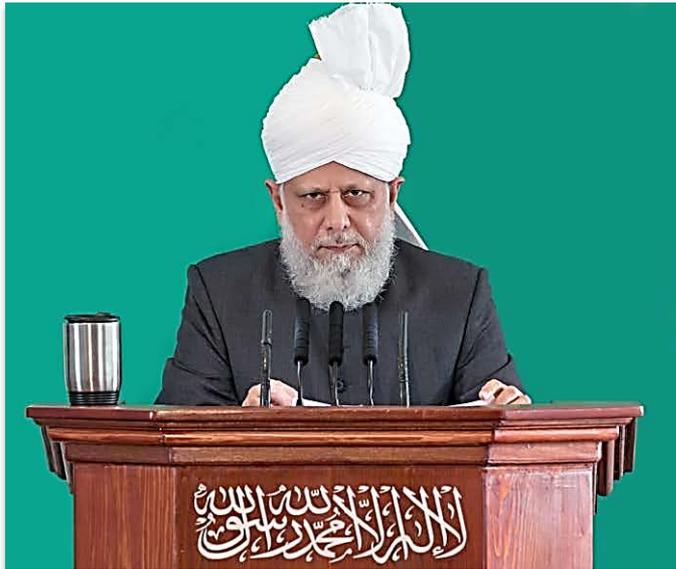
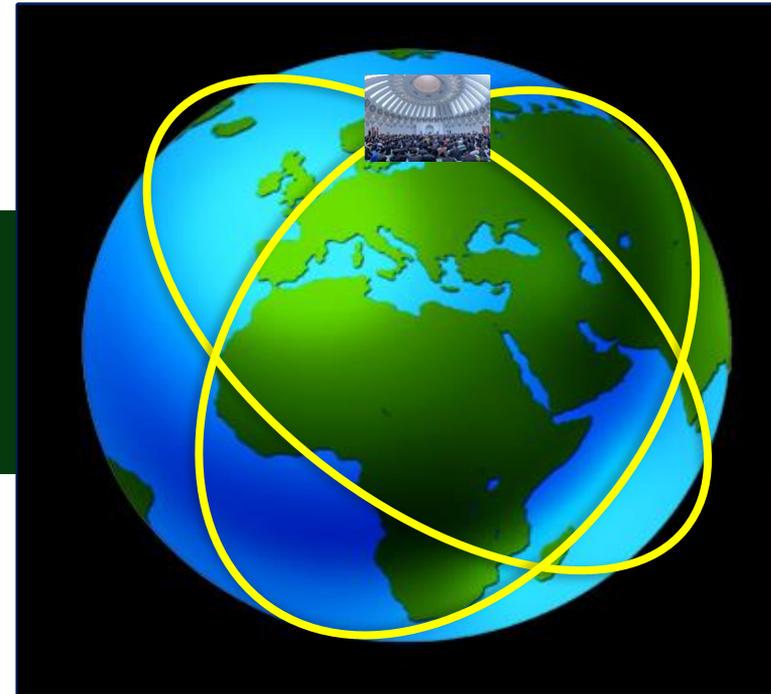


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‘And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: “I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.”’ (The Holy Qur’an, 2:187)

His Holiness (aba) said that by the grace of Allah, we are passing through the month of Ramadan. One strives to attain God’s pleasure during this month and to attain His blessings, hence we even abstain from food and drink.

As the Holy Prophet (sa) said, God informed him that the gates of heaven are flung open and the gates of hell shut, and Satan is shackled during this month.

Hence, during this month, we can truly attain the nearness of God and it would be our own misfortune if we didn’t take advantage of this opportunity.

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His Holiness (aba) said that certainly during this month, there are those who still commit vices. Therefore, when it is stated that Satan is shackled during this month it is a manner of God admonishing us that if we abstain from even that which is permissible for us

(i.e. food and drink etc.) for His sake, then God has shackled Satan for such people and has taken them under His protection. As the Promised Messiah (as) states, when we lessen our physical nourishment, it gives us the opportunity to increase in our spiritual nourishment.

