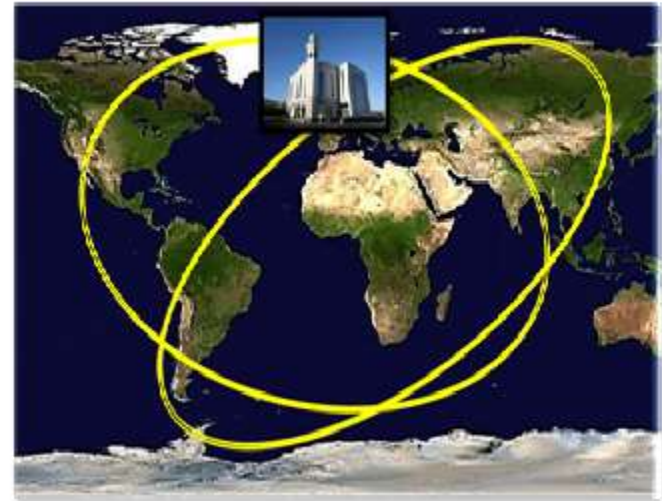


BLESSINGS OF PRAYERS



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Summary

Divine sign of mercy; acceptance of prayers.

Sometimes prayers are accepted straightaway; relief of financial hardship of the companions of the Promised Messiah (as).

Sometimes prayers are accepted in a different way; Two-yellow sheets; a Divine promise of protection from Epilepsy and serious complications of Diabetes.

Sometimes prayers are accepted in a different manner; Maulwi Abdul Karim Sailkoti and Abdur Rahman Sahib.

Sometimes prayers are accepted at their appointed time; Train between Makkah and Medinah.

Divine signs of warnings; death, plague and earthquakes .

Only the righteous can benefit from seeing Divine sign

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Today's Friday sermon was based on saying and writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elucidating signs of acceptance of his prayers and Divine succour in his favour.

- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that once Nawab Ali Muhammad Khan Sahib ended up facing severe financial hardship.
- He asked the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to pray.
 - As a result of his prayers, it was revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that the difficulties will be removed.
- The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) informed Nawab Ali Muhammad Khan Sahib about this letter.

A few days later his difficulties were removed; this sign of acceptance of prayer enhanced Nawab Ali Muhammad Sahib in his faith and dedication to the Promised Messiah.

This dedication was further enhanced, when the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was informed by God about a personal and private matter of Nawab Sahib that no one else knew about. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote him a letter about this and Nawab Sahib further increased in faith.

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Another companion of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), Saith Abdur Rahman Sahib, who was experiencing some business/commercial conflict asked him for prayers.

It was revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that God will resolve Saith Sahib's problems but later established and settled matters may fall into disarray.

This is how it exactly happened, all his problems were solved, he saw huge financial success for a while and then faced hardship again in accordance with the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) revelation.

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It is a Divine prophecy that the Promised Messiah (as) would be clad in two yellow sheets, meaning that he would suffer from two ailments; Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, the Promised Messiah (as) suffered from ailment of severe headache and Diabetes.

‘When the Promised Messiah (as) prayed for the cure of these ailments, he found that prayers was not accepted as that would impact on the Divine sign of “two yellow sheets”.

However, his prayers were accepted in the form that the Promised Messiah (as) was saved from the complications of these ailments i.e. Epilepsy that can be associated with severe headaches and eye complications and carbuncle that can result from Diabetes.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that his sincere companion Maulawi Abdul Karim Sahib died in 1905.

When he fell ill with Carbuncle at the age of 47, the Promised Messiah most earnestly prayed for Maulawi Sahib's health but revelations indicated that he would not get better.

Ultimately it was revealed to Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) via Quranic verses on the lines that no person should be considered indispensable and one should put all one's trust in God.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) understood that Maulawi Sahib's death was certain.

God did not overlook the pain and anguish with which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had prayed for Maulawi Sahib. So when his other companion Abdur Rahman Sahib also fell ill of the same disease, he was cured following prayers of the Promised Messiah.

Indeed, when God does not accept one prayer He accepts another prayer in its place.

