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Thus He manifests two kinds of Power. (1) First He shows the Hand of His Power at the hands of His Prophets (as) themselves. (2) Second, when with the death of a Prophet (as), difficulties and problems arise and the enemy feels stronger and thinks that things are in disarray and is convinced that now this Jama'at will become extinct and even members of the Jama'at, too, are in a quandary and their backs are broken, and some of the unfortunate ones choose paths that lead to apostasy, then it is that God for the second time shows His Mighty Power and supports and takes care of the shaken Jama'at. Thus one who remains steadfast till the end witnesses this miracle of God. This is what happened at the time of Hadrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra), when the demise of the Holy Prophet (sa) was considered untimely and many an ignorant Bedouin turned apostate. The companions (ra) of the Holy Prophet (sa), too, stricken with grief, became like those who lose their senses. Then Allah raised Abu Bakr Siddiq (ra) and showed for the second time the manifestation of His Power and saved Islam, just when it was about to fall, and fulfilled the promise which was spelled out in the verse:

وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِيْنَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَطَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِّنُ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمُ اَمُنًا

"And that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear." (The Holy Qur'an, Al-Nur 24:56)

(The Promised Messiahas, The Will, pg. 5-6)

# **The Holy Quran** / Obedience as a Commandment of Allah An-Nisa' 4:60-65

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An-Nisa' 4:60 (www.alislam.org/quran/app/4:60)

يَّاكَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ امَنُوْ الطِيعُوا اللَّهُ وَاطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَاُولِي الْاَمْرِمِنْكُمْ فَانُ فَاكَيُهُا اللَّهُ وَالرَّسُولِ الرَّسُولِ وَالرَّسُولِ اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ اِنْكُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فَيْ فَي فَي وَفَي اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤُمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ اِنْكُنْتُمْ تُؤُمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ اللَّهُ وَالرَّسُولِ اِنْكُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ اللَّهُ وَالْيَوْمِ اللَّهُ وَالرَّسُولِ اللَّهُ وَالرَّسُولِ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَالْمَاكِنُ اللَّهُ وَالْمَاكُونُ بِاللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَالْمَاكُونُ اللَّهُ الْعُلُمُ اللَّهُ اللْعُلِي الللْهُ اللْهُ الْمُنْتُ اللْمُعْلَقُ اللللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللَّهُ الللْهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُنْ اللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ الللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ الللْمُؤْمِنُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ اللْمُؤْمِنُ الللللّهُ الللللّهُ الللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ الللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الل



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O ye who believe! obey Allah, and obey *His* Messenger and those who are in authority among you. And if you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and *His* Messenger if you are believers in Allah and the Last Day. That is best and most commendable in the end.

اے وہ لو گوجو ایمان لائے ہو! اللہ کی اطاعت کر واور رسول کی اطاعت کر واور اپنے حکام کی بھی۔اور اگرتم کسی معاملہ میں (اُولُوالا مرسے) اختلاف کر و تواہیے معاملے اللہ اور رسول کی طرف کوٹا دیا کر واگر (فی الحقیقت) تم اللہ پر اور یوم آخر پر ایمان لانے والے ہو۔ یہ بہت بہتر (طریق) ہے اور انجام کے لحاظ سے بہت اچھاہے۔

An-Nisa' 4:61 (www.alislam.org/quran/app/4:61)

اَكُمْ تَرَالَى الَّذِيْنَ يَزُعُمُونَ اَنَّهُمُ امَنُوا بِمَا اُنْزِلَ اِلَيْكَ وَمَا اُنْزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ يُرِيْدُونَ اَنْ يَتَحَاكَمُوْا إِلَى الطَّاغُوتِ وَقَدُ اُمِرُوْا اَنْ يَكُفُرُوا بِهِ وَيُرِيْدُ الشَّيْطُنُ اَنْ يَّضِلَّهُمْ ضَللاً بَعِيْدًا ﴿

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Dost thou not know of those who pretend that they believe in what has been revealed to thee and what has been revealed before thee? They desire to seek judgement from the rebellious, although they were commanded not to obey them. And Satan desires to lead them astray far away *from the right path*.

کیاتُونے ان لوگوں کے حال پر نظر کی ہے جو گمان کرتے ہیں کہ وہ اس پر ایمان لے آئے ہیں جو تجھ پر اتارا گیااور اس پر بھی جو تجھ سے پہلے اتارا گیا۔وہ چاہتے ہیں کہ فیصلے شیطان سے کر وائیں جبکہ انہیں حکم دیا گیاتھا کہ وہ اس کا انکار کریں۔اور شیطان یہ چاہتا ہے کہ وہ اُنہیں دُور کی گمر اہی میں بہکادے۔

An-Nisa' 4:62 (www.alislam.org/quran/app/4:62)

