

Tribute to Syed Dawood Muzaffer Shah sahib



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Summary

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Hudhur quoted from the writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) where he likened the hearts of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to sparkling, cleansed utensils that have been through the process of *qala'i*.



In *qala'i*, the utensil is first passed through fire with some chemicals rubbed onto it

Next a shiny white metal is rubbed onto it to remove any remaining tarnish



Finally it is polished with a cloth, resulting in the utensil gleam as if made of silver

Pure and clean people

Hudhur (ABA) said that the analogy given by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) of a utensil having gone through the process of *qala'i* is not an ordinary effort. It involves passing through fire

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Hudhur (aba) said in short the Promised Messiah is saying that when a person wants to reach that station where he is truly enlightened by the light of the Word of God, he has to go through a painful endeavour.

Then alone does he attain the station of that prosperity which God states in the Qur'an as:

'He indeed *truly* prospers who purifies it,'
(91:10).

Indeed, in order to purify the self, serious effort is required

In order to unite the latter-ones with the earlier-ones, the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) advent took place, so that rusty hearts could be burnished with the light of the Word of

These examples can be seen in the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that purification of the self entails that a Muslim should always be keenly ready to pay the dues of God and the dues of mankind. Just as one verbally professes God to be One, and without any partner, similarly one should display this through one's practice and should be ever compassionate and helpful to mankind

Hudhur (aba) said the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came so that man could bring about pure changes on a personal level and attain spiritual blessings

May God enable each Ahmadi to aspire to this.

Fortunate are those who make an effort towards this

Syed Dawood Muzaffer Shah sahib

In following the Companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), the companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) brought extraordinary changes in themselves and passed this onto their next generations

Hudhur (aba) said today he would mention one such elder who honoured the name of his ancestors

In him can be seen the qualities of self-purification that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elucidated. Hudhur said he had and still has a very close relation with this elder who was the paternal as well as maternal grandson of two eminent companions of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

His paternal grandfather, Dr. Syed Abdul Sattar sahib was a companion of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and excelled in Taqwa, purity, humility, paying the dues of God and of mankind



The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once remarked about him that this family was of the Paradise



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...nce, when serving as a civil surgeon he was attacked by a man who he was doing Tabligh to. He had to get bandage from hospital for his injured head,

Dr. Syed Abdul Sattar sahib was paternal grandfather of Syed Dawood Muzaffer Shah sahib

However, Dr. Syed Abdul Sattar sahib returned to him and said he hoped his temper had cooled down and perhaps Tabligh can continue!

Thus was the model of patience as displayed by Dr. Abdul Sattar sahib
Only one who has had real self-purification can display such high moral

Syed Dawood Muzaffer sahib was the second son of Hadhrat Hafiz Syed Mahmood Ullah sahib

Hadhrat Hashmat Ullah Khan sahib, the special physician of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) writes that Syed Mahmood Ullah sahib was a highly moral elder who had an ardent love of God



Syed Mahmood Ullah sahib's desire to serve humanity was of very high level, he had great respect for the elders and love for the younger ones



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Hadhrat Hashmat Ullah Khan sahib wrote that his son was also very pious and was fortunate enough that Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) had given his daughter in marriage to him.

Syed Dawood
Muzafer sahib

- He had inherited his ancestors' qualities of paying dues of God and dues of mankind on a great scale

Pious

- He had great love for the Holy Qur'an, was humble of nature and met people with respectful regard

Respectful

- Because of his inherent piety, he had amazing high regard for the family of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), for his children and the children of his children

Syed Dawood Muzafer sahib

He was the son-in-law of Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him)

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Syed Dawood Muzaffer Shah sahib and his wife, Syeda Amatul Hakeem sahiba were a match made in heaven

They excelled each other in practicing virtue and in high morals

This couple had no interest in worldly expenses

Hudhur (aba) said he personally observed that they both were always on the look out to help others

If the husband helped someone, the wife would say that he should have done more and if the wife helped someone, the husband would say the same

Syed Dawood Shah sahib said that his late wife often came in his dreams inspiring him to help such and such disadvantaged person and to give sadqa etc

Hudhur (aba) said whatever income he had, Syed Dawood Shah sahib spent less on himself and gave most of it away

Hudhur (aba) said when he started looking after the accounts of their lands, he observed that every year Syeda Amatul Hakeem sahiba, would give large amounts of grains, rice and wheat to needy people.

Hudhur (aba) said he was not paying tribute to Shah sahib and his aunt because he was his uncle as well as father-in-law

Rather, Hudhur had observed both the husband and wife, from childhood and they had impressed Hudhur.

Shah sahib was a quiet person who was prayerful, who mixed with children cheerfully and with regard and he was free from any worldly matters



He was an esteemed elder and had served the Community as its Mufti

Once someone saw him offering nafl in mosque and was intrigued how was it that he offered such lengthy Salat.

