

# The Promised Messiah and Mahdi

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# SUMMARY

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On 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 123 years ago the Promised Messiah ( on whom be peace) took first Bai'at to lay the foundation of Ahmadiyya Community in Islam

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It was 123 years ago today that a magnificent prophecy regarding the second phase of Islam was fulfilled and the Promised Mahdi and Messiah's advent took place

With the commencement of him taking Bai'at, a Community of the latter-days which was to join the earlier ones was formed

We too are fortunate that we are part of this Community

The task of the second phase of Islam requires that the followers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) instil a revolutionary change in themselves



Each Ahmadi who claims to have taken the Bai'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) should be very acutely mindful that it is a huge responsibility

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It is a day to glorify God and to invoke Durud on the Holy Prophet (pbuh) hundreds of thousands of times

As a reminder of this, today Hudhur Aqdas gave a discourse based on the words of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) expounding the ten conditions of Bai'at

1. THE INITIATE SHALL SOLEMNLY PROMISE  
THAT HE/SHE SHALL ABSTAIN FROM SHIRK  
[ASSOCIATING ANY PARTNER WITH GOD]  
RIGHT UP TO THE DAY OF HIS/HER DEATH

Idols are not  
merely those that  
are made of gold,  
silver, copper or  
stones



Rather,  
everything, every  
statement, or  
every deed, which  
is revered in a  
manner that befits  
Almighty Allah  
alone, is an idol in  
the sight of Allah



Hudhur (aba)  
explained the  
concept of Unity  
of Oneness of  
God in terms of  
Unity of Being,  
Unity of attributes  
and Unity of love

2. THAT HE/SHE SHALL KEEP AWAY FROM FALSEHOOD, FORNICATION/ADULTERY, TRESPASSES OF THE EYE, DEBAUCHERY, DISSIPATION, CRUELTY, THAT HE/SHE WILL NOT PERMIT HIMSELF/HERSELF TO BE CARRIED AWAY BY PASSIONS, HOWEVER STRONG THEY MIGHT BE

The real occasion of telling the truth is when one apprehends loss of life, property or honour



Keep away from idol worship and lying because falsehood too is an idol; one who relies upon it ceases to rely upon God. Hence, by telling lies, one loses God



Adultery is a very evil way. It stops you from reaching your true objective



the wicked and the immoral are lower and more despicable than disbelievers in the eyes of Allah

3. THAT HE/SHE SHALL REGULARLY OFFER THE FIVE DAILY PRAYERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMADSA AND SHALL TRY HIS/HER BEST TO BE REGULAR IN OFFERING THE TAHAJJUD AND INVOKING DURUD ON THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMADSA. THAT HE/SHE SHALL MAKE IT HIS/HER DAILY ROUTINE TO ASK FORGIVENESS FOR HIS/HER SINS, TO REMEMBER THE BOUNTIES OF GOD AND TO PRAISE AND GLORIFY HIM

And if there be someone who has already become a sinner, *istighfar* saves him from the consequences of his evil deeds, i.e., from punishment

For no darkness can stay in the face of light. But the wrong-doers who do not do *istighfar* suffer the consequences of their misdeeds

4. THAT UNDER THE IMPULSE OF ANY PASSIONS, HE/SHE SHALL CAUSE NO HARM WHATSOEVER TO THE CREATURES OF GOD IN GENERAL AND MUSLIMS IN PARTICULAR, NEITHER BY HIS/HER TONGUE, HANDS, NOR ANY OTHER MEANS.

Of these, the first moral quality is forgiveness, ..... to forgive ... if forgiveness is appropriate, would be a good deed

Repent from everything that would incur the wrath of Allah

Repentance means giving up all evil deeds and everything that goes against the pleasure of God

-- and undergoing a true change and making progress and adopting the way of righteousness



5. THAT HE/SHE SHALL REMAIN FAITHFUL TO GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIFE, IN SORROW AND IN HAPPINESS, IN ADVERSITY AND IN PROSPERITY, IN FELICITY AND IN TRIAL; AND THAT HE/SHE SHALL IN ALL CONDITIONS REMAIN RESIGNED TO THE DECREE OF GOD AND KEEP HIMSELF/HERSELF READY TO FACE ALL KINDS OF INDIGNITIES AND SUFFERINGS IN HIS WAY AND SHALL NEVER TURN AWAY FROM HIM AT THE ONSLAUGHT OF ANY MISFORTUNE; ON THE CONTRARY, HE/SHE SHALL MARCH FORWARD.