# وَإِذَا قِيْلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالُوْا إِلَى مَا آنُوْلَ اللَّهُ وَإِلَى الرَّسُولِ رَآيْتَ الْمُنْفِقِيْنَ يَصُدُّونَ عَنْكَ صُدُوْدًا ﴿ يَصُدُّونَ عَنْكَ صُدُوْدًا ﴿ يَصُدُّونَ عَنْكَ صُدُوْدًا ﴿ يَصُدُّونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ﴿ يَصُدُّونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ﴿ يَصُدُونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ﴿ يَصُدُونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ﴿ يَصُدُونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ﴿ يَصُدُونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ﴿ يَصُدُونُ عَنْكَ صَدُودًا ﴿ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ صَدُودًا ﴿ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ مِنْ اللَّهُ عَلَى الرَّسُولِ مَا اللَّهُ عَنْكُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ مِنْ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَنْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ عَلَيْكُ عَنْكُ عَلْكُ عَلَيْكُ عَلَيْكُ عَنْكُ عَلْكُ عَلَيْكُ اللّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ عِلْكُ عَلَيْكُ عَلْكُ عَلَيْكُ عَلَيْكُو

اللهُ Allah	اَنْزَل He sent do		 	تَعَالَوُا you come		قیل it was said	اِذَا when	
	عَنْكَ from you	_			-	الرَّسُولِ Messeng		and

صُنُودًا aversion

And when it is said to them, 'Come ye to what Allah has sent down and to *His* Messenger,' thou seest the hypocrites turn away from thee with aversion.

اور جب ان سے کہاجا تاہے کہ اس کی طرف آؤجو اللہ نے اتاراہے اور رسول کی طرف آؤتو منافقوں کو تُو دیکھے گا کہ وہ تجھ سے بہت پرے ہٹ جاتے ہیں۔

An-Nisa' 4:63 (www.alislam.org/quran/app/4:63)

فَكَيْفَ إِذَ آاصَابَتُهُمْ مُّصِيْبَةً بِمَاقَدَّمَتُ آيُدِيهِمْ ثُمَّ جَآءُوْكَ يَحْلِفُوْنَ اللهِ اللهِ إِنْ آرَدُنَآ اِلَآ إِحْسَانًا وَّ تَوْفِيْقًا ﴿

اذآ it befells them affliction it sent before because when then how جَآءُوك أرَدُنَآ we meant | not | by Allah | they swear | they came to you their hands then conciliation and kindness except

Then how is it that when an affliction befalls them because of what their hands have sent on before them, they come to thee swearing by Allah, *saying*, 'We meant nothing but the doing of good and reconciliation?'

بھر انہیں کیا ہو جاتا ہے جب اُن پر کوئی مصیبت ٹو ٹتی ہے،بسبب اس کے جو اُن کے ہاتھوں نے آگے

# بھیجا۔ تب وہ تیرے پاس اللہ کی قشمیں کھاتے ہوئے آتے ہیں کہ ہماراتواحسان کرنے اور اصلاح کرنے کے سواکو کی ارادہ نہ تھا۔

An-Nisa' 4:64 (www.alislam.org/quran/app/4:64)

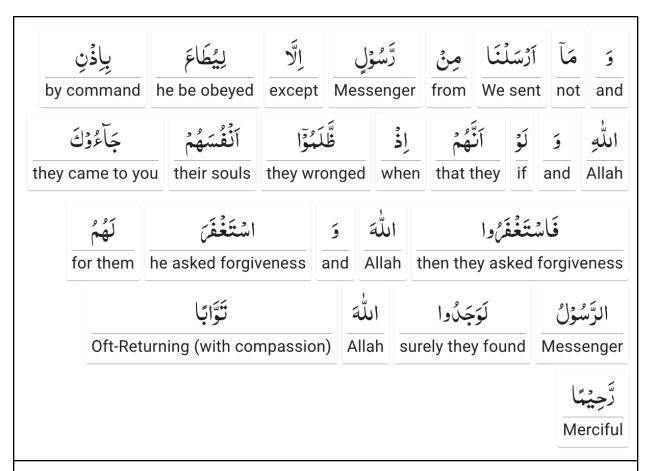
# ٱولَا إِكَ الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ مَا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ فَاعْرِضَ عَنْهُمْ وَعِظْهُمْ وَقُلُ لَّهُمُ فِي آنْفُسِهِمْ قَوْلًا بَلِينُغًا ﴿

These are they, the secrets of whose hearts Allah knows *well*. So turn away from them and admonish them and speak to them an effective word concerning their own selves.

یہ وہ لوگ ہیں جن کے دلوں کا حال اللہ خوب جانتا ہے۔ پس ان سے اِعر اض کر اور انہیں نصیحت کر اور انہیں ایسی بات کہہ جو اُن کے نفسوں پر گہر ااثر حچوڑ نے والی ہو۔

An-Nisa' 4:65 (www.alislam.org/quran/app/4:65)

وَمَاۤ اَرۡسَلۡنَامِنُ رَّسُوٰلِ اِلَّالِيُطَاعَ بِإِذۡنِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَلَوۡ اَنَّهُمۡ اِذۡ ظَّلَمُوۤا اَنۡفُسَهُمۡ جَآءُوۡكَ فَاسۡتَغُفَىُ وا اللَّهَ وَاسۡتَغُفَى لَهُمُ الرَّسُوۡلُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَّحِيْمًا ﷺ



And We have sent no Messenger but that he should be obeyed by the command of Allah. And if they had come to thee when they had wronged their souls, and asked forgiveness of Allah, and if the Messenger also had asked forgiveness for them, they would have surely found Allah Oft-Returning with compassion, and Merciful.

