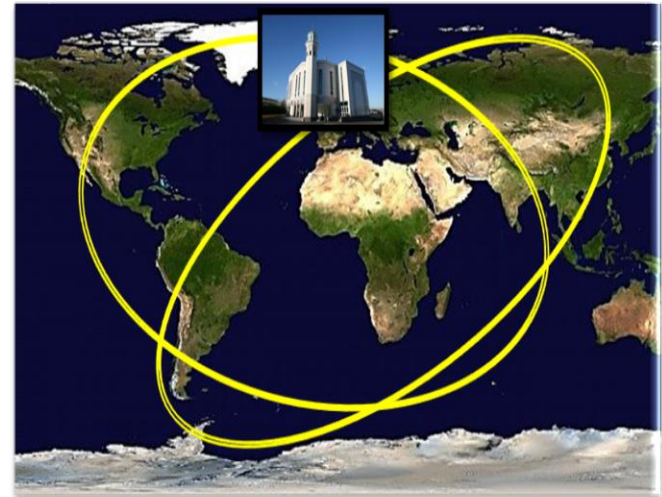


The Attributes of a Momin



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Therefore, this is a testimony to the words of the Promised Messiah (as) and despite our weaknesses, one should take part in this as it is God Almighty Himself who is doing this work.

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This verse points out three attributes of a believer. These three attributes are: calling towards Allah, performing righteous deeds and, having demonstrated obedience, announcing that

‘I am one who acts upon or endeavours to the best of their abilities to act upon all the instructions of Allah the Exalted and His Prophet (sa).’

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These things are such that the first of them leads a believer to acquire religious knowledge and to teach it to the world..

One can only be driven to teach others, if one entertains an anguish in one's heart for others and is fully focused on freeing them from the clutches of Satan. At the same time, he is anxious about increasing the servants of the Gracious God.

The second characteristic is that, God enjoins us to perform righteous deeds. In other words, pay attention to fulfilling the rights of Allah, the Exalted and in addition to this one should set such an example that it serves as a model for others.

The third characteristic which has been expounded is that a true believer should proclaim that, 'I am of those who submit fully, that is, I fully believe in the commandments of Allah the Exalted and His Prophet (sa).

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Obedience also includes the obedience to the System of the Jamaat [Nizam-e-Jama'at] as well as to the Khalifa of that time. Allah the Exalted has proclaimed that even though calling towards Allah is a good deed, it is also necessary to proclaim [Arabic] [I am from among the believers] in other words that I proclaim to be obedient, whilst observing and maintaining the highest standards of obedience.

Furthermore, for us Ahmadis, these standards of absolute obedience to the Promised Messiah (as) and when we cooperate with the system that is under the supervision of his Khilafat are mandatory.

There is no doubt in the fact that Allah the Exalted has sent the Promised Messiah (as) according to His promise all promises of triumph will be fulfilled, Insha'Allah [God Willing].

Allah the Exalted states in the Holy Qur'an that [Arabic] (Al-Mujaadilah: 23) *Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.'* Allah the Exalted also disclosed this revelation to the Promised Messiah (as) several times. he clearly explained to us the message of Islam, in light of the Holy Quran. This is being propagated to every corner of the globe and the world is being attracted to this beautiful teaching of Islam.

Hence, there is no doubt that the beautiful message of Islam is to spread by means of the Promised Messiah (as), and indeed is doing so. So, this is the work and promises of God Almighty which shall continue to be fulfilled, Insha'Allah [God-willing].

God Almighty has stated that the best quality of a believer is that he calls others to God. Hence, God Almighty desires for us to partake in this work which He is actually doing Himself. Thus, He wishes for us to partake of the blessings. Therefore, each and every Ahmadi must give importance to this.

Therefore, all of you who live here in Spain should take time out and dedicate at least two days of the month to Tabligh (preaching the message).

Here [in Spain], seven-eight hundred years ago, Muslims were forced to convert to Christianity by the sword.

I have been sending Shahid graduates from [Jamia] UK and Germany to Spain before they enter the field of work to distribute literature in the cities.

Apart from this there is Spanish lady who converted to Ahmadiyyat and lives in London. She is the wife of the New Ahmadi Secretary there. Her family is here in Spain i.e. her parents. She visits different schools, universities and colleges here and conveys the message. She searches for opportunities to come from London and introduce the Jama'at here and spread the message of Islam. So why is it that the residents and missionaries here are not able to find such opportunities?