The people of the highest grade .. are completely lost in the pleasure of Allah, and sell their selves to earn the pleasure of God



That is why I tell my Jama'at again and again that they should take no pride in taking the pledge. If the heart is not purified, there is no merit in placing their hands in my hand

6. THAT HE/SHE SHALL REFRAIN FROM FOLLOWING UN-ISLAMIC CUSTOMS AND LUSTFUL INCLINATIONS AND SHALL COMPLETELY SUBMIT HIMSELF/HERSELF TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOLY QUR'AN; AND THAT HE/SHE SHALL MAKE THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMADSA HIS/HER GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN EVERY WALK OF HIS/HER LIFE

- The only way to please Allah the Almighty is to be fully obedient to the Holy Prophet<sup>s</sup>

- The final objective of man should always be to find the One God who is without any partner

- We have only one Messenger<sup>sa</sup>; and only one Holy Qur'an was revealed to that Messenger<sup>sa</sup>—obeying whom we can find God

7. THAT HE/SHE SHALL ENTIRELY GIVE UP PRIDE AND VANITY  
AND SHALL PASS ALL HIS/HER LIFE IN HUMBLeness,  
CHEERFULNESS, FORBEARANCE AND MEEKNESS

'I tell you truly  
that on the  
Day of  
Judgement  
after '*shirk*'—  
associating  
partners with  
Allah—there  
will be no evil  
like arrogance

It is an evil that  
disgraces man  
in both the  
worlds

If you have  
any element of  
arrogance,  
hypocrisy,  
conceit, or  
indolence,  
then you are  
not worthy of  
acceptance

8. THAT HE/SHE SHALL HOLD FAITH, THE HONOUR OF FAITH AND THE CAUSE OF ISLAM DEARER THAN HIS/HER LIFE, WEALTH, HONOUR, CHILDREN, AND ALL LOVED ONES.



Revival of Islam  
demands a ransom  
from us

What is it? It is us  
dying in this very  
path. This is the  
death upon which  
the life of Islam, the  
life of Muslims, and  
the manifestation of  
the Living God  
depend

This is exactly what is  
called Islam, and God  
now wants to revive  
this very Islam

9. THAT HE/SHE SHALL KEEP HIMSELF/HERSELF OCCUPIED IN THE SERVICE OF GOD'S CREATURES FOR HIS SAKE ONLY AND SHALL ENDEAVOUR TOWARDS THE BENEFICENCE OF MANKIND TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER GOD-GIVEN ABILITIES AND POWERS

Remember that God the Almighty likes good deeds very much, and He desires that sympathy be shown for His creation



In my opinion, perfect moral teaching is not found anywhere except in Islam

'I am deeply grieved when I see or hear that someone did something that does not fully conform to Islamic teachings.

I am not happy about these incidents. ... Therefore, you should make an effort, plan, strive, and pray continuously that Allah may show His grace, because nothing is possible without His grace. When He favours, He opens up all ways.'

10. THAT HE/SHE SHALL ENTER INTO A BOND OF BROTHERHOOD WITH THIS HUMBLE SERVANT OF GOD, PLEDGING OBEDIENCE TO ME IN EVERYTHING GOOD FOR THE SAKE OF GOD, AND REMAIN FAITHFUL TO IT UNTIL THE DAY OF HIS/HER DEATH. THAT HE/SHE SHALL EXERT SUCH A HIGH DEVOTION IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THIS BOND AS IS NOT TO BE FOUND IN ANY OTHER WORLDLY RELATIONSHIP AND CONNECTION THAT DEMAND DEVOTED DUTIFULNESS.

This Prophet directs you in matters that are not opposed to sane reason. And he prohibits you from things that common sense also prohibits you from. And he makes pure things lawful and impure things unlawful

I am a true intercessor as a shadow and reflection of that Exalted intercessor, who was not accepted by the ignorant people of that age and who was gravely insulted, that is Hadrat Muhammad the Chosen one, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

Now rush towards me because this is the time that he who runs toward me now is like the one who gets on board the ship right at the time of a storm

O ye dear ones, O ye the flourishing branches of the tree of my being, who, by the mercy of God Almighty, which you enjoy because of having entered into the covenant of *bai'at* with me! you are devoting your lives, comfort, and properties to this cause. I am aware that you will deem it your good fortune to carry out whatever I might impose upon you to the full extent of your capacity. But I do not desire to lay down anything by myself as an obligation upon you, so that your service should not be the result of my directive, but should proceed out of your own free will.

I hold a lamp in my hand. He who comes to me will surely partake of its light, but he who, out of ill-thinking, runs away will be cast into the darkness. I am the citadel of security for this age. He who enters therein will be secure against thieves and robbers and wild beasts. He who seeks to remain away from my walls will be confronted with death from every direction, and even his dead body will not be saved. Who is it who enters my citadel?

Hudhur Aqdas said this is the teaching of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which he expects of us

Today we need to self-reflect and self-examine in terms of these conditions of Bai'at

May God forgive our weaknesses and may He remove them and bring about pious change in us

May we be able to fulfil the objective of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

**Our responsibilities**

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May God save Pakistan, may He save Pakistan for the sake of the Ahmadis



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## Pakistan and Ahmadis

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