اور ہم نے کوئی رسول نہیں بھیجا مگر اس لئے کہ اللہ کے تھم سے اس کی اطاعت کی جائے۔ اور اگر اس وقت جب انہوں نے اپنی جانوں پر ظلم کیاوہ تیر ہے پاس حاضر ہوتے اور اللہ سے بخشش طلب کرتے اور رسول بھی ان کے لئے بخشش ما نگتا تو وہ ضرور اللہ کو بہت تو بہ قبول کرنے والا (اور) بار باررحم کرنے والا پاتے۔

# **Advanced Reading** (Optional)

#### **URDU**

Read from <u>Tafsir Hazrat Masih Mau'ud</u><sup>as</sup>, Vol. 1 Surah Fatiha: pg. 311-346

#### **ENGLISH**

Read from <u>Commentary on the Holy Our'an - Vol. 1 Surah Fatiha</u>: pg. 301-333 (*"Every human action is followed by Divine reaction"* onwards)



#### Point to Ponder: Moral Miracles Possess Great Influence

One of the miracles of the Holy Prophet, the Chief of the Messengers, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, in the way of moral miracles is that once the Prophet of Islam lay asleep under a tree when suddenly he was awoken by a hue and cry. Upon waking he noticed a Bedouin of the desert standing above him, sword in hand, who said: 'O Muhammad! Tell me, who now can save you from my hands?' 'Allah,' replied the Prophet of Islam, with the complete satisfaction and true repose that he was blessed with. This response of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> was not superficial as others would say. The name 'Allah,' which is the personal name of God Almighty and which is that compendium of all perfect attributes, came forth from the mouth of the Messenger with such heart-felt emotion that it touched the heart of the Bedouin. It is said that this is the Greatest Name (ism-e-azam) of God and it possesses tremendous blessings. But as for one who does not even remember Allah, what benefit can such a one derive from this name? Hence, the word 'Allah' was uttered by the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in such a way that the Bedouin was struck by awe and his hand began to tremble. His sword fell to the ground. The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> then took hold of the same sword and said: 'Now you tell me, who can save you from my hands?' Who could this weak-hearted desert-nomad of the desert name? Ultimately, the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, exhibited his sublime virtues and said: 'Go, I release you. Learn of clemency and bravery from me.' This miracle of morality had such an influence on this man that he became a Muslim.

(ملفوظات 2016 ایڈیشن جلد 1، صفحہ 86 & 86 (From Malfuzat English Translation, Vol. 1 pg. 97 وملفوظات 2016 ایڈیشن جلد 1،

160- حدد ثنا كَثِيرُ بُنُ عَبْدِ اللهِ بُنِ عَمْدِو بُنِ عَوْفِ الْمُزَنِّ قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي أَبِي، عَنْ جَدِّى، أَنَّ تَسُولَ اللهُ وَمَنَّ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ مَنْ أَحْيَا سُنَّةً مِنْ سُنَّتِى، فَعَمِلَ بِهَا النَّاسُ، كَانَ لَهُ مِثُلُ الْهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ مَنْ أَحْورِهِمْ شَيْئًا، وَمَنْ ابْتَدَعَ بِدُعَةً، فَعُمِلَ بِهَا، كَانَ مَثُ عَمِلَ بَهَا، كَانَ عَلَيْهِ أَوْزَادُ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا، لَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ أَوْزَادٍ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا شَيْئًا

(سنن ابن ماجه، كتأب افتتاح الكتأب، بأب من احياء سنة قد اميتت 209)

Hazrat 'Amr Bin al-'Auf<sup>ra</sup> has narrated that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> said, 'The person who revives any one of my sunnah so that others start practicing it, he will reap the reward equal to all those persons' rewards who act upon that sunnah, and their reward shall remain with them as well. The person who introduces an innovation and others adopt it, he shall share in the sins of all those who act on it, and their sins will remain with them as well.' (Sunano Ibn-e-Majah, Kitabul-Muqaddimah, Babu man Ahya Sunnatan qad umitat)

Source: <u>Hadiqatul Saliheen</u> (Urdu), pg. 188 & <u>Conditions of Bai'at and Responsibilities of an Ahmadi</u> (English), pg. 107

163- عَنُ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَالَ دَعُونِي مَا تَرَ كُتُكُمُ، إِنَّمَا هَلَكَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ بِسُوَّالِهِمْ وَاخْتِلاَفِهِمْ عَلَى أَنْبِيَا يُهِمْ، فَإِذَا نَهَيْتُكُمْ عَنُ شَيْءٍ فَاجْتَذِبُوهُ، وَإِذَا أَمَرْ تُكُمْ بِأَمْرٍ فَأْتُوا مِنْهُ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ

(بخارى كتاب الاعتصام باب الاقتداء بسنن رسول الله 7288)