Hence, the Ahmadi residents, office-bearers and missionaries here must make a resolute and concrete plan. The National Tabligh Secretary expresses his keen desire with regards to doing Tabligh. He did not openly say this to me but it seems that there is always an issue with the budget and with the co-operation of members of the Community.



Hence it is also the duty of the Ameer Jama'at [National President] that if there is an issue with budget then it should be resolved. It is also the responsibility of the Secretary Tabligh, Missionaries and members of the Jama'at to fully cooperate with Ameer Jama'at. This is the way by which we can establish the lost grandeur of Islam once again. This was the objective of the Promised Messiah's (as) advent.

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The Promised Messiah (as) continues,

“Let it be known that there is no better way to increase one’s longevity in that one should sincerely and devotedly occupy himself in spreading the word of God and serve the faith. This method indeed is most effective in this age, since the faith is in need of such sincere servants.”

Whilst drawing attention towards Tabligh, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to Hazrat Ali (ra), “I swear by God that if one single person was to attain guidance through you that would be far better than if you had attained red camels.” In those days, red camels were considered to be extremely valuable. A person who possessed red camels was considered to be rich and affluent.

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Thus, the Holy Prophet (sa) stated that the wealth and fortunes of this world are of no value as compared to if one did Tabligh and he became the means through which one attained guidance.

Therefore, those who have come here should no doubt endeavour to earn worldly wealth, but you should also devote some of your time towards Tabligh.

Though I have said that you should give one or two days but in fact you should give more than this. In this way you will be able to acquire the worldly wealth and God Almighty will also be pleased with you.

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“God Almighty desires to distinguish between the truthful and the disbelievers. This is the time to demonstrate sincerity and loyalty and one last opportunity has been given for this. This time shall not come again; ,,,. Therefore, this is the last opportunity granted to mankind to show one’s sincerity and to render service [to faith]. Thereafter, one will not have an opportunity and most unfortunate is one who fails to avail from this opportunity.”

“Simply making a verbal proclamation to have done the Bai’at [oath of initiation] is of no value. Rather, one should make an effort and supplicate to God Almighty so that He may make you among the truthful. Therefore, do not show indolence or slothfulness, rather become active and try to adhere to the teachings which I have presented to you and tread on the path which I have shown you.”

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As I mentioned in the previous Friday Sermon, in relation to the book, Noah's Ark, that each and every Ahmadi should read the section, Our Teachings.

In fact, the Promised Messiah (as) stated that we should read the entire book. The instructions contained in the section of the book, Our Teaching, will serve as a guide in the opportunities that we will have when inviting people towards God and performing good deeds. The teachings contained within it is one that can enable us to become excellent believers.

Directing our attention towards righteous deeds, the Promised Messiah (as) further states:

"... Remember until these actions are not performed with true sincerity of the heart and spirituality they are of no benefit and avail. Righteous deeds can only be counted as righteous when they are pure from all kinds of disorder."

Whilst mentioning that one should perform Amaal-e-Saliha [virtuous deeds] constantly, the Promised Messiah (as) states,

“Those people who wish to preserve their faith should look to excel in performing virtuous deeds. These are spiritual matters which have a profound effect upon one’s beliefs.”

Thus, actions can only be deemed as virtuous deeds if one shows complete obedience and with this in mind they perform their actions and also, they carry them out to attain the pleasure of God.

The Promised Messiah (as) says,
“The weapons that will lead us to victory are: istighfar [seeking forgiveness], taubah [repentance], increasing in religious knowledge, understanding the grandeur of God Almighty and offering the five daily prayers. Worship is the key to the acceptance of prayer. When you offer worship, ensure that you pray and do not show negligence in this matter. Abstain wholly from every vice, regardless of the fact that is connected with fulfilling the rights of God or fulfilling the rights of His creation.”

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May Allah the Almighty enable us to propagate the message of the Promised Messiah (as) and make us a part of his victory. May he enable us to disseminate his message and make us a part of his dominance. Whilst offering taubah and istighfar and also praying, may we fulfil our responsibility of spreading the message.

May we fulfil the due rights of God Almighty and His creation. It is the fulfilment of these rights that enables one to carry out virtuous deeds.

May we keep the pleasure of God in mind in all of our actions and become completely obedient to God Almighty. When we keep these matters in mind then God Willing, we will be able to see the victory of Islam in accordance with the promises of God Almighty. May Allah enable us to do so.