



Summary Friday Sermon 7 Oct 2022 Delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba)

After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) recited the following verses of the Holy Qur'an

Say, 'My Lord has enjoined justice. And fix your attention aright at every *time and place* of worship, and call upon Him, making yourselves sincere towards Him in religion. As He brought you into being, so shall you return.' Some has He guided, and *as for* others error has become their desert. They have taken evil ones for friends to the exclusion of Allah, and they think that they are rightly guided. O children of Adam! look to your adornment at every *time and place* of worship, and eat and drink but exceed not the bounds; surely, He does not love those who exceed the bounds. (Holy Qur'an 7:30-32)

His Holiness (aba) said that Allah the Almighty has granted the Dallas Jama'at the opportunity to inaugurate its mosque. Although it has been in use, it is formally being inaugurated today. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may those who partook in the building of this mosque do justice to this mosque; may they have built this mosque solely for the sake of Allah the Almighty and may they be among those regarding whom the Holy Prophet (sa) said that those who build a mosque for the sake of attaining God's pleasure will be awarded a home in Paradise.

His Holiness (aba) said that having pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah (as) places great responsibilities upon us. Pledging allegiance is not enough, rather we must adhere to what he taught. Hence, it is imperative that we understand our responsibilities.

His Holiness (aba) said that it is our responsibility to populate this mosque, to live harmoniously with one another, and to propagate unity and brotherhood in the world. It is our duty to spread the message of Islam to the world and to focus on our reformation with prayers.

His Holiness (aba) said that in the verses he recited, God outlines the responsibilities of those associated with a mosque. The first thing which Allah

enjoins is to establish justice. Hence, there is absolutely no room for causing harm to anyone, and those who come to the mosque must be mindful of the rights of others while acting with justice. There are unfortunate instances where men do not treat their wives in an unbecoming manner and are always scolding them, which also has a negative impact on the children. The Jama'at work or worship of such people renders no benefit in the sight of God. Their duplicity deceives no one except themselves. Those who fulfil the due rights of a mosque are people who establish justice inside and out and whose words align with their actions. Hence, these are the standards that must be met, otherwise simply coming to the mosque in order to be done with the burden of prayer will be of no benefit whatsoever.

God Almighty states that if one does not adhere to His commandments and does not focus on seeking forgiveness and repentance, then Satan will overcome them. These days, in the worldly society that we live in, focusing on these things is of paramount importance.

it is narrated by Hazrat Ali (ra) that the Holy Prophet (sa) said that soon, nothing would be left of Islam except its name, nothing would be left of the Qur'an except its words, the mosques of the people at that time will appear full but be devoid of guidance and their leaders will be the worst creation on the face of the earth. Disorders will arise from them and return to them. This is the exact condition we are seeing in the mosques of such people. This should be a wake up call for us all. Their focus is merely to break down the minarets of Ahmadi mosques and they believe that this is their service to the faith. However, a mosque should encourage us to focus on how we can fulfil the rights of others.

His Holiness (aba) said that we should have complete faith in Allah that HE is the one who has the power to fulfill all promises. Islam is the true and complete religion in the world that will prevail and it is for this faith that we must expend all of our faculties in becoming true helpers of the Promised Messiah (as).

His Holiness (aba) said that the Promised Messiah spoke of the worsening moral state of this time and said that God has now decided to eradicate all evil from the world. Allah never leaves his true followers and thus it is HIS decision now to promote righteousness and end wickedness and sinfulness. We should thus analyze ourselves to see if we are striving to improve our spiritual status and level of our prayers. It is thus important that all our deeds should be in accordance with the will of Allah. The Promised Messiah (as) said that all our actions should be based on sincerity and selflessness. Always remember that

when you give yourself up to the will of Allah, HE too becomes yours. This is the way that should be followed.

His Holiness (aba) said that people who forget their main purpose in life and indulge themselves completely in the worldly affairs, eventually move away from God. The responsible thing to do is to make prayers your sole purpose in life. The Promised Messiah (as) says that our main purpose in life should be worshipping Allah and going away from the pleasures of the world. At the same time, Allah the Almighty does not stop one from worldly engagements, rather, HE expects that along with our worldly responsibilities, we never forget the purpose of our lives or slacken in our prayers. If we forget this, then our pledge to the Promised Messiah (as) essentially means nothing.

His Holiness (aba) said that people tend to give useless excuses for not praying 5 times a day. This is extravagance and it takes one away from Allah and leaves them to be muslims and ahamadis just by name. A righteous person always gives preference to religion on world affairs. As a result, Allah increases such a person's wealth. Those who choose the other way and indulge themselves completely into the pleasures of the world are left to rot. Only the believers and righteous populate the Mosques. They are eager to pray and not only do they worship, but they do so with care. This is the way to fill our mosques with worshippers and this is the only thing that can save our future generations from the negative aspects of this world.