حضرت ابوہریرہ ہیان کرتے ہیں کہ نبی مَنَّالِیْمِ نے فرمایا جب تک میں تم کو چھوڑے رکھوں اور تم سے پچھ نہ کہوں تم ہی مجھے چھوڑے رکھوں اور تم سے پچھ نہ بوچھوں کہوں تم بھی مجھے چھوڑے رکھو( یعنی مجھ سے پچھ نہ بوچھوں) کیونکہ تم سے پہلے بہت سے لوگ اس وجہ سے ہلاک ہوئے کہ وہ اپنے انبیاء سے بکثرت سوال کرتے لیکن جب ان کوجو اب دیا جا تا تو ان کی خلاف ورزی کرتے اور جو اب کے مطابق عمل نہ کرتے۔ پس جب خود میں تم کو کسی چیز سے روکوں تورک جاؤ اور جس کا تھم دوں اسے اپنی طاقت کے مطابق ممل نہ کرتے۔ پس جب خود میں تم کو کسی چیز سے روکوں تورک جاؤ اور جس کا تھم دوں اسے اپنی طاقت کے مطابق کرو۔

Hazrat Abu Hurairah<sup>ra</sup> relates that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> said: "Leave me alone in respect of that which I do not mention to you. Those who were before you were ruined by their habit of asking too many questions and their differences concerning their Prophets. When I forbid you anything keep away from it altogether, and when I prescribe anything for you carry it out as far as you can." (Bukhari and Muslim)

Source: Hadiqatul Saliheen (Urdu), pg. 184-185 & Gardens of the Righteous (English), pg. 41

# Class #1: Revise Qa'dah: Durud

**Step**#1: Please listen to the following audio file (this is in Urdu ℰ English):

#### **Durud Audio File:**

https://www.alislam.org/salaat/downloads/18 Durud.mp3

The purpose of Durūd (also called Assalātu-'alannabī) is that our prayers be devoted to the purpose that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> spent his life in prayer for.



**Step#2:** Please review the correct pronunciation of the prayer ℰ the word-by-word translation:

Sal	at	'a	lan	N	a	b	e	e

Salat 'alan Nal	bee					زيف	درودتث
Allah-umma salli 'a	laa Muhamma	adin			صَلِّ عَلٰی مُحَمَّدِ	اَللّٰهُمَّ ه	
O Allah, bless Muh		ےاللہ محمدٌ پرخاص فضل فرما					
Muhammadin	مُحَمَّدٍ	alaa	عَلٰی	salli	صَلِّ	Allah-umma	ٱللّٰهُمَّ
Muhammad <sup>saw</sup>	محمر( عليقة) محمر( عليقة)	upon	4	bless	فضل کر	Oh A <b>ll</b> ah	اكالله

wa `alaa aali Muhammadin			قَ عَلَى اللهِ مُحَمَّدٍ					
and the people of Muhammad	J <sup>saw</sup>		اور محمدٌ کی ال پر بھی۔					
Muhammadin	مُحَمَّدٍ	aali	الِ	wa`alaa	قَّ عَلَّى			
(of) Muhammad <sup>saw</sup>	ميلية محمد( عليضة)	people	ال	and upon	اور پر			

kamaa sallaita `a		كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ جِيسِة نِ ابراهِيمْ رِفْسُ فرمايا										
as You did bless A	\braham <sup>as</sup>					جیسے تونے ابراھیم پرفضل فرمایا						جيسے تونے
Ibraheema	بْرَاهِيْمَ	`alaa		عَلَى	sall	aita		تَ	صَلَّيْ	kam	aa	كَمَا
Abraham <sup>as</sup>	راجيم	on		4	Yo	ou did bless لفرمايا			تونے	as		جيسے (جو)
wa `alaa aali Ibrah	eema				T	وَ عَلَى الِ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ						
and the people of	Abraham <sup>as</sup>									ر پر-	ئيمٌ کي ال	اور ابراھ
اِبْرَاهِيْمَ [ابْرَاهِيْمَ								١ ال	wa`al	aa		وَ عَلَى
(of) Abraham <sup>as</sup>		ابراج	peo	ole			ة ال	and u	pon		اور پر	
innaka Hameed-u					بد ط	مَّجِيْ	حَمِيْد''	إِنَّكَ هَ				
You are indeed the				ن والاہے۔	ا بروی شا	بيول والا	انتہاخو؛	يقيناً توب				
Majeed	c	Han مَّجِيْد	need	d-um	1		عمِیْد''	innak	а			ٳڹۘ۠ػؘ
the Exalted	ثان والا	(ぱり) the l	Prais	sewo	rthy	مدوالا	رزی)ح	You	are in	deed	i	يقينأ تو
Allah-umma baari	k `alaa Mu	ham-madir	1			اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكَ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ					اَللّٰهُمَّ وَ	
O Allah, prosper N	Muhammad	saw	Ť					4	ما محدًى	نازل فر.	ق <i>بر</i> کات	اےاللہ ا
Muham-madin	مُحَمَّدٍ	`alaa	T	ی	عَا	baarik		بَارِک	Allah-umm		ma	اَللّٰهُمَّ
Muhammad <sup>saw</sup>	مياية گر( عليك )	upon			ţ	prosper	فرما	بركات نازل	O AI	lah		اےاللہ
												~
wa `alaa aali Muh	$\perp$						حَمَّدٍ	اْلِ مُ	قَ عَلَٰی اور محمد کی			
and the people of	Muhammad	saw								U	ال پربھح	اور محکه کی
Muhammadin		مُمَّد	مُدَ	aali	wa`alaa			ightharpoons		قَّ عَلَٰى		
(of) Muhammad <sup>sav</sup>	v	صَّالِللهِ عَلِيْتُهُ عَلِيْتُهُ	) %	peop	le		ال	and up	on	$\perp$		اور پر

