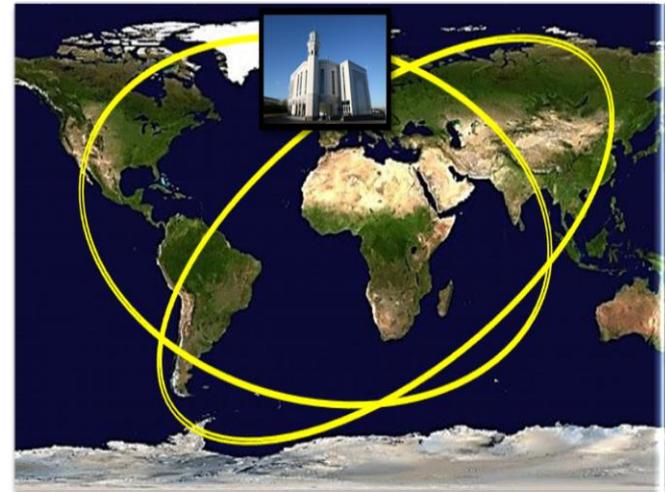


# Khalifatul Masih II: Companions of Promised Messiah (a.s.)



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## Summary



Today's Friday sermon was based on observations of Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) about companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)



We note their intense desire to recognise the truth, to make financial and personal sacrifice and their ardent love and devotion for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).



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God has commanded to cover up with clothes so that mankind may look beautiful



*'you either hold onto someone's cloak or someone's cloak covers you up'* The best scenario is that man becomes God's

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## Hazrat Maulawi Burhan ud Din Dehlvi Sahib

He arrived at Qadian to meet the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), learnt that he was in Gurdaspur, so he travelled there

Hamid Ali Sahib was at the door and did not allow Burhan Sahib to enter but he surreptitiously managed to get to the door. As he slowly opened the door he saw the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) having a brisk walk.

Burhan Sahib realised that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was a truthful person who had to reach a far-off destination and this was the reason for his brisk walk.



Hazrat Musleh Maud observed that Burhan Sahib was an erstwhile Wahhabi and they are known to be harsh. But Burhan Sahib did not seek Quranic proof, or proof from Ahadith



This was a special grace of God on him because there are those who do not accept even after strong arguments and signs

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## Not all Wahhabis are hard-hearted

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said Prophets of God are like rainfall, they have luminosity of a very high degree and are an amalgamation of excellences...it is wicked to consider them the same as ordinary people. Love for Prophets of God and saints increases one's strength of faith.

Wahhabi stance is that after the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) doors to Divine revelations are closed.

They also maintain that, God forbid, saints and Prophets of God do not have any exceptional excellence

Thousands in Africa have been convinced of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and have taken bai'at. They realise that Prophets of God and saints are like rainfall which keeps the earth green and that Divine revelation is necessary for spiritual lushness.

# Hazrat Saith Abdul Rahman Sahib Madrassi

## The companions

The Promised Messiah (as) said that he was extremely sincere and loyal

## Seekers of truth

Saith Sahib was very well off in the early days and used to make huge financial sacrifice and sent rupee 300-500 every month

## Sacrifices and trials

He made some bad business decision which resulted in ruination of his business. The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had a revelation about him: 'Almighty is He. He sets right a ruined project and breaks up a running one. None has access to His secret.' (Tadhkirah, p. 424).

A few years later, Saith Sahib's business took off once again but then it nose-dived yet again. So much so that he did not even have enough for basic needs.

## Devotion

## Certain days

## Clothes and beauty

## Love of Allah

Seeing his predicament a friend gave him two or three thousand rupees from which Saith Sahib sent 500 and explained that he had not been able to send chanda (donation) for a long period but now his sense of honour could not tolerate not sending some for the cause of faith.

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Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) received a money order from a non-Ahmadi.

He wrote that Saith Sahib was his friend whom he considered to be a holy person and was devoted to him.

He had seen him sad and on asking was told that when he had money he used to send it regularly to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) for the cause of faith but could not do so any more.

