

Summary Friday Sermon 30 April 2021

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After Tashahhud, Ta'awwaz and the recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah, Huzure-Anwar said:

By the grace of Allah Almighty we are passing through the month of Ramadan. In a few days the phase of the last ten days will begin. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that this is the time when Allah Almighty saves us from the fires of hell. So it is our duty to increase our prayers and pray in the most devoted of ways. We must send Durood and do Astaghfaar. We must pay full attention to the rights of God and the rights of man so that we are able to receive Allah's acceptance and so that we are saved from Hell.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) used to pray in such a manner during ordinary days, as cannot be imagined. His prayers used to increase exponentially during the month of Ramadan. Hazrat Ayesha (ra) states that The Holy Prophet (pbuh) used to pray with such devotion during this month, the level of intensity was not seen in any other time. Thus it is Allah Almighty's instruction to all the righteous, that the Holy Prophet's (pbuh) way of praying is an example for us. We should try to achieve the standards that were set by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to the best of our abilities. This is the only way we can truly become righteous and our prayers will be accepted by Allah Almighty.

Ahmadi's should pay special attention to this. May Allah save us from the persecution that is taking place against the Jamaat in different countries nowadays, especially in Pakistan and from the actions that are being taken against us there. May Allah return the evil of the enemy onto them. Similarly, we should also pray to Allah that He may save us from the epidemic that has spread around the world.

In order to ensure that our prayers are accepted, we should constantly recite Durood for the the Holy Prophet (pbuh). If we do not do this our prayers will keep hanging somewhere between Heaven and earth. Once the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that the person who stops sending Durood towards me, it is as if he has lost the way to Heaven. Similarly, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said at another time to his disciples that, you should send Durood towards me because this is the way to becoming pious and excel spiritually. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) also said that the person who sends Durood towards me, Allah Almighty will send ten times more Durood in return.

When we read all these sayings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) regarding Durood Sharif, we can assess its importance. So for all of us that have accepted the Promised Messiah (as) it is our duty to try and understand the importance of Durood Sharif and recite it increasingly, so that it enables us to increase in piety and excel in spirituality.

Indeed, it is our duty to send Durood Sharif to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) constantly and by doing so Allah Almighty will save us from the evil schemes of our enemies. We will also

witness our prayers being accepted by Allah Almighty; The individual prayers and the communal prayers. The condition for this is that this Durood should be recited and sent with the purest of hearts and to attain purity of heart while praying, a human being should know what he is praying and why. May Allah Almighty enable us to recite Durood increasingly and understand its importance during the month of Ramadan as well as during regular days.

Huzur-e-Anwar said, the second thing I want to draw your attention to is Astaghfaar. The following prayer is very important in this instance which is:

اسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ رَبِّيَ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

Which means: I ask forgiveness of my sins from Allah who is my Lord and I turn towards Him.

Hazrat Masih e Maoud (as) says that the meaning of Astaghfaar is to request Allah Almighty to eliminate our human weaknesses. In other words, this means we must pray to Allah to cover all our weaknesses with His might. Another meaning is, may He cover the sins that we have committed. Although doing Astaghfaar is important for us, Satan is standing in our way. If a human being wants to save himself with just his own power, he will never succeed. The only way to be saved from Satan is to attain power from Allah Almighty by doing Astaghfaar. By doing Astaghfaar the sins of our past are forgiven and we are given strength to be able to save ourselves from the sins of the future.