



# Summary slide

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The Promised Messiah (as) earnestly advised his followers to fulfil their duty towards their Bai'at [pledge of allegiance] and to become true believers.

We should always keep those words before us for they are the means of our spiritual development.

Thus, it is incumbent upon us, that we read and listen to his words and try to act upon them  
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--- and that we improve our condition to the standard, which the Promised Messiah (as) expected from us.

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Now, I will present some of his sayings that form a code of conduct for our lives. These represent a yardstick against which we can measure our spiritual status.

Everyone can assess their condition in light of these statements as what needs to be done to gain spiritual development, how to attain the expected standard of righteousness and virtues and what are our responsibilities?

## Just verbal Bai'at is not enough!

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said '...the Jama'at understands that accepting Ahmadiyyat is not enough on its own, we will only receive the company and help of God Almighty when you adopt true righteousness along with performing virtues.'

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‘Some sins are obvious such as telling lies, committing adultery, to betray someone, giving false testimony, usurping the rights of others and Shirk [associating partners with God] etc. However, some vices are so subtle that a person does not even realise when he becomes entangled in them’.

## Subtle sins!

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) explained the principle of avoiding the subtle sin of **thinking ill of other,**

‘Do not allow a matter which you are not absolutely sure and certain of to take root in your heart. This principle serves to prevent thinking ill of ... How powerful and strong is this principle! ... Therefore, it is better not to think ill of others and to think positively about others..’

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## Thinking ill of others

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'I can say with certainty that there are very few who have never hurt anyone, nor have complained about anyone, who do not engage in bad assumptions about people or falsehoods and do not entertain impure thoughts'.

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"Also remember that the one who listens to such talk is the same as one who utters it."

If everyone reflects on their own gatherings, they will see that a lot of backbiting, insults and exaggerations goes on, then people are made fun of and that creates bad blood among people.

This is the standard of good deeds in that one should avoid all such vices which do not behave a believer.

## Thinking ill of other destroys True Unity

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said  
' I tell you it is completely unacceptable to God Almighty that you create discord on the earth. God Almighty wants to spread unity in this world. A person who hurts his brother, commits injustice or dishonesty is an enemy of Unity

The Promised Messiah (as) says that true unity is impossible unless such evil notions are done away with. That is why Taqwa is the first step. This was the purpose of the coming of the Promised Mahdi – to unite Muslims on one hand, to create one Ummah.



## Thinking ill of others and worship!

So, it is vital to understand the philosophy of right and wrong to be empowered to do the right thing.

The Holy Quran gives these details repeatedly. So, read the Holy Quran again and again, and make a written note of all those deeds which have been described as evils and then try to avoid them by the help and grace of Allah.

Avoiding evil deeds is the first stage of Taqwa (God-fearing righteousness), then one develops aversion to the sin and progresses on good deeds. This is achieved by the worship of God.

But some people go to the mosque to worship and in the same place they criticise and complain about others, they thinking ill of others and speaking [ill] of them and been dishonest in their trusts.

The Promised Messiah (as) states that if one is engulfed in such evils, then their prayer has been of no avail to him.

## Just verbal Bai'at is not enough for true salvation

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'Of course, one should refrain from sin but in parallel with that he must carry out good deeds and without this there is no salvation. Islam does not merely take man to this stage and leaves him there, instead it desires to fulfil both parts i.e. to forsake each and every evil and to do good deeds in all earnestness. As long as one does not possess these two qualities he cannot attain true salvation'.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'Bear in mind that if you fail to adopt righteousness and partake fully of that virtue which God Almighty desires [from you] then you will be the first to be destroyed by God Almighty as you have accepted a truth but denied it in practice. .... God Almighty wishes for you to demonstrate practical truth'

## Give precedence to faith over world

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said  
'Thus, it is imperative for you to give precedence to your faith over all worldly pursuits'.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said  
'No one should harbour this thought that through abandoning the material world they will perish. ...God Almighty never permits the one who becomes attached to Him to go to ruin, rather God Almighty becomes their guardian. .... Only the lives of those are ruined, who abandon God Almighty and incline to this material world. Is it not true that every matter is in the hands of God Almighty?'

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said  
'That branch which does not remain attached to the tree eventually withers and falls off'.

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‘That individual who has sincere faith never worries for material possessions, in spite of this, they are in turn granted every kind of material wealth. Blessed is the one gives precedence to their faith over all worldly matters, however the one who gives precedence to their worldly endeavours over their faith, they are nothing but a lifeless body who will never see the face of true Divine succour.’

One can only derive benefit from this pledge of allegiance when one gives precedence to their faith and then strives to progress in this regard.

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The calamities of this world continue to increase.

From all these disastrous calamities, only those people shall be saved regarding whom the Promised Messiah (as) has stated in one of his couplets, ...

... There is fire, but all those shall be saved from it who have love for the Omnipotent God.

Therefore, one needs to pay particular focus towards this in order to save oneself and also the world in general.

We need to make a concerted effort with all our faculties and abilities as to how we can attain God Almighty.

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'The Promised Messiah (as) states, "In order to safeguard one's live, one has to eat and drink the minimum amount required to keep one alive, otherwise one cannot survive. This is the same case for one's affairs relating to faith. If one does not possess the minimum amount of spirituality required, one cannot stay spiritually alive. " '.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said  
'This community has been established so that one is drawn towards God Almighty. Even though it is an arduous task to come close to God Almighty and requires one to undergo and a kind of death, but in the end, one also attains a new life from this very act. One who discards the satanic aspects from within becomes a blessed individual and one's house, soul and one's entire city receives those blessings'

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'Evil is of two types. One is to associate partners with God Almighty, to be ignorant of His greatness, to show indolence in His worship and obedience. The second type is failing to show compassion towards His creation and also failing to fulfil their due rights. Thus, one ought to refrain from both forms of evil and remain occupied in the obedience of God Almighty.'

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said 'One should not cause any harm to the God's creation and greatly ponder over the Holy Quran and adhere to it. Refrain from all kinds of gatherings where people ridicule and mock others and also associate partners with God. Observe the five daily prayers, in short, one should not abandon a single commandment of God Almighty. Keep your the exterior clean as well as purifying your hearts from all kinds of malice, hatred and jealousy. This is what God Almighty desires from you

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May God Almighty enable us to bring about pure changes within ourselves whilst fulfilling the due rights of our Bai'at.

And may we, whilst living in this very world, fulfil our pledge of giving precedence to our faith over all worldly things.

May we act according to the instructions of the Promised Messiah (as), and keeping in view of the 10<sup>th</sup> condition of the Bai'at which states to obey all *Maruf* decision.

May we understand the true essence of the obedience of Go.

May we attain those standards as a result of which we become the recipients of God Almighty's blessings which He has promised to the Promised Messiah (as).