When the person went closer, he noticed that Maulwi Sarwer sahib was continuously repeating the prayer: **'Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help.'**
(1:5)

The maternal grandfather of Syed Dawood Shah sahib was a companion of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace). His name was Maulwi Sarwer Shah sahib

His congregational Salat was also very lengthy

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Syed Dawood Shah sahib took after both his maternal and paternal grandfathers in his high morals and other qualities

Hudhur said not everyone follows in the footsteps of their elders, but Syed Dawood Shah sahib accomplished it very well

If he was asked for prayers, unless informed of the outcome, he would continue to pray

He especially prayed for the doctors who looked after him, specially Dr Nuri and Dr Khalid Sahib

Syed Dawood Shah sahib

Dr. Khaliq has written to Hudhur that Syed Dawood Shah sahib used to ask for prayers that he did not ever have to face a time when he was deprived of prayer and worship of God and that he had a good ending

With God's grace many people dreamed of his 'good ending'

Syed Dawood Shah sahib was drawn to prayers and worship of God by keeping his grandfathers' company

He lived with his paternal grandfather Dr. Abdul Sattar sahib, during his last illness, Dr. Abdul Sattar sahib did not go to the mosque for Salat. Syed Dawood Shah sahib, a teenager at the time, used to lead Salat at home for him

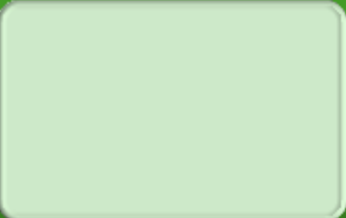
Syed Dawood Shah sahib was extraordinarily blessed by God. He was not exceptionally well off but whatever he had, he was extremely grateful for it and would help the needy to an extent that many fabulously wealthy people do not

Syed Dawood Shah sahib used to give generously to the various Tehriks of the Community

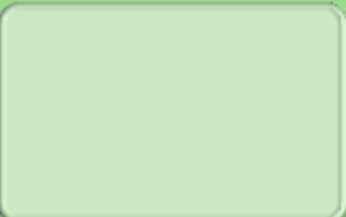
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Upon receiving income, he would first take out Wasiyyat, then the share of orphans, then the share of needy students, then the share of disadvantaged ailing people and only after this did he keep the money for himself

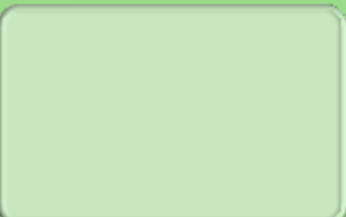
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He would sense when there was a problem in the household, Allah the Exalted informed him of difficulties faced by his family and he would pray so that Allah Almighty will resolve the problem



He had great love of the Holy Qur'an and would read up to eight Parts of the Qur'an a day and had a large portion memorised. When his eye sight was failing, he became worried that he could only manage to recite 3 or 4 parts of the Holy Qur'an a day!



In the last few years of his life, due to failing eyesight, he could not read the Holy Qur'an during Ramadan. He told his grandson that he read it from memory and when he forgot, God's angel came and reminded him

Syed Dawood Shah sahib

He used to pray a lot when his children were doing any work for the Jama'at.. He used to pray a lot for Hudhur's personal and as well as Community tasks. After Hudhur's Khilafat, regard and reverence came into this relationship and his prayers for Hudhur developed more compassion.

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Syed Dawood Shah sahib

During the adverse situation in Rabwah in 1984, young men, Khuddam, used to give night neighbourhood duties

Syed Dawood Shah sahib would make tea for them and leave it on his dining table

He would waken at 2.30 am for Tahajjud and make tea for the young men on duty

God bestowed special treatment to him from his younger days

He lived in Sindh for a long period. In those days, as the area was not quite populated, snakes were quite common there. One day he did not feel very well, so he thought he would say his Fajr Salat at home. However, an unseen power told him that he should go to the mosque. When he returned from the mosque, he saw that as his two children slept, a large snake was trying to climb onto their bed. He took care of the snake. Had he gone to sleep, the snake could have caused harm.

Syed Dawood Shah sahib

He wrote to Hudhurat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) in 1944 and he offered to be a Waqfe Zindagi (life devotion).

He was sent to the lands in Sindh, where he stayed for a long time. Later he served in Tabsheer Department as well

He performed his duties there and did not indulge in any aside. He displayed complete obedience to those to whom he was subordinate, regardless of their younger age

He was a quiet, prayerful person, who came to office silently praying, did his work and left

He forgave even those who even attempted to harm him without a question

He was the kind of person that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) mentioned bear no grudge or malice towards anyone

Hudhur (aba) said these are the people who have truly purified themselves

Syed Dawood Shah sahib

Next Hudhur read a long extract from the address Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) gave at the time of the Nikah of Syed Dawood Shah sahib

Hudhur prayed that may God make it so that the Community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) keep it in view during their marriages that faith is the essence. The objective of an Ahmadi is to make a connection with God and serve faith, and to bring the world under faith not the other way around

When a pious person of our Community departs this world, the people of the Community, in particular people of the family of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), if that person is from the family, should keep piety and connection with God in view and ascertain paths with renewed thoughts

This world is transient, it will end. Attainment of God's pleasure is what lasts forever. May God enable all of us to do this.

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Four sons of Syed Dawood Shah sahib are serving the Community in different capacities

His three daughters, one is Hudhur's wife and the two others are also married to Waaqfeen e Zindagi

May their children and future generations always give precedence to faith over worldly matters

Two of his sons are not Waaqfeen e Zindagi but with the grace of God, are positively influenced by the Tarbiyyat of their parents and have always served the Community in some way or the other

May they and all the other progeny always try to attain God's nearness and may his prayers always fulfil for them

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Hudhur announced that he would lead funeral Prayer in absentia of Syed Dawood Shah sahib after Friday Prayer

Syed Dawood Shah sahib

Similarly may the children of all our elders, of the companions, always practice the models of their ancestors and may they make an effort for the continuation of future pious generation with prayers and with their own practice