kama baarak	ta `alaa II	braheema			كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ جيے تونے ابراھيم پربرکات نازل فرمائی							
as You did pro	sper Abra	aham <sup>as</sup>				يسے تونے ابراھيم پر برکات نازل فرمائی						جیسے تونے ابرا
Ibraheema	ٳؠٛۯٳۿؚؽٛۄؘ	`alaa	عَلَى	baara	kta				بَارَكْتَ	kam	na	كَمَا
Abraham <sup>as</sup>	ابرائيم	upon	4	You	lid pr	osper	مائيں	،نازل فر	تونے برکات	as		جیسے(جو)
wa `alaa aali Ibraheema									ŕ	رَاهِيَ	ِ اِبْرَ	وَ عَلٰى الْإ
and the peopl	e of Abra	ham <sup>as</sup>										اورابراهیمٌ کی
Ibraheema		62	a اِبْرَاهِ	ali			الِ wa`alaa			ı		وَ عَلٰی
(of) Abraham <sup>a</sup>	as		p ابرائسيم	eople		۷	and upon پیروی کرنے وا			n		اور پر
innaka Hame	ed-um-M	lajeed							بد'' ۔	مَجِؽ	بيْد	اِنَّکَ حَو
You are inde	ed the Pra	aiseworhty	, the Ex	alted				4	بژی شان والا.	ب والا:	خوبيوا	يقينأ توبءانتها
Majeed		Hameed-um مَجِيْدٌ				ن ده	innaka ڪَمِيْد					ٳڹ۠ۘػؘ
the Exalted	Ŋ	(بڑی)شان وا	the Praisewortl (بڑی) ثنان وا			احمدوالا	You are indeed			eed		يقيينأ



# Point to Ponder: *Durud* Personally Connects Us to the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>

If we don't have a personal attachment with the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, then the name Muhammad will not mean much to us. Durūd will feel like a formality because we're praying for someone we don't really know. When we see people become emotional at a Sīratun Nabī Jalsah or when they're talking about the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, we'll feel awkward, like we're missing out on something. We want to develop this attachment with the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, but sometimes we don't know how. The solution is simple; it is reading the biography of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. This method of developing an attachment is so simple that if we read the biography of any historical figure, by the time we finish, we will feel like we know them personally....When we pray for a family member who has passed away, it can make us emotional because the prayer itself reminds us of the pain of loss that we suffered. Similarly, Durūd itself can be emotional if it becomes a reminder of the loss we suffered in our own lives. When we say the name Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>, it reminds us of all the experiences that we had with him<sup>sa</sup>, and the experience of his passing. Praying for him<sup>sa</sup> becomes an expression of our mourning his<sup>sa</sup> loss. That becomes a very personal Durūd. When we say the name Muhammad in Durūd, it should remind us of a person who we know personally.

(From <u>Understanding Salat, A Word by Word Commentary on Salat</u> by Murabbi Rizwan Khan, pg. 197 & 200)

# Class #2: Review Etiquette for when toddlers divert mothers' attention during Salat

Please read the following guidance of Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aa</sup> on this matter in the following article of Al Fazal and its translation in Al Hakam.

May Allah ta'ala guide all sisters to understand and act upon this divine guidance. Ameen!

سوال: حنورانورایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ بنصرہ العزیز کے ساتھ نیشنل عاملہ لجنہ اماء اللہ بنگلہ دیش کی Virtual ملاقات مورخہ 14 ، نومبر 2020ء میں ایک لجنہ ممبر نے حضورانور کی خدمت اقدس میں عرض کیا کہ چھوٹے بچوں والی ماؤں کو نماز کے وقت بچے کوساتھ لے کریا گود میں اٹھا کر نماز پڑھنا پڑتی ہے۔ اس وقت فطر تأنماز سے زیادہ بچے کی طرف توجہ رہتی ہے۔ اس سے ہم نماز کی فٹنیلت سے محروم تو نہیں ہورہی ہو تیں ؟ حضور نے فرمایا :