Otherwise, merely staying hungry for the entire day holds no meaning of its own if it is not accompanied by efforts to increase in spirituality.

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that the true means for attaining success is prayer.

Some people say that if one prays then there is no need for any apparent means or effort, whereas prayer is essentially a means for procuring more means. We should pray to be among those who are sincerely devoted to God in their actions and belief.

They should strive to be those whose actions draw the pleasure of God and those whose faith is completely unwavering. They believe that God can turn dust to gold and can turn the wicked into spiritual people who tread upon His path.

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‘And as for those who strive in Our path — We will surely guide them in Our ways. And verily Allah is with those who do good.’

(The Holy Qur’an, 29:70)

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His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that one cannot attain God’s pleasure and nearness through laziness and slackness, rather true effort is required.

His Holiness (aba) said that many people write to him saying that they prayed but their objective was not attained. They must analyse to see whether they have truly undertaken the required struggle in prayer.

Then they must also analyse the manner in which they pray because God says those who truly strive in His path, who strive to attain His nearness with sincerity and strive to fulfil His commandments, then He surely answers their prayers.

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His Holiness (aba) said that in a Hadith it is stated that if we walk towards God, He will run towards us.

This is the grace and mercy of God, however we must truly strive in his cause. It should not be that we vow to offer prayers and do good deeds during the month of Ramadan, ...

...but then forget about all of these things for the rest of the year

God desires to take us into His mercy. His happiness for us is greater than a mother's happiness for her child. Hence, before lamenting that our prayers have not been answered, we must analyse ourselves and our efforts.

His Holiness (aba) also explained in light of the Promised Messiah's (as) writings that certainly it is within human nature for there to be various stages in our lives.

There are ups and downs. However after the down times, a righteous person fervently turns to God

Thus, doing so requires steadfastness and a firm resolve. As we make these efforts and pray, we should repeat the prayer 'Guide us on the right path'

as this prayer is vital for one to become rightly guided. His Holiness (aba) explained that even in worldly terms, people must strive to attain what they desire from the world.

When they strive and struggle, God bestows His blessings and they are able to attain their objectives. The same applies in the spiritual realm.

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If one can strive for the world, why then can they not strive to attain God's nearness and pleasure.

If they strive and struggle for this, then God will certainly bestow His blessings in their efforts so that they can achieve their purpose.

It cannot be that one merely asks and automatically receives, rather there is a level of effort required. This is a basic principle which applies to all things.

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One should not become disheartened, as is the case in trying to attain anything. The doors of attaining the nearness and pleasures of God are open...

...but require effort to get through. His Holiness (aba) said that we cannot expect God to be bound to accept anything and everything we desire.

Even in worldly terms if we consider any one of our relationships we find that this cannot be the case. Why then should we apply the same restriction to God?

Hence we must believe in God, which means fulfilling the rights owed to Him and His creation; then we can find acceptance in the sight of God. If we don't constantly nurture plants, they will become lifeless. So too is the case with our faith.



In striving towards God, we must ensure that our belief is not tainted with associating partners with God in any way. Upon reaching a certain level in connection with God, one does not even have to pointedly ask for his worldly needs to be fulfilled, as God takes that person into His protection and fulfils those needs Himself.



May we be able to fulfil these things and make Ramadan an opportunity for us to establish a firm relationship with Him, fulfilling His commandments, having complete belief in Him and enable us to see examples of the acceptance of prayer. May this extend even beyond Ramadan.

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May we become true servants of God; may we never stray from the path of God and always be the recipients of His love. May we do justice to the favour which God has bestowed upon us by accepting the Promised Messiah (as).

His Holiness (aba) again made an appeal for prayers in light of the current world situation.

His Holiness (aba) said that he would launch a new website and mobile application created by MTA International which comprises His Holiness' (aba) sermons on the 313 Companions who took part in the Battle of Badr.

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