This had moved him and he had decided to send rupee 200 to 300 every month

Once Saith Sahib sent a few hundred rupee and wrote that he had taken some money from a friend to pay off a loan and thought to send money to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as well.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) says

Since the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had challenged all religions, Christians and Hindus were severely opposed to him and had filed numerous court cases against him

Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) had to attend court daily for three months where he had to stand in court for several hours at a time

Owing to his enmity a magistrate did not even allow him to have a drink of water.

Today we have forgotten these matters but for the sincere Ahmadis of the time these were great trials

Those weak of faith would have wondered!

On the one hand they heard Divine revelations like '*Kings will seek blessings from your garments*' and on the other hand they observed that a jobsworth Hindu magistrate did not even allow the Promised Messiah a drink of water! Who made him stand for hours so much so that he felt dizzy and his feet ached.

The companions

Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates

Seekers of truth

An Ahmadi, popularly known as Professor, who before Ahmadiyyat was an avid gambler and used to make a lot of money playing cards.

Sacrifices and trials



Devotion

He gave up gambling and started keeping a small shop. His love and devotion for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was such that he happily endured poverty

Certain days



Clothes and beauty

He would do Tabligh to his customers ending in arguments. A complaint was made to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) who explained to him most affectionately that we are commanded to remain gentle.

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This may appear impertinent but it shows the intense love Professor had for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

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The Professor's face went red, he listened quietly but then said that he could not abide by this advice

He said when someone said something to the Promised Messiah's Pir (the Holy Prophet peace and blessings of Allah be on him) he either challenged him with prayer duel (*mubahala*) or wrote books in response but asked him to stay quiet!

Hazrat Musleh Maud was also a companion and he had personal connections with those companions whose accounts he relays. He draws conclusions from these accounts and advises us.

# Hazrat Musleh Maud remembers the day the verdict of a court case was expected

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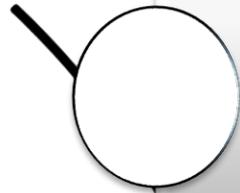
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At the time of verdict, people were sure of a harsh sentence, a thought which Ahmadis could not even contemplate.



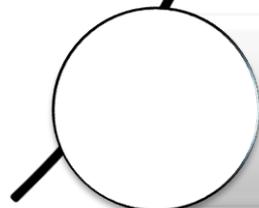
There was extra security around the court on the day



When the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) arrived Ahmadis stopped Professor from going inside the court as he was quick-tempered.



He had hidden a large stone under a tree. He screamed and cried highly charged with emotion and ran towards the court with the stone.



Had other Ahmadis not stopped him he would have hit the magistrate with it. He had assumed that the magistrate would definitely give a guilty verdict

Some people do react in this way under such circumstances

Those who are weak of faith deviate

The sincere have their faith strengthened

Those who react emotionally try and think of ways to get even

The education and training of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) as demonstrated by his own blessed example is to be patient and steadfast

In the end what God has promised will come to pass and the steadfast will experience it

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Some people ask about certain days, calling some days auspicious and others ill-fated, ill-omened

Seekers of truth

People also give reference of the Promised Messiah in this regard or Hazrat Amman Jan's

Sacrifices and trials

Hazrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with her) asked Hazrat Musleh Maud not to travel on a Wednesday based on a dream

Devotion

Hazrat Musleh Maud says perhaps the Promised Messiah had received a revelation regarding Tuesday or there was some other reason behind him not liking the day

Certain days

He explained that if this tradition was to be considered correct then perhaps his inclination about Tuesday was because he was going to pass away on a Tuesday

Clothes and beauty

To consider something that is from God as ill-fated is extremely foolish

Love of Allah

Each day is from God Who has blessed each day. If there is any tradition contrary to this we will consider that owing to humanness sometimes there is superstition, but we will not say that any day is ill-fated.

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# Hazrat Musleh Maud relates an account of contrasting traits of extreme humility and severity of viewpoint