جواب: نہیں محروم نہیں ہورہی ہوتیں۔ لیکن آپ یہ کیا کریں کہ جب بچر روتا ہے تواس کو گود میں اٹھا لیا اور نماز پڑھ کی اور پھر جب سجدہ میں گئے تو بچہ کوایک سائیڈ پر سٹھا دیا پھر نماز پڑھ کی۔ یہ تواضطراری حالت ہے اللہ تعالیٰ دلوں کا حال جا نتا ہے۔ کیونکہ آپ نیک نیمی سے نماز پڑھ رہی ہیں تواللہ تعالیٰ اس کا ثواب دیتا ہے۔ لیکن نماز کا وقت آپ کے پاس کا فی ہوتا ہے۔ فی فر کے وقت تو ہیچ موماً سوئے ہوئے ہوئے ہیں۔ یا فیڈر یا دودھ دے کے ، یا فیڈد ہے کے اس کو سلا کے آپ آرام سے فیر کی نماز پڑھ سکتی ہیں۔ عام طور پہ کو سٹسٹ یہ کریں کہ بچہ کو سلانے کے بعد یا بچہ کو فیڈد ہے دی ہے تو پھر اس کے بعد اس کو سلا کے آگر وقفہ ہے تو پھر آرام سے نماز پڑھیں۔ اوراگر وقفہ تصور اسے مثلاً سورج ڈوب رہا ہے یا بچہ کو فیڈد ہے دی سے پڑھ لیں۔ لیکن آر ہوری ہے کہ جلدی جلدی جلدی ماز پڑھ لینی ہے۔ یا آپ کی عصر کی نماز سورج ڈو بنے کی وجہ سے ضائع ہورہی ہے تو بعد بی نماز پڑھ لیس ۔ لیکن اگر مجبوری ہے دی سے پڑھ لیں۔ لیکن اگر مجبوری ہے قارم ہے فارغ ہونے کے بعد اس کو سلا کے ، لیا کے آپ اپنی نماز پڑھ لیں۔ لیکن اگر مجبوری میں آپ کو بچے کو گود میں ہے کہ پڑھتی ہے تو اس میں کوئی حرج نہیں ہے۔ لیکن اس میں کوسٹسٹس کریں کہ جتنی زیادہ توجہ آپ نماز کی طرف قائم کر صبح ہیں قائم رکھیں ، نماز کے جوالفاظ ہیں ان پہ غور کرتی رہیں ۔ اللہ تعالیٰ تو ثواب د سینے والا ہے ، التہ تعالیٰ رحمٰن ، رحیم ہے اور عورت کے یاس وقت نہیں رہتا اوراس کو بچے کو گود میں لے کے نماز پڑھنا مجبوری ہے تو اللہ تعالیٰ اس کا ثواب د سینے والا ہے ، دیتا ہے۔ عورت کے یاس وقت نہیں رہتا اوراس کو بچے کو گود میں لے کے نماز پڑھنا مجبوری ہے تو اللہ تعالیٰ اس کا ثواب د سینے والا ہے ، دیتا ہے۔ عورت میں رہتا اوراس کو بچے کو گود میں لے کے نماز پڑھنا مجبوری ہے تو اللہ تعالیٰ اس کا ثواب د سینے والا ہے ، دیتا ہے۔ عورت سے نواللہ تعالیٰ اس کا ثواب د سینے والا ہے ، دیتا ہے ۔ عورت سے دیتا ہے ۔

(Source: https://www.alfazl.com/2021/08/21/33890/)

During a virtual mulaqat of the national amila of Lajna Imaillah Bangladesh with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih  $V^{aa}$ , which was held on 14 November 2020, a member of Lajna Imaillah said to Huzoor<sup>aa</sup>, "Mothers with small children have to pray while holding the children in their arms or putting them on their laps. In that situation, one is naturally more focused on the child than on the prayers." She then asked, "Would that not deprive us of the blessings of prayer?"

Huzoor<sup>aa</sup> replied: "No, you are not being deprived. What you should do is that whenever the child cries, you can put him in your lap and offer your prayer. Then, when you are about to

prostrate, you can put the child to the side and continue the prayer. This is an unavoidable situation and Allah knows the state of the hearts. As you are praying with the correct intention, Allah the Exalted shall reward you.

"Nevertheless, you have sufficient time to pray. At Fajr time, children are usually asleep. Otherwise, you can easily offer the Fajr prayer after putting the child to sleep by giving the child a bottle of milk, or by feeding the child first.

"Generally, try to put the baby to sleep and then offer your prayer in peace once you get a break after they have been put to bed or after he has been fed. If that break is short, for example, the sun is setting or the sun is rising at the time of the Fajr prayer, then one has no choice but to perform the prayer quickly. Or if your Asr prayer is being lost due to the sun setting, then offer it quickly. However, in general, try to take care of your child's needs, put him to sleep and then offer your prayer.

"However, if you are compelled to take the child in your arms and offer a prayer, then there is no problem with that, but try to focus on prayer as much as you can. Keep pondering over the words of the prayer.

"Allah gives the reward. He is the Gracious, the Merciful and the Most Forgiving. Allah the Exalted is not cruel at all. He is aware of the whole situation. Thus if, in spite of all efforts, a woman does not have time and is compelled to pray with her child in her arms, then the reward lies with Allah the Exalted and He does give the reward.

#### (Source:

https://www.alhakam.org/answers-to-everyday-issues-part-xix-ambiguity-in-religion-heaven-and-hell-role-of-mothers-and-message-for-lajna-imaillah/)

## Additional Activity (Optional)

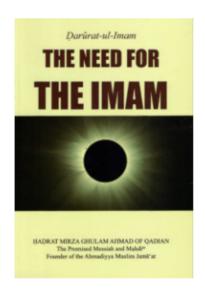
Please listen to the following Friday Sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih  ${\rm IV}^{\rm rh}$  on the blessings of Prayer and its etiquette.

Magzoob and Zualin Prayers (July 5, 1991)

Urdu Video: https://khut.ba/5jul1991

English Audio also available at the link above: Click on Audio > More Languages > English

# The Promised Messiah's Book / The NEED FOR THE IMAM



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835–1908), the holy founder of the world-wide Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, born in Qadian, a village in rural Punjab, India, was the Divinely appointed Reformer of the latter days and the Promised Messiah and Mahdi. He was sent by God in fulfilment of the prophecies contained in the Holy Bible, the Holy Quran and Hadith, with the express task of rediscovering Islam in its pristine purity and beauty, and bringing mankind back to the Creator.

