

Summary Friday Sermon 25 March 2022

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After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, HazratMirzaMasroor Ahmad (aba) said that two days ago was 23 March which is known in the Ahmadiyya Community as Promised Messiah (as) Day. This was the day on which the first *bai'at* (pledge of allegiance) was taken at his hand.

His Holiness (aba) said that the Community holds *Jalsas* (gatherings) to commemorate this day by recounting the purpose of the Promised Messiah's (as) advent which was foretold by the Holy Prophet (sa) and accompanied with numerous signs.

The Promised Messiah (as) spoke about his advent and the necessity of it and said, Allah Almighty had blessed this age by sending a person from amongst you, in order to defend Islam and The Holy prophet (pbuh) and call people towards this spiritual light. If the situation had not been so dire, perhaps it would not have mattered. But you see that this is the time when all nations form left and right are trying their best to destroy Islam. His Holiness (aba) said that when The Promised Messiah (as) announced his advent, the situation was indeed dire. It has not improved since but the majority of Muslims don't understand this.

The Promised Messiah (as) spoke further with regards to the animosity against Islam and said: Had Gods promise of protecting Islam not been true, Islam would not have existed in this world but this is would never have been possible, because Allah has always protected Islam. The Promised Messiah (as) spoke further about his claim of being the promised messiah, he said that Allah's help is with him. The prophecies given by the Holy Prophet (pbuh) have come true in his favour.

His Holiness (aba) quoted HazratMirzaBashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra) who relates that the Promised Messiah (as) used to say that it bothered him when people cursed him, but it also bothered him if they didn't, because without opposition, the Community would not flourish. Hence people should pay no mind to insults.

HazratMuslehMaoud (ra) said that some people misunderstood and thought that the prophecy regarding Abdullah Athamby the Promised Messiah (as) did not come true. When the prophecy regarding PanditLekh Ram was fulfilled, there was strict opposition from the Hindu's. Similarly, the claims made by Maulvi Muhammad Hussein and the denials of doctor Abdul Hakeem led some people to disbelieve. At such occasions, people used to think that this is the end of Ahmadiyyat, but Allah Almighty defended the community by all means. Thus, all these oppositions resulted in the success of the community rather than it being destroyed. How many times did people think that Ahmadiyyat would be finished but each and every time Allah Almighty blessed the community more than before.

His Holiness (aba) said that this is the history of our community. It has always been so with spiritual communities. The community always excels when it faces opposition and it will keep doing so InshAllah. The opponents will try hard, the hypocrites will do their best but Allah Almighty always fulfills His promises and He will do so in the future as well.

His Holiness (aba) said at the end of the sermon, that may Allah enable us to fulfill our conditions of Bai'at, that we swore at the hand of the Promised Messiah (as). His Holiness (aba) also inaugurated the community website in the Kurdish language and asked the community to pray for the current condition of the world.