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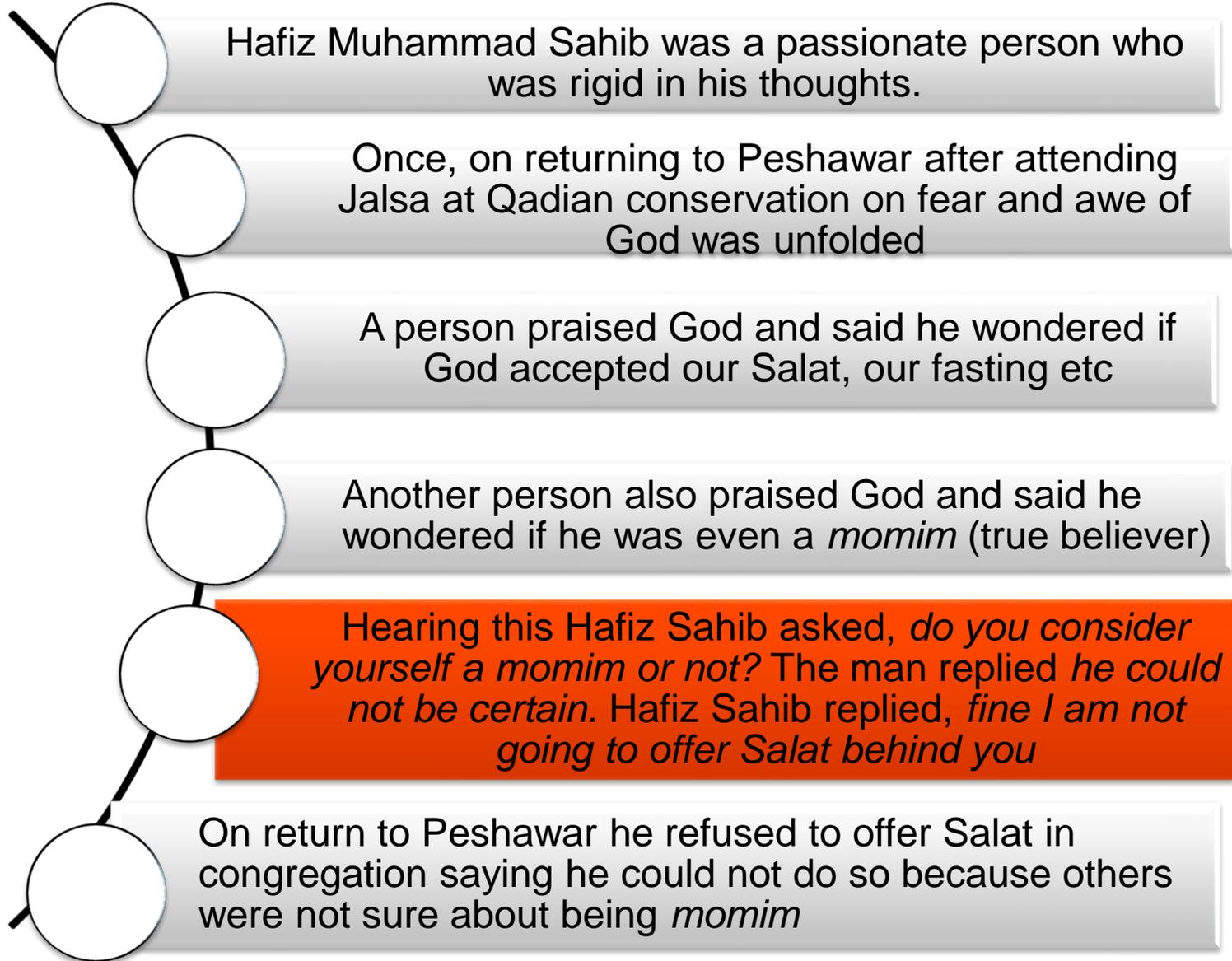
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When the matter escalated the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was informed.

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He said Hafiz Sahib is right but it was his mistake to stop offering Salat with the others. People had not committed any kufr (act of disbelief).

However, people of our Jama'at should have thought positively about themselves and continued to improve. But it is not right to deny being a momim.

**These were the latter-ones who tried to fulfil the dues of joining the ranks of the earlier-ones.** Each had his own individual manner and style. Those who saw them or were close to them also learnt from them according to their own capacities

These days during the summer months in Europe one sees people wearing scanty clothing and exposing a lot of flesh

**God has stated that clothing enhances beauty but society today considers nakedness as fashionable**

It was in the news recently that a group of Muslim girls were cycling and when they felt hot they took their clothes off.

A time has come when it is not considered erroneous for Muslims to expose some parts of their body on the basis of inherent morality.

There was a time when a large section of society considered it inherently morally wrong, in particular Muslims.