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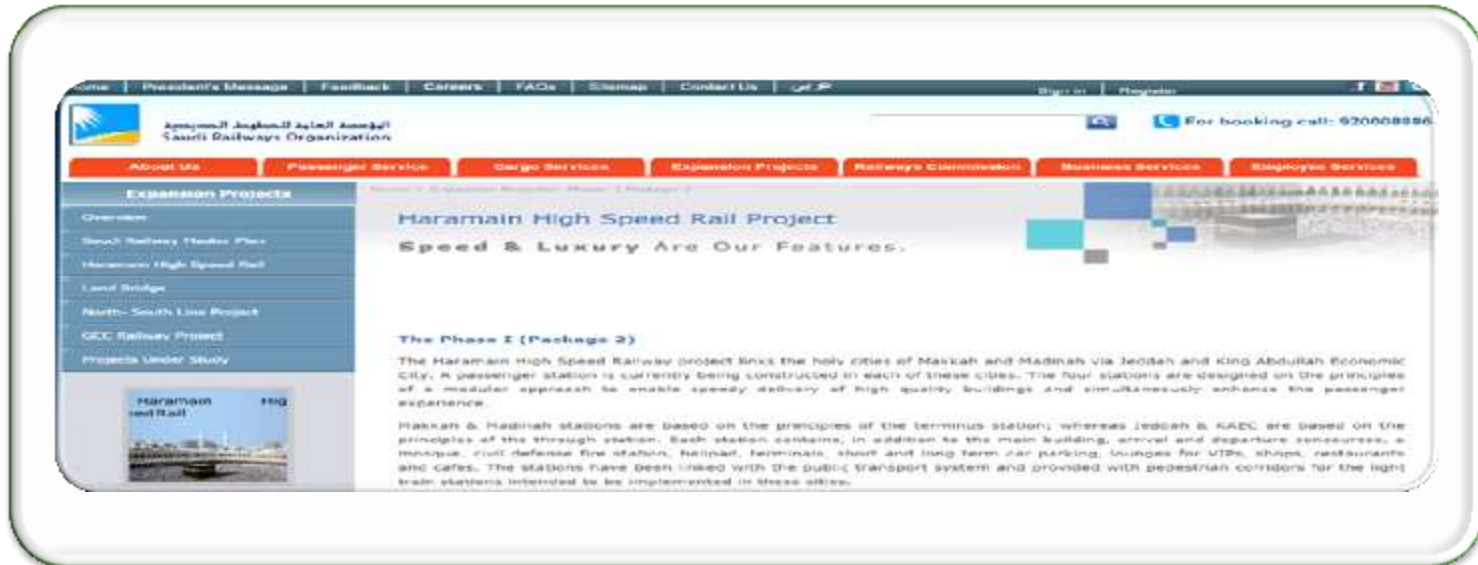
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A specific prophecy of the time of the Promised Messiah was that a new mode of transport will be introduced. The Holy Qur'an mentions that the latter-days will be when she-camels will be obsolete because of other modes of transport.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that people travelled on camel-back during Hajj but soon it will be replaced by railways and trains.

People say that there are no railways in Saudi Arabia. However, a superfast railway project is underway there which is expected to complete by 2015.

Sometimes words of a Prophet take time to materialise
but it happens for certain.

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Abdullah Atham was intensely rude about the blessed person of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and called him Dajjal (Anti-Christ)

At this, the Promised Messiah (as) received a Divine revelation which had two components.

1. If Abdullah Atham continue with this practice, he will die within 15 months
2. 2. If Abdullah Atham abstain from this practice, then he will not die within 15 months.

The condition was him showing remorse for what he had said.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that about sixty to seventy people, half of them Christian and half Muslim, were witness to Abdullah Atham being remorseful over his disrespect towards the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

Hence, he did not die within 15 months.

However, Atham died during the life-time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

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The Promised
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mere fables and
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presented its
miracles which
had been in his
personal
experience

The Promised Messiah (on whom
be peace) said that he had
predicted some terrible calamities
such as epidemics and earthquakes
some twenty five years ago in his
book Barahin e Ahmadiyya. These
all came true. He added that there
are many more epidemics and
calamities to come which will
spread in many countries of the
world and will cause great anxiety.
The Promised Messiah (on whom
be peace) said it is possible that
these calamities are averted in
parts if people fear God.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that God has
willed to revive the world of Islam.

God has appointed a reformer on one hand and has granted
greater knowledge and understanding to people on the other. This
is supported by conclusive heavenly signs.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that when God sends His appointed persons He also sends signs in their favour.

He said hundreds of thousands of people have witnessed his signs and will continue to do so..

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said appearance of a sign was not in his authority or power; it depended on Divine will and grace.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that signs are for the wise to recognise and some unfortunate people may see thousands of signs and still not avail of them.

Indeed, Abu Jahl witnessed countless signs given to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) but none of these sign led Abu Jahl to the right path!

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that God will not abandon this mission and whoever denied him was destined to be disgraced.

Why did people not appreciate that if this mission was man-made, it would have finished a long time ago.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said why people do not realise that God is completely against one who is an imposter/liar!

They do not think that a liar could never have such fortitude and resilience.

They do not realise that only the words of person who has support of God can be so magnificent and tremendous.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that his friends were those who accepted him before witnessing any signs. He said in truth those people accepted him who saw him with deep insight and reflected on his words.

He said only that person is with him who abandons his preference for the sake of Promised Messiah's preference and who makes the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) the arbiter for his personal wishes and follows the path of the Promised Messiah!

He said those who seek signs cannot attain the status of those who recognise the hidden truth!

May God enable the world to have sense and rather than make demands based on their own wishes may they understand the current state of affairs which is crying out for an appointee from God. May they recognise the one God sent so that disorder in the world can come to an end!

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Funeral Prayer in absentia was offered for Ghulam Qadir Sahib, dervish of Qadian who passed away on 12 November 2014 at the age of 90. He was among the original 313 dervishes and is listed as number 181 in Tareekh e Ahmadiyyat. He was a Moosi and leaves behind his widow three sons and five daughters. May God elevate his station in Paradise!

Two other dervishes who passed earlier in the year and whose funeral Prayers in absentia had been offered were also mentioned today. They were: Mirza Muhammad Iqbal Sahib who passed away on 11 June 2014. He was also among the original 313 dervishes. The other dervish was Chaudhry Manzoor Ahmad Sahib Cheema who passed away on 26 July 2014.

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