other ills destroy the essence of  
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After explaining the high status of Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) , Huzoor (aba) said that he will base his sermon on one of the speeches of Hazrat Musleh Muad<sup>ra</sup>.

Hazrat Musleh Maud<sup>ra</sup> said, ‘.. I am not [just] a Khalifa in fact I am a Khalifa who was promised to come. I am not a prophet of God but my voice is the voice of Allah the Exalted because Allah the Exalted informed this through the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). The status of this Khilafat is between the status a prophet of God and Khilafat. This opportunity is such that Jama’at Ahmadiyya cannot be successful, if it does not avail of it.

Just as it is true that Prophets do not come every day, it is also true that a promised Khalifa also does not come every day.’

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**'And I have not created the Jinn  
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That is, humans were created for  
worship or to become servants of  
God.

Many philosophers' question  
whether mankind is really worthy of  
being called servants of God; the  
answer to this is no.

People ask that if there is a Creator  
of mankind why has He not been  
successful in this!

It should be remembered that  
Prophets of God come to answer  
this question



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Prophets generate such a wave of piety in the world that even their detractors acknowledge that the purpose has been fulfilled.



We have convinced the world as regards our creed

there is still need to convince  
the world about Islam in  
practices.

Because without a practical  
model, no one can be  
influenced.



A broad example of [good] practices is that of truthfulness.  
This can be perceived even by the enemy.

Others cannot see sincerity of heart and faith but can  
appreciate truthfulness





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Before he was appointed as the Messiah, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) told the truth even if it meant losing family property and facing the anger of a brother who was also his guardian.

He gave a testimony in the court of law, as a result of which, the judge reallocated the property that had belonged to the family of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. The Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) brother, who had filed the court case, was very angry but the Promised Messiah said that he would adhere to the facts and truths!

Even Non-Ahmadi lawyers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) were impressed by his stance on truth and honesty such Sheikh Hamid Ali Sahib, Lala Bheem Sain Sahib.



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The Promised Messiah ( on whom be peace) adhered to the truth, even when telling the truth would have meant a definite custodial sentence.

...Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) sent a parcel with material for publication to a newspaper and inadvertently put a letter inside containing instructions about the publication.

The case was brought to the court; the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) lawyer advised him to flatly deny putting the letter in the parcel, thus aiding acquittal. However, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, '**how can I deny something I have done?**'

Before the court, the Promised Messiah ( on whom be peace) said that he did indeed put the letter in the parcel as he was not aware that this was against the law; he certainly did not intend to bring monetary loss to the post office.

Such truthfulness was bound to have a positive impact and he was acquitted.



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Prophets of God come in this world to establish truthfulness and honesty which has a high impact

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) did not invent canons and machine guns.

His real heritage was the spirit of truthfulness and high morals.

The responsibility on his Companions, their children and their children's children was to safeguard these high moral values.



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The true followers of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) were always ready to sacrifice all they had in order to defend him and to safeguard his message!

‘During the battle of Uhad, a Companion took stones and arrows directed at the Holy Prophet ( pbuh) on his bare hand and lost the use of his hand as a result. Once someone asked him, did you not wish to scream enduring all that pain; he replied most exquisitely that despite such strong pain, he did not let out the sigh lest his hand might moved letting an arrow might hit the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

Consider this level of sacrifice and think how one screams if one’s finger is hurt; contemplate the pain of the Companion who took arrows and stones on his bare hand!



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At the time of the battle of Uhad, an injured Ansari\*, whose legs and arms had been cut off and was breathing his last breaths, was asked if he had a last message for his friends and family.

The Ansari replied, take my message to my friends and family that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is a valuable trust. As long as we lived, we protected him with our lives and now that we are departing I hope that our children will give sacrifices which are greater than ours to protect this valued trust.

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When the Holy Prophet (pbuh) passed away, the extreme grief provoked a strong response by the Companions; they were unable to believe the news. Hazrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) drew his sword saying he would kill anyone who claimed that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) had passed away...this was an expression of love, but it was against the teaching that the Holy Prophet (pbuh)...

Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him), at this difficult time went to see the holy body of his master and said, '**Allah the Exalted will not bring two deaths on you.**' That is, firstly the physical death and secondly the death of the teaching he had brought.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) .....recited the verse: '**And Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily all Messengers have passed away before him. If then he die or be slain, will you turn back on your heels?**' .....

He reprimanded the grieving crowds by saying, 'O people who among you worships Allah the Exalted should be happy that our God is alive and can never die. But whoever worshipped Muhammad, Prophet of God, may hear that he has passed away'.

