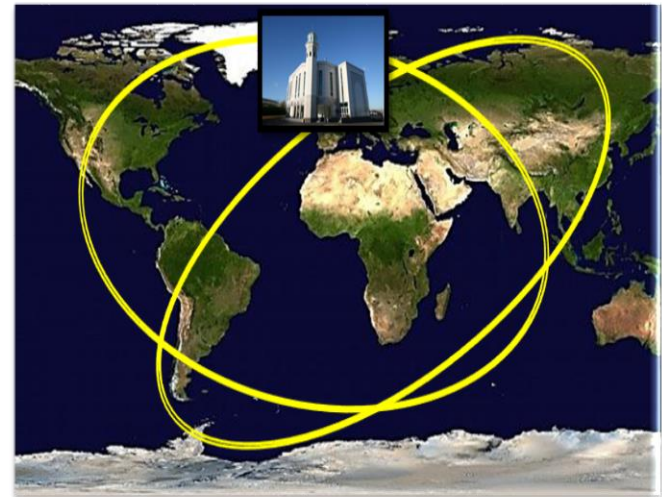


# Seeking The Pleasure of Allah



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# Summary

## Seeking The Pleasure of Allah

Huzur (aba) explained in his sermon today that you must remember that the life of this world is not everything as the real life is the one in the hereafter

It is unfortunate that despite the fact that Allah has blessed the Muslim countries with so much wealth, its rulers continue to spend it on luxuries instead of saving mankind

Abstinence from the world does not mean that one should forbid for him or her self those things which Allah has permitted

Opponents inflicted huge losses to the businesses of Ahmadis but owing to their trust in Allah, their loss of thousands is transformed into a profit of millions.

The luxuries of this world should not distract us of our worship to God Almighty, nor should it deprive us from fulfilling His rights and of those less fortunate than us

Huzur led two funeral prayers in absentia

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# The reality of this world

Wealth

Abstinence

Our goal

Funerals

**“Know that the life of this world is only a sport and a pastime, and an adornment, and a source of boasting among yourselves, and of rivalry in multiplying riches and children. This life is like the rain, the vegetation produced whereby rejoices the tillers. Then it dries up and thou seest it turn yellow; then it becomes broken pieces of straw. And in the Hereafter there is severe punishment, and also forgiveness from Allah, and His pleasure. And the life of this world is nothing but temporary enjoyment of deceitful things.” (57:21)**

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Allah has drawn our attention in various places in the Holy Quran, in fact He has warned us, that our life of this world and all its comforts, are all temporary, and they are nothing more than a sport and a pastime

Abstinence

Those who are heedless of God Almighty and disregard the primary objective of one's life may incline to the lure of such worldly things

Our goal

However, a *Momin (believer)*, who has very lofty objectives, is free of such things.

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A Momin seeks for the acquisition of these objectives, the nearness of Allah and His love.

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# The reality of this world

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**Wealth**

The mercy of Allah is immensely vast and owing to that some people are able to acquire His mercy through certain virtuous deeds

**Abstinence**

However, Allah the Almighty states that you must remember that the life of this world is not everything as the real life is the one in the hereafter.

**Our goal**

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Therefore, it is necessary for one to forge a relationship with Allah the Almighty and to adhere to His commandments in order to seek His pleasure and a prosperous end.

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# The Promised Messiah (pbuh) says

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“Those who come from God, abandon the world.’ However, this means that they do not deem this world to be their primary and ultimate objective. They do not just focus on their life in this world. When this becomes their condition then the world becomes subservient to them.”

But those who make the life of this world as their ultimate objective, then even if they acquire this world, however eventually they will face ruination.’ .”

# Misuse of wealth

This world

Wealth

The words of the Promised Messiah were not just for that time. Even today when it is claimed that the world's financial system has firmly established and there are very strong banks present and yet the businesses and trades which rely on the banks are crippled and go bankrupt, we find that even the banks begin to incur loss

Abstinence

It is unfortunate that despite the fact that Allah has blessed the Muslim countries with so much wealth, its rulers and political leaders have, and continue to spend it on luxuries instead of spending it as means of gaining Allah's pleasure

They should have used their wealth to save mankind and help the poorer Muslim countries and other countries in general to stand on their own feet, and also to feed and clothe the poor and destitute of their own countries.

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However, they have not paid any attention to this instead are occupied in filling their own pockets

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# Misuse of wealth

## This world

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Consequently, they are being humiliated before the world but they fail to realise this

## Wealth

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They are also failing to realise the punishment of the hereafter which indeed is a humiliating punishment.

## Abstinence

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People often say that they observe their prayers, offer worship and keep the fasts, therefore what harm is there if they also acquire the provisions that Allah has provided.

## Our goal

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Firstly, one should adopt sincerity and devotion in their worship as Allah has stated that one's prayers should be filled with sincerity and devotion

## Funerals

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Secondly, one should use these provisions in order to fulfil the rights of others.



