



**Increase the fervour of supplications
in face of intensified persecution**

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SUMMARY

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Hudhur (aba) gave his sermon from Hamburg, Germany. He began the sermon by giving an overview on the long-standing and continued persecution of Jama'at Ahmadiyya

At the martyrdom of Sahibzada Abdul Latif the Promised Messiah (as) prayed: We exhort our followers to cultivate similar faith

Today, persecution and hostility of Ahmadis has reached its extreme, thus should arouse in us the fervour and ardour to offer humble supplications before God Almighty

Every Ahmadi child, young, adult, old, man, woman should bow down in complete obedience before every commandment of God in absolute perfection and fulfil the rights towards God and fellow human beings

Hudhur (aba) then announced the sad news of the martyrdom of Master Dilawar Hussain in Shaikhupura

Hudhur (aba) delivered the Friday sermon from Hamburg, Germany

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Despite the fact that the Promised Messiah (as) was well-acclaimed as a defendant of Islam, after he claimed to be the Mahdi and Messiah of latter days, the same people who supported him turned bitterly against him.



They joined forces with Non-Muslims enemies of Islam and the Holy Prophet (saw).

Persecution of Ahmadis

They fabricated a web of lies and made false allegations (even of murder) against the Promised Messiah (as), who faced persecution throughout the course of his life

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The persecution of the Promised Messiah (as) included witnessing the martyrdom of two of his loyal and devoted disciples in Kabul. One of those martyred was the Raees-e-Aazam of the King's court, his name was Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed, an extremely pious and righteous man

Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed

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The Promised Messiah (as) mentioned in detail the accounts of these martyrdoms in his book Tadhkiratush Shahadatain (The Narrative of Two Martyrdoms).

In this book, the Promised Messiah (as) has addressed Sahibzada Abdul Latif in these words:

O Abdul Latif may thousands of blessings be showered on thee, for thou hast, in my own lifetime, manifested unparalleled fidelity for me.

The Promised Messiah (as)
prayed:
We exhort our followers to
cultivate faith similar to his
(i.e. Sahibzada Abdul Latif
Shaheed), because if a person
is not wholly devoted to God
and remains partly inclined
towards mundane things, he
cannot be reckoned to be a
true believer in heaven.

This is the prayer that every
Ahmadi should perform and
make every effort to reach
these standards of piety and
sacrifice.

Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed

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We are already aware of the history of all prophets, which proves that difficulties and troubles were inflicted on them and their followers.

The Holy Prophet of Islam (saw), the beloved prophet of God Almighty, for whom the entire universe was created, along with his followers also passed through such trials and tribulations

In addition to financial sacrifices, thousands laid the lives of their children and their own lives in the way of God Almighty

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Persecution of Muslims

So whenever the Jamaat Ahmadiyya goes through such a phase of intense persecution, we should draw inspiration for steadfastness and devotion from the life of the prophets and especially that of the Holy Prophet (saw)

These periods of extreme difficulty will lay the foundations of forthcoming victories.

Such periods of difficulty also provide us with the opportunity to gain further nearness to God Almighty by offering supplication and lamentations before our Lord and to continue to strengthen Divine bond

The victory of Islam was not a result only of these sacrifices, it was also due to the fervent and earnest prayers that were offered by the early followers of Islam

The beloved Prophet of Allah (saw) about such a great revolution with his passionate supplication.

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The question is: was the period of successes that was to result from such grand supplications to last only for 50 or 60 years or the first few centuries following Islam? Of course not.

Victory of Islam Ahmadiyyat

Thus, the second phase of “aakhireen”, must place a great emphasis on prayers and supplication and every Ahmadi must fully understand this


This victory of Islam is also to last till the end of times as the Holy Prophet was “Khatam al Anbiya” (Seal of the Prophets)

Indeed, there was a period of darkness, which ended with the coming of the “aakhireen” i.e. the advent of the Promised Messiah (as) and the righteous followers who entered his Jama’at

This second phase of victory of Islam was to witness the same successes as were seen by the first

The intellectual debate and presentation of logical argumentation will only be beneficial when we will make every effort to prostrate and supplicate before God Almighty and truly fulfil our duties in this context

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- Ahmadis who live in Pakistan today are not distressed by the sacrifice of their properties and lives alone, they are tormented and troubled by the abusive attacks on the character of the Promised Messiah (as)



- Tales of great patience and sacrifices are being written by the Ahmadis in Pakistan.



