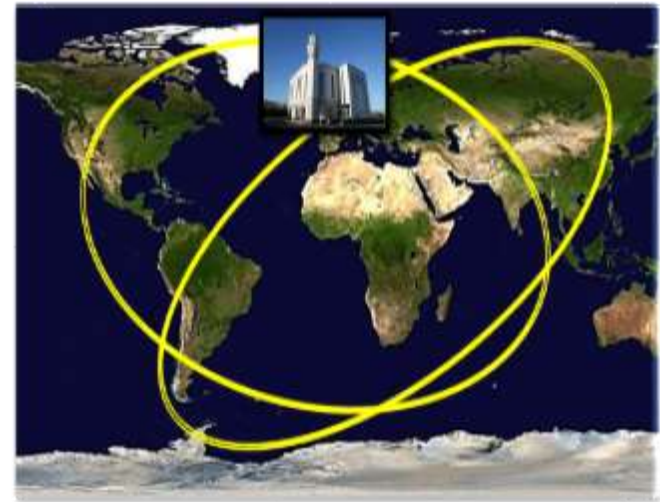


Essence of Istighfar and Sattari



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Summary

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The attribute of al-Sattar of God that He keeps our weaknesses hidden

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Only by doing so can we become a true Jama'at as was the wish of the Promised Messiah (as)

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Man would be utterly embarrassed if this wasn't the case.

This is why Allah has advised us to do Istighfaar.

The word Ghafara and Satara also means to cover or hide something.

The Promised Messiah (as) has said

The Promised Messiah (as) has said that the God presented by Islam is forbearing, merciful and Who accepts repentance. Whoever does true repentance, He forgives his sins.

But people of this world are such that if they see someone committing an evil, then they always blame even if they turn away from that action. But Allah is so merciful that He forgives us despite thousands of weaknesses.

Huzur (aba) said

Keeping this in mind, we shouldn't seek out others' weaknesses, rather should cover their weaknesses like the attribute of Allah.

We extremely dislike if someone reveals our weakness, but do not think much of doing it to others.

This is why the Holy Prophet (sa) has advised us to like for your brother what you like for yourself.

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Some people ask that how can we reform people without revealing their weaknesses?



He said that if Jama'at is being harmed in any way, then the responsible people in Jama'at should be made aware. But it shouldn't be done for mocking and to make him look bad.



People who are responsible for Tarbiyyat or Spiritual training should especially take care of this teaching of Islam.

Huzur-e-Anwar (aba) presented various sayings of the Holy Prophet (sa)

The Holy Prophet (sa) stated that a Muslim is a brother of a fellow Muslim and cannot commit any cruelty or injustice against him and nor does one abandon and disown the other.

Regrettably, nowadays we find that the most cruelty and injustice perpetrated against the Muslims is by the Muslims themselves and they are spilling the blood of one another. None of them pays heed to this instruction of the Holy Prophet (sa).

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The Holy Prophet (sa) further stated that one who remains occupied in serving his brothers, Allah the Almighty will continue to fulfil his needs and one who alleviates the troubles of a fellow Muslim, Allah the Almighty will lesson one affliction from the afflictions of the Day of Judgment. And, one who covers the sins of a Muslim, Allah the Almighty will cover his sins on the Day of Judgment.

Huzur (aba) said

If someone is an Ahmadi and has done Bai'at, then it shows that Allah has accepted him. We shouldn't overly intervene in these matters.

He advised that we should become such a community who are merciful to each other and hide each other's weaknesses.

Only by doing so can we become a true Jama'at as was the wish of the Promised Messiah (as)

May Allah enable us to gain his pleasure.

Huzur-e-Anwar (aba) led the funeral prayer of

Advocate Malik Saleem Latif sahib who was recently martyred in Pakistan. He was serving as the president of Nankana Jama'at. انا الله و انا اليه راجعون