Hazrat Musleh Maud said that a famous British painter wrote an article in which he addressed women saying that European women expose their bodies more and more. He wrote that as a painter he had seen the naked human form of both men and women more than others. **As an artist he advised that naked body does not enhance beauty,** in fact such women are considered unattractive in the sight of men.

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Thus was the advice of a European artist and it is indeed a rational advice

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These days even men keep strange appearances which are not dignified

Sacrifices and trials

Today's painters could perhaps not say what the painter of seventy years ago did and could not give an honest opinion

Devotion

In fact no one would dare do so and this is why morality is diminishing.

Certain days

Nakedness is identified as beauty

Clothes and beauty

It should be remembered that beauty is not nakedness or what is apparent. It is indeed something else.

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A discussion between Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) and Hazrat Maulawi Abdul Karim Sahib

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) maintained that it was not easy to recognise beauty and only a physician was capable of it.



Maulawi Abdul Karim Sahib said that every person could recognise human beauty



Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) asked if Maulawi Sahib saw anyone who he deemed to be handsome among the men who were around and he pointed to a young man

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) explained that he may seem beautiful to ordinary sight but ... He asked the young man to lift his shirt and his defective bone structure was exposed. **Thus God has commanded to cover up with clothes so that mankind may look good** but people are turning away from this!

# Hazrat Musleh Maud relates an account of an Ahmadi who was affectionately known as Philosopher

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He said that people have made a big deal of the fact that if you stop eating *sehri* a little later than the set time your fast is not right and proper.

He maintained that for a person who is not going to eat for twelve hours, five minutes are meaningless and extensively argued this.

Next morning he came to see Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) in a perturbed state

He had a dream. The man was a weaver. He dreamt that he was trying to prepare yarn on his apparatus to start weaving but no matter how much he tried, pulls and tugs, his yarn falls short just by an inch. He felt as if all his yarn was a waste. The man understood from his dream that God showed him that if his yarn was spoiled merely by being an inch short, how could it be all right for a fast to be five minutes short.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) used to say that once it was asked in a gathering if anyone had eaten bread made of wheat. People usually ate bread made of millet and oats in those days as the Sikhs used to seize all wheat. No one said they had eaten bread made of wheat. Only one person said wheat bread was very tasty. He was asked if he had eaten it. He replied, no, he had only seen someone relishing it as he ate it, so he had assumed it must be delicious

Some people like things and they are lucky if they get them, but these things are ordinary and insignificant. **There is no doubt that if one believes in God and finds Him, one can say with certainty and conviction that one does not need anything anymore.**

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) often used to relate a sufi's adage which said: *you either hold onto someone's cloak or someone's cloak covers you up.*

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That is to say, the way of the world is such that there is no option other than either becoming someone's or someone becoming yours.



Even before getting to the age of awareness a child wants to become someone's, puberty comes much later



This is what God refers to in the verse: **'Created man from an adhesive clot'** (96:3). There is no sense of satisfaction for man besides this



The best scenario is of course that man becomes God's and tries for it. This way he will benefit both temporally and spiritually.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud relates about his late teacher, Maulawi Muhammad Yar Sahib who had obsessive love for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

He started associating every prophecy of the Promised Messiah with his own person.

Seekers of truth

In his desire to be physically close by to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) he sometimes did unwarrantable things.

Sacrifices and trials

E.g. during Salat he would stroke the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Devotion

In light of this the Promised Messiah appointed people to keep an eye on him during particularly obsessive days and not let him come in the Promised Messiah's vicinity.

Certain days

When the Promised Messiah spoke or delivered lecture he had the habit of motioning his hand towards his thighs

Clothes and beauty

When he moved his hand in this manner Maulawi Yar Muhammad Sahib jumped up and came close to him

Love of Allah

Thus was his obsessive love for the Promised Messiah that he even considered his reflex actions to mean a beckoning gesture for him

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We claim to love God but in spite of His clear declaration to: **'come to Prayer and come to prosperity'** we do not pay attention!



**Each Ahmadi should try and respond to God's call like ardent devotees and jump up in obedience.** Its school holidays now and children bring along their parents [to the mosque], later attendance lessens. This is a reminder. May God enable us to safeguard and establish our Salat!