This was the expression of truthfulness in extremely difficult circumstances.



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Just before his demise, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) had ordered an expedition to set out to punish rebels in Syria.

After the demise of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), there was news of rebellion all around Arabia. It was suggested to Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) to delay the expedition in order to secure Medinah first.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) replied, **‘does the son of Abu Qahafa have the authority to stop an expedition ordered by the Holy Prophet (pbuh)? ....’**

This demonstrates the ardent love Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) had for the Holy Prophet (pbuh) but as he had attained the station of saying the pure truth, he knew that the greatness of the teaching brought by the Prophet was even higher than this.



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In this age, Allah the Exalted sent the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to bring back the high morals, true love of the Holy Prophet and the Shariah brought by the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

we should be mindful that we have to safeguard all this like the Companions did.



Such a Jama'at/community existed in the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

but the question is, do the future generations have the same fervour?





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It is unimaginable that anyone, who truly understands the value of the teachings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) would deprive their children of this blessing.

**‘And worldly life is nothing  
but a sport and a  
pastime...’ (6:33)**

Would a true believer want  
their children to inherit the  
lands and property of their  
father but not the real legacy,  
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When parents defend their children's wrongful acts, they commit two crimes.

The first crime they commit is as Allah the Exalted stated: '**...save yourselves and your families from a Fire...**' (66:7) but they do not do this

The second crime is that they break the Divine commandment of: '**...but help not one another in sin and transgression...**'.

Once someone asked the Holy Prophet (pbuh) for a concession for a criminal to which he said, 'by God, even if my daughter Fatima steals, she would not be able to avoid punishment'.



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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave us Islam and gave us high morals and told us by example that these can be practised...

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) did not come to give us any property, any worldly governance, he did not invent anything, did not provide us with any luxuries.

All he gave us was truthfulness. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) gave us Islam and gave us high morals and told us by example that these can be practised.

Then, Huzoor (aba) related some faith-inspiring incidences of the companions of the Promised Messiah (as) adhering to truthfulness.



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Syed Hamid Shah Sahib was a very sincere Ahmadi and the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) called him one of his twelve disciples.

Once by accident in a fight, a person was killed at the hands of his son. Shah Sahib said to his son that the punishment of this world is less than the punishment of the Hereafter and advised his son to confess. ...

Although his son confessed his crime, however on cross-examined, the young man's innocence was proven and he was acquitted



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A case was filed against the younger brother of Chaudhary Zafrulla Khan Sahib, who wrote to his brother from London that this was a time of testing of faith. As his older brother he advised him that if he should tell the truth, even if he was guilty. He said that the **the punishment of the Hereafter is harsher than the punishment of this world,**

A friend from Sialkot, who is alive, found out after becoming an Ahmadi that bribery is against the teachings of Islam. He went to every household to return bribes that he had taken. This caused him to be in great debt but he did not care about it. ...



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Dr Martin Clarke filed a criminal case against the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that that Mirza Sahib sent a man to murder him. Maulwi Muhammad Hussain Batalwi was presented as a prosecution witness in this murder trial against the Promised Messaih (as)

...Maulwi Fazl Din Sahib, a lawyer for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wanted to put a question to Maulwi Muhammad Hussain which would have disgraced him, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) stopped him, he said we cannot abide by such questions.

Maulwi Fazl Din Sahib always said that the morals of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) were beyond reproach.

The Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) honour was established through his high morals. He did not even tolerate to disgrace his severe enemy based on factual information,



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‘Remember, a person who does not teach pious morals to his children not only commits enmity against his children, but commits enmity against the mission, enmity against the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and commits enmity against Allah the Exalted.’

‘.... famous saying of Jesus (on whom be peace) is that even if you have an iota of faith in your heart, you can move mountains....even if your sins are as huge as a mountain, ..a little bit of faith can blow away the mountains. ...I

wish to say at this time that friends should reform their own children and other youngsters of the Jama'at. Abandon falsehood, deception, fraud, deceit, back-biting etc. and bad habits, so much so that anyone dealing with you feels that these people are very good...



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Therefore try and pass on all your virtues to your children and they pass them further on and on and thus this trust remains safeguarded for such a long period that we are rewarded for thousands of years for this.

Because the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that a person is rewarded for a virtue which is established through him and he is also rewarded for as long as it remains established in the world and for as many people continue to adopt it. Thus the reward is also great and the trust is also great in itself.'

May God enable us to pay the dues of this trust! May we honour the dues of the trust given to us by our elders and may those who have taken on this trust themselves also honour it. May this trust continued to be honoured generation after generation!