*Darurat-ul-Imam*, or The Need for the Imam, spells out in depth the urgency and need for the Imam of the age, and his qualities and hallmarks as the Divinely appointed guide, the voice articulate of the age, and the constant recipient of Divine revelations, and how all these qualities are fully present in the person of the holy author.

To read this book in English, please click here: <a href="https://www.alislam.org/book/need-for-imam/">https://www.alislam.org/book/need-for-imam/</a>

# **Advanced Reading** (Optional)

Finished the above assigned book quickly? Click on the title of the following book of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> below to read it.

A Conclusive Argument in Favour of Islam (Hujjat-ul-Islam)

# Pearls of Wisdom / Guidance of Khilafat

Please watch the following two video clips to learn the guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih  $V^{aa}$  on these important questions.

Class #1: How can we guide our family members or spouse to be more involved in Jamaat? <a href="https://youtu.be/febGUAVp2uI">https://youtu.be/febGUAVp2uI</a>

Class #2: How should we conduct the Tarbiyat of infants so they become contributing members of the Jama'at? <a href="https://youtu.be/UGvqnozRTOI">https://youtu.be/UGvqnozRTOI</a>



**Salat Hub** is a relatively new website where members of all ages can learn and revise their Salat in an engaging and interactive way. Try their quiz or benefit from their different resources, including a special workbook for kids. Check it out here: <a href="https://salathub.co.uk/">https://salathub.co.uk/</a>

# Khilafat Ala Minhajun Nabuwwah / History of Khilafat

# Class #1 Reading

Volume 2, pg. 323-324

https://www.alislam.org/urdu/pdf/Khilafat-ala-Minhaj-un-Nubawt-2.pdf

# Class #2 Reading:

Volume 2, pg. 325-326

https://www.alislam.org/urdu/pdf/Khilafat-ala-Minhaj-un-Nubawt-2.pdf

## **Advanced Reading** (Optional)

Looking for something in English? Please click on the title to read the book.

Truth About the Split by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup>

# What Should We Do? / 15 min Discussion on Tarbiyati Matters

The world we currently live in places a lot of emphasis on individuality and placing your own needs and wants first, whether or not those needs and wants are good for you. In a world that teaches people to undermine and question authority, it's not surprising that our children, as well as some adults, struggle with understanding the importance and blessings of obedience in Islam. We should make every effort to listen and wisely respond in a non-judgmental way to questions or comments like the following:

There's a lot of emphasis on obedience to Khilafat. But Huzoor<sup>aa</sup> is just another human being like us. I don't understand how he can help me succeed in my own life and school/career, since he only advises about spiritual things?

<u>Note to Teachers:</u> In order to have a beneficial and engaging discussion, please review the teaching guide resources below and prepare your own notes.

### **Self-Study/Teaching Guide**

Click on each reference below to learn more about the Islamic teaching on the importance of Nizam-e-Khilafat.

For this discussion, start by acknowledging that yes, a Khalifa is a human being, but the word *Khalifa* means that he is a vicegerent (pronounced vice + jerr+ uhnt), i.e. a divinely chosen representative of God. The person elected as Khalifa is chosen by God for his own deep love of and obedience to God, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. God recognizes that this individual will keep the true teachings of Islam alive and carry forward the divine mission of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>. The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> has explained:

"It should be kept in mind that all human beings stand in need of a model. And that model is provided to them in the persons of the prophets, peace be on them. God could write His revelations on the trees but He did not do that. He sent the Messengers and sent His revelation through them ... The reason why he did so was that He wanted the human beings to witness His manifestation which takes place through the Messengers." (Malfuzat Vol. II, p. 168; qtd in So Said the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, pg 85)

It's fitting that the word *Islam* itself means both peace and obedience. This is something to really carefully think about – why and how are peace and obedience connected in this way? By studying the Holy Quran and the life of the Holy Prophet <sup>sa</sup> the answer becomes quite clear. The Holy Quran says: "O ye who believe! obey Allah, and obey His Messenger and those who are in authority among you" (4:60). As a Muslim, a follower of Islam, we are peaceful people who spread peace through our obedience to Allah ta'ala. One way that we obey God is by obeying those He puts in authority over us.

Remind the class that this year we have been reviewing our Salat prayers. And in these

prayers we ask Allah ta'ala several times for success in this world and the next. Islam teaches us that true success in this world is only attainable through Allah ta'ala, which means by attaching ourselves with those individuals He places as His representative or *Khalifa* in this world. If we understand and acknowledge that Islam really is not simply a religion, but *a way of life*, then it makes sense that the Khalifa advises us on both spiritual and worldly matters.

For this class, it would be beneficial to present real-world examples of people who attained success in this world due to their obedience to Khilafat. If possible, having members of the majlis themselves present would be best, otherwise share incidents that you can find at alislam.org or through the Friday sermons.