- These sacrifices can be turned into concrete results in only one way, that is to prostrate before God, lament before the Lord in worship, supplicate in the manner in which the companions of the Holy Prophet (saw) did



- Enemies are intensifying their efforts, and our efforts in prayers and in supplication should be equally proportionate, in fact even greater, so that we witness Divine blessings in our favour.

Persecution of Ahmadis

It is prayers alone that can protect us against the onslaught of these evil opponents

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Today, this persecution and hostility which has reached its extreme, should arouse in us the fervour and ardour to offer humble supplications before God Almighty

- Hudhur (aba) then addressed the Pakistani Ahmadis living in other parts of the world and advised them to supplicate for their fellow brethren living in Pakistan.

- He then turned towards the non-Pakistani Ahmadis and instructed them to supplicate as well.

- May Allah Almighty annihilate these enemies of God, so that peace can be established,

Persecution of Ahmadis

Each Ahmadi should offer prayers like an agitated soul because God does not reject the prayer offered in such a state.

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Persecution of Ahmadis and prayers

Every Ahmadi should offer such prayers in pain and in humility, especially those living in Pakistan, who are experiencing these cruelties directly

Prayers are our only weapon, our only tool

Hudhur (aba) said that since the first day of his Khilafat, he has been drawing the attention of the Jamaat towards dua, and towards bringing a change in one's own spiritual condition.

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Massih V (aba) experienced a dream during the previous Khilafat, in which he heard that if 100% of Ahmadis in Pakistan lament before God with the purity of heart, then these atrocities can be eliminated as a result of prayers offered merely in a few nights.

Persecution of Ahmadis and prayers

Hudhur (aba) said that the promise of God Almighty of success to the Promised Messiah (as) will be fulfilled,

and indeed it is being fulfilled as we witness the scenes of grand blessings on the Jamaat Ahmadiyya, even in Pakistan

Despite the inauspicious circumstances, the blow of the enemy at every occasion results in failure due to the Divine favours in our support

The trials however should lead us to purify ourselves and turn to God with even greater zeal

Every Ahmadi child, young, adult, old, man, woman should bow down in complete obedience before every commandment of God in absolute perfection and fulfil the rights towards God and fellow human beings.

Then, every stroke of the enemy shall be annihilated before our eyes. God's Will shall be executed no matter what; however, the timing is sometimes dependent on the spiritual state of

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Hudhur (aba) says that we must learn and know the etiquettes of offering prayer

We must have firm belief on the principle attributes of God (Lord of all the Worlds, The Gracious, The Merciful, The Master of Day of Judgment) which will focus our attention towards true worship and implore His Help and favours



One should have trust that no action or speech of his will incur the displeasure of God Almighty



Prayer is the only tool for the pure-hearted, there is nothing that compares to it or comes close to it

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Persecution of Ahmadis and prayers

We as individuals should not stand stagnant in our spiritual progress because of these victories

We must forever remain concerned about whether we are fulfilling our roles and duties and responsibility so that we continue to receive Divine succour and favours and blessings

We should continue these prayers individually as well as in congregation

God states in the Holy Quran:
“He therefore prayed to his Lord saying, ‘I am overcome, so *come Thou to my help!*’” (54:11)

Thus, cry in your prayers, shed your tears before The Lord, to re-instate the glory of Islam, and topple the rule which has made this land difficult for us to live in, and make the same land a lush green garden where peace can be established and faith can be practiced.

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Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat



**Master
Dilawar
Hussain**

He was a new convert to Jamaat, who was shot inside the classroom where he was a teacher. He leaves behind 2 sons and 2 daughters

He along with his wife and children accepted Ahmadiyyat last year in December; his family abandoned him for this.

He was a righteous man, interested in scholarly research. He was regular in offering prayer, recitation of Quran tilawat, was dedicated to Khailafat, watched MTA regularly and encouraged his children to do the same

(<http://www.thepersecution.org/news/11/et1003.html>)

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May Allah Almighty elevate his status in Paradise and grant patience to the family members he leaves behind,
Ameen

Abdul Jabbar Sahib of Rabwah also passed away on 4 October, who had been ill for some time now. He was 69 years old and a long-serving member of the community in Fazl-e-Umar hospital. May Allah Almighty grant him a lofty station in Paradise, Ameen.

Nasir Ahmad Muzaffar Sahib also passed away. He was a public servant and a social worker. He has many services for Jamaat to his credit. May Allah Almighty grant him a lofty station in Paradise, and grant his family members patience to bear this loss. Ameen.

Funeral Prayers

Hudhur (aba) said that funeral prayers in abstentia would be offered after Jumma prayer

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