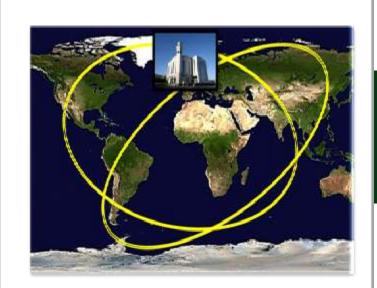
PROMISED MESSIAH (A.S.): THE EXALTED STATUS OF THE PROPHET (SAW)



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relayed live all across the globe

<u>Summary</u>



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Huzoor (aba) read out some excerpts from the writings of the Promised Messiahas to challenge the claim of our opponents.

After Tashahhud, Ta'awwuz, Tasmia and the recitation of Surah al-Fatiha, Huzoor (aba) explained that the government of Punjab has banned some of the magazines and books of our community.

These banned magazines and books cannot be published or displayed.

We must remember that this is nothing new.

These acts have failed to harm us in the past and God willing, these acts will bring no harm to our community in the future.

No human being has the capacity to stop the divine mission of the Promised Messiahas with acts like that.

Nevertheless like always these actions of our opponents should act like a fertiliser to hone our faiths and consolidate our bond with the Promised Messiah^{as}.

If until now we were actively following the books of the Promised Messiahas, we should become focused on reading these now.

Not just the government of Punjab but no other government can put a stop to our mission.

This is because our mission is not a result of human efforts; this is the mission of God.

More we are oppressed; more the blessings of God are boosted for us. God willing, all this will only enhance us.

Therefore, there is no need to worry.

So our job now is to make an effort to attain the maximum benefits from the knowledge given in the writings and the books of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

I have directed that on the MTA we should increase the air time given to the *Dars* on the books of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

Every hindrance and every opposition works for our benefit. It makes us think of new ways and new resources.

An added benefit of this new law will be that God willing, these books and *Dars* will become available in many languages of the world.

Therefore those people who are worried and the write to me I have to say to them that they should not worry at all.

These actions against our literature make it crystal clear once again that our opponents have never attempted to read the literature of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community with an open mind.

Today I will present some excerpts from the writings of the Promised Messiahas to challenge the claim of our opponents that God forbid, the books of the Promised Messiahas contain material against Islam or God forbid demean the true status of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Through these excerpts, I wish to discount the notion of the opponents that the books of the Promised Messiah^{as} contain material which is against the teachings of Islam or contain statements which promote hatred and are offensive.

There is a vast literature in which the Promised Messiah^{as} has written about the true status and majesty of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

The Promised
Messiahas beautifully
explained how to
glorify Allah and
invoke the Durud to
the Holy Prophet
(peace and blessings
of Allah be upon him).

He says, "O my God, I express extreme gratitude that you have explained to us the way to recognise You. You saved us from the mistakes of wisdom and logic by revealing Your holy books. May peace and blessings be on the chief of Prophets, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and on his companions and his family, through him God granted the universe the right path. He was the pious teacher and the benefactor who guided the lost humanity to the right path.

A person's true moral qualities are displayed in the circumstances where he faces trial tribulations or he gains great power; this reveals his true nature.

These moral qualities are manifested at their best in the lives of the prophets of God and His chosen special people.

Amongst these, the highest status amongst the chosen people of God is that of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

The Promised Messiahas writes in a powerful manner about the morals of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

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The good qualities of kindness, large-heartedness, munificence, selflessness, manliness, bravery, chastity, contentment and withdrawal from the world were demonstrated so clearly and brilliantly in the case of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, that, let alone the Masih, there never was a Prophet before him who demonstrated them to such perfection.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also wrote:



'It is my personal experience that to obey the Holy Prophet [peace] and blessings of Allah be on him] with a sincere heart and to love him, ultimately makes a person beloved of God. God creates in his heart a burning for His Own love and such a one, withdrawing his heart from everything else, leans towards God and his affection and desire remain only for God Almighty. ... He then overcomes his passions and from every direction extraordinary works of God Almighty appear as signs in his support and to help him.'

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There is neither a
Prophet
comparable to the
Holy Prophet
(peace and
blessings of Allah
be on him) under
the heavens nor is
there a Book
comparable to the
Holy Qur'an.

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Two funeral Prayers in absentia were announced. Muhammad Musa Sahib, dervish of Qadian, passed away on 10 May at the age of 95. Sahibzadi Amatul Rafiq Sahiba, daughter of Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ismael Sahib, passed away on 6 May at the age of 80.