Click on each reference below to learn more about the topic:

- 1. Guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aa</sup>:
  - a. "<u>Love Between Ahmadis and the Khalifa</u>" Friday Sermon May 29, 2020 (<u>Transcript</u> in English)
  - b. "<u>Unconditional Obedience to Khilafat</u>" Friday Sermon June 6, 2014 (<u>Press release</u> with direct quotes in English)
  - c. "<u>Islamic Principles on Education and Serving Humanity</u>" Keynote Address at UNESCO Headquarters, October 8, 2019 (<u>Official Transcript</u> at Review of Religions)
- 2. "Why is one person—the Khalifa—dictating our lives?" The Quest of a Curious Muslim by Murrabi Farhan Iqbal & Murrabi Shahrukh Rizwan Abid
- 3. "Temporal and Spiritual Authority of the Institution of Khilafat" by Atif Mir

# How Do I Respond? / 15 min Discussion on Tabligh FAQs

This quarter we are going to focus on discussing practical ways that Lajna members can engage in Tabligh. When people first think about Tabligh, it means communicating with other people to create contacts. But sometimes it seems like the Jama'at has a lot of restrictions on what Ahmadi girls and women are allowed to do. For example, Ahmadi girls and women are not allowed:

- To show their faces during video meeting calls
- To engage in discussions online with other people
- To make their own channels or upload videos/pics
- To do Tabligh to men

#### So then how are we expected to do Tabligh?

<u>Note to Teachers:</u> In order to have a beneficial and engaging discussion, please review the teaching guide resources below and prepare your own notes.

## **Self-Study/Teaching Guide**

Click on each reference below to learn more about what Islam says about how to do Tabligh.

Please read the following excerpt to the class (from the book **Social Media**):

Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aa</sup> has repeatedly advised us that Ahmadi girls should only do tabligh to girls. In this regard, he advised the office holders of Lajna Ima'illah and said:

"Lajna Tabligh department should make teams of women and girls and use them for tabligh. However, it should be clearly remembered that girls should only do tabligh to other females. Some people make tabligh contacts on the Internet. Tabligh contacts on the Internet should only be established with women and girls. Leave tabligh towards men for the men, because [otherwise] this causes some issues. It is said that we are doing tabligh; however, what has generally been seen and experienced is that these Internet connections lead to some results that are not appropriate for an Ahmadi female. Girls who are studying in college and universities should talk to other female students about themselves and Islam without any hesitation, embarrassment or inferiority complex. Tell them who we are and, in this way, introduce them to Islam."

(Address to Ladies Jalsa Salana Australia 15 April 2006. Published Al Fazl International 12 June 2015)

Many girls use Internet for the purpose of tabligh (preaching) and think that this is safer and more effective as compared to direct tabligh. However, soon thereafter, negative consequences manifest themselves. Therefore, Huzoor(aba) gave an important advice about applying Islamic teachings on purdah to current technology. Huzoor-e-Anwar<sup>aa</sup> said:

"Now I would like to say something pertaining to chatting on the Internet, which also comes under the category of non-observance of purdah. Casually, you connect online and start chatting without realizing with whom you are talking to. Our girls are chatting without knowing whether it is a girl or a boy sitting at the other end. Sometimes boys hide their identity and pretend to be girls to talk to girls.

It has been brought to my attention that our girls talk to boys considering them to be girls and start introducing the Jama'at to them. Our girl, in her mind, is happy that she is calling them towards Allah. She does not know the intentions of [the boy posing to be] the other girl. Even if you have a good intention, you don't know the intentions of the boy sitting at the other end. How would you know? Gradually, it goes to the level where pictures are exchanged. Now, showing your pictures is the extreme of immodesty. In some situations, it has even ended up in a marriage. As I mentioned that it has led to frightening results. Most of these marriages failed within a short while.

Remember, if you would like to preach, then girls should only preach to girls. Girls don't have to preach to boys. Leave it to the boys to do that. As I mentioned earlier, this is a societal ill and we are facing very frightening results."

(Address at Annual Ijtema Lajna Ima'illah UK 19 October 2003 Baitul Futuh Mosque, London. Published Al Fazl International 17 April 2015)

Next ask the class to share their own personal experience of how they have preached the message of Islam while keeping in mind the instructions of Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aa</sup>. Be sure to emphasize the importance of "silent tabligh" (i.e. presenting Islam through our modest dressing and good behaviour), which doesn't require actually engaging in a conversation with anyone.

Click on the reference below to learn more about what Islam actual says about Tabligh:

- 1. Guidance of Syedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aa</sup>:
  - a. Daawat Ilallah Preaching (Tabligh). Friday Sermon October 8, 2004.
  - **b.** Tabligh and Revival of Islam Friday Sermon April 9, 2010

# Dā'i Ilallāh Activity

You don't have to be an active  $D\bar{a}$ 'i Ilall $\bar{a}h$  to take part in this activity! Tabligh is something we can all engage in; every effort counts. We invite you to participate in the following effort.

Summer has arrived! Each time you go out, **try to start a conversation with someone new and leave them with some knowledge about Islam**, even if it is just to tell them you are an Ahmadi Muslim (now one more person in the world knows about the Ahmadiyyat!)

# **Advanced Reading** (Optional)

A major part of Tabligh is answering questions. We suggest the following book to help increase our knowledge. Please click on the title to read the book.

اِسلامی اُصول کی فلاسفی، روحانی خزائن جلد 10، حضرت مسیح موعود <sup>ا</sup>

The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam by the Promised Messiahas