# Misuse of wealth

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However, in our countries the situation is such that when the rulers of the country go on tours, they take a whole of fleet of aeroplanes and carry all kinds of provision with them.., they have an expenditure of millions of dollars

The Companions of the Holy Prophet (sa), may Allah be pleased with all of them, were constantly searching to learn and understand the means to performing good deeds and attaining the pleasure of Allah

**Abstinence**

All the while, poor citizens of their countries struggle to get a single meal in the day.

**Our goal**

**Funerals**

They are in fact defying the commandments of Allah the Almighty.

They would regularly ask the Holy Prophet (sa) about this

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Thus once a person approached the Holy Prophet (sa) regarding exactly this and said:

‘O Messenger of Allah! Tell me about a deed which if I perform, will grant me the love of God and will make others appreciate me.’ The Holy Prophet (sa) said: ‘Detach yourself from this world and remove your dependence on it. Allah the Almighty will then love you.’”

**The Holy Prophet (sa) has explained what detaching one’s self from the world means, in the following way:**

Abstinence from the world does not mean that one should forbid for one’self those things which Allah has permitted

It does not mean prohibiting yourself from doing things which God has allowed us

Or to ruin the wealth you have been granted by Allah

In fact abstinence and righteousness means that you should have greater trust in Allah’s reward and forgiveness over personal wealth

# Finances of Ahmadis

## This world

## Wealth

In Pakistan and other places, opponents inflicted losses of hundreds of thousands and millions to the businesses and trade of Ahmadis by destroying and burning them

In fact one of the Prime Ministers of Pakistan once said that he would hand Ahmadis a begging bowl and they will have to go around begging.

## Abstinence

## Our goal

However those Ahmadis had trust in God and neither asked from the government nor went around with a begging bowl asking from anyone else.

In fact, owing to their trust in Allah, their loss of thousands was transformed into a profit of millions.

## Funerals

Where these examples should increase Ahmadis in their faith, at the same time they should make those Ahmadis realise that this is purely due to the blessings of Allah that they are now experiencing improved financial circumstances after leaving Pakistan and coming to the more developed countries

# The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says

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**‘One should not entertain the idea that he is to cut all ties from this world.’**

‘This is not what I meant and nor does Allah the Almighty forbid anyone from seeking worldly material. In fact, Islam forbids monasticism. This is a practise of the cowardly because it is cowardice to abstain from the world. The extensive relations a believer has with the people of the world in fact become a means of elevating his status. (Though one has a link with the world but at the same time it is not the ultimate objective) because the primary goal is faith, and the world with all its wealth and riches is subservient to faith

# The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says

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Therefore, the main point is that the acquisition of the world should not be the ultimate objective of one's life. In fact, the real objective should be faith and the worldly material should be sought in a manner that it is subservient to faith. For example, when a person takes provisions and selects a mode of transport in order to get to one place from another. The actual objective is to reach the other point and not the mode of transport or the provisions. In the same way, one should seek the worldly material but consider it only as a means of serving faith.'

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# The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says

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Whilst commenting on the chastisement of the hereafter, the Promised Messiah (as) stated: “One should comprehend what is hell? There is one hell about which God Almighty has forewarned. Secondly, if one does not spend this world searching for God Almighty, then this is also hell. God Almighty is not responsible for the protection and safety of such an individual. Do not assume that any wealth, government, honour and dignity or ones offspring will be a source of serenity, tranquillity and harmony that will lead one to paradise.”

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# The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) says

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“Prophets such as Abraham (as) and especially Jacob (as) instructed in their will that [Arabic] **“let not death overtake you except when you are in a state of submission”**. Since man is oblivious to the fact when he is brought into this world and when he will depart, this statement means that one should always be mindful of the commandments of God Almighty and ponder about the hereafter. The delights of the world infuses a person with a poisoned greed which greatly increases their desires and cravings. What are the delights of the world? They are all those things that increase ones [carnal] desires and yearnings, just like the excessive thirst of one suffering from polydipsia.

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# Our Obligations

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The luxuries and the comforts of this world should not distract us of our worship to God Almighty, nor should it deprive us from fulfilling His rights .

## Wealth

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Our affluence should not deprive us from fulfilling the rights of our less fortunate brothers

## Abstinence

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Furthermore, we should fulfil our role in spreading Islam and propagating its message rather than overlooking this goal

## Our goal

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The reason for entering into the Bai'at with the Promised Messiah (as) is so that one not only fulfils the rights of God Almighty, but also the rights owed to mankind and also fulfilling the rights of propagating the message of Islam.

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Only then can we accomplish our goal of giving precedence to our faith over all worldly pursuits.



# Prayers

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May Allah the Almighty enable us to always seek His pleasure and may we never succumb to this illusive world.

May we save ourselves from the hell of this world as well as the hell in the hereafter.

May the grace of God Almighty and His pleasure make this world a paradise for us and also enable us to enter into paradise in the hereafter.

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Huzoor (aba) then announced that after the prayers he would lead two funeral prayers in absentia

The first was of Mr Basharat Ahmad Sahib, son of Muhammad Abdullah Sahib. He belonged to the district of Rahim Yar Khan and was martyred on May 3rd [2017].

The second funeral was of Professor Tahira Parveen Malik who is the daughter of the late Malik Muhammad Abdullah Sahib. She was martyred on 17th April

**To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.**

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