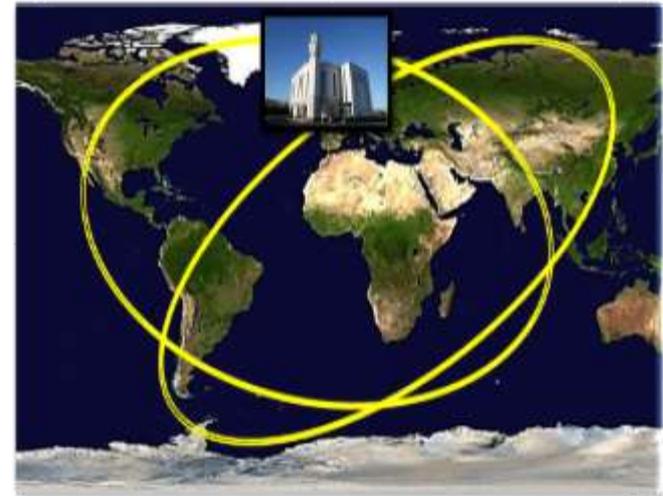


Salat- The path to Success and Salvation



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Summary

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The Promised Messiah (as) says: 'If you fail to heed to my words and do not infuse a pious reformation in you, it is worthless entering into my *Bai'at* (oath of allegiance).

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Huzur (aba) prayed May God Almighty enable every one of us to remain firm to safeguard our *Salat*.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

The commandment is of *qiyam-us salat* [observing the prayer] and '*qiyam-us salat* literally means to observe *salat* on time and in congregation.

***Salat* is obligatory upon every believer.**

Thus, every believer; everyone, who believes in the life after death and the Last Day, should be fully focussed on fulfilling the rights of Allah the Almighty as well as the rights of His servants.

One should undertake the utmost effort to observe prayers in congregation mainly in the mosque, salat centre or if this is not possible, then with the members of the household.

This will also develop an awareness regarding congregational prayers amongst the children and the youth.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ABA) said:

The Promised Messiah (as) has repeatedly and at numerous occasions, drawn our attention towards the subject of prayer and it being binding, its wisdom, the method it should be performed and the philosophy behind prayer and its timings.

The Promised Messiah (as) has stated that the weapon, which shall lead us to victory is prayer. Thus, in order to become *Ansarullah*, it is necessary to use this weapon of prayer.

The Promised Messiah (as) has stated , Offer your prayers with proper regularity. There are some who only offer one of the prayers. They should remember that prayers are not exempt and this even applies to the Messengers.

It is narrated in a Hadith that a new group visited the Prophet (sa) who wanted concession for the prayers. The Holy Prophet (sa) replied that
A religion without actions is a worthless religion. .

The Promised Messiah (as) says: 'If you fail to heed to my words and do not infuse a pious reformation in you, it is worthless entering into my *Bai'at* (oath of allegiance).

The Promised Messiah (AS) said:

'What is prayer? It is a special type of supplication yet people consider it to be a tax imposed by a king. ...
I am greatly saddened to see that today there is no love towards worship, righteousness and devoutness to religion.

Allah the Almighty states:
***'I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me.'* (51:57).**
This therefore necessitates that the highest and utmost form of pleasure and enjoyment should be found in worship.

Understand this well that worship is not a burden and nor a tax, rather there is pleasure and enjoyment in it. And the delight found in worship is much greater than all the delights and satisfactions found in the world.

Remember that prayer is something that adorns and improves one's worldly life as well as faith.

The Promised Messiah (AS) said:

The essence and the spirit of prayer is a supplication, which is offered with pleasure and delight.

One reason for not inclining to prayer and for laziness is that when a person inclines to beings other than Allah, his soul and heart incline towards them also.

‘ I regret that I have not found words in which I should set out the evils of inclining towards anyone except God. People prostrate before others and flatter them, which kindles the honour of God Almighty as this is the prayers of [worldly] people. Thus, God Almighty withdraws from such a person and casts him aside..”

“God Almighty is Self Sufficient and is in no need for our prayers, rather, we are the ones who require prayers.”

The Promised Messiah (AS) said:

If you wish to seek the delight and pleasure in your *Salat* then it is necessary that you offer some supplications in your own language. However, it is often observed that *Salat* is offered by merely going through the physical postures and thereafter one begins to supplicate.'

'Life is quickly passing by therefore do away with indolence and occupy yourself in earnest supplication. Supplicate to God in seclusion so that God Almighty protects your faith and becomes pleased with you.'

Every Ahmadi should completely focus on *Salat*.

The Promised Messiah (AS) said:

The proper method as stated in Islam is that one should read the Holy Quran and carefully ponder over its meaning and to adhere to whatever it states.

Moreover, it is to observe *Salat* with complete attentiveness and to continue supplicating with concertation and penitence. Thus, it is only *Salat* which enables one to reach the spiritual apex.

If all the efforts of this life are exhausted on worldly pursuits then what have you amassed for the hereafter? If you're every breath and your entire life is spent in pursuit of your worldly affairs, then what have you amassed for the hereafter?

The Promised Messiah (AS) said:

Make special efforts to wake up for the **Tahajjud** prayer and observe it with great delight and eagerness.

It is a great blessing of God Almighty that through His Prophet (sa), He has revealed to us the path that leads to the perfect and complete doctrines without us having to toil or make any effort.

I tell you again that if you wish to establish a true relationship with God, hold fast to *Salaat* in such a way that your body and your tongue and the intentions of your soul and emotions should all become a true embodiment of *Salat*.'

Huzur (aba) praed, May God Almighty enable every one of us to remain firm on true *Tauhid* and to safeguard our *Salat* and experience its delight.