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# Jalsa Salana

PENING **S**PEECH

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*After* greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace **Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba)** read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his speech on ***"Important Advices"***:

The Jalsa Salana is not a temporal assembly, or a trade fair, or even a get-together. It has no relation with the attachment to this temporal world.

The aim of our presence here, after that we have suffered physical, moral and other difficulties, we come to attend the Jalsa Salana to win the pleasure of Allah with the hope and the conviction that Allah listens to our prayers, and also we benefit from the prayer of the others who are among us here. We pray that with His cloak of grace, Allah conceals our weaknesses and accepts the efforts we make in His path. We also pray that Allah crowns us with success and rewards us for our actions.

The day of Jalsa is a very precious day and thus, we must do our best to enjoy every minute of this precious moment. We should not let Satan tempt us with other things, and make us lose these precious moments. Remain all the time absorbed in prayer, meet the other members, with love and affection, enquire about their health and news about their lives (good and polite conversations), strengthen your bond of brotherhood with the other members, without neglecting your meeting with Allah, the Almighty. Turn to your *Rab* (Lord - Allah, your Creator), put before Him all your problems and difficulties or your needs with complete humility. Do this prayer (*duah*) - Invoke Allah in this way:

**"Our Lord! In truth, we are very weak and You have put a great responsibility on our shoulders for the triumph of the true Faith and Your Unity. When we take into consideration our means, abilities and skills, it is clear that we shall not be able to succeed in this work without Your help, succour, and Your grace, for You are the Almighty. Therefore, we never despair of Your grace despite all our failings. O Allah! Grant us success in this work and direct our actions to reap Your pleasure and Your proximity. May the world proclaim Your uniqueness, and may the love of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) enter every heart (of the people), *Insha-Allah*."**

We have gathered together here today to listen to the words of our Creator, the Almighty, and those of His beloved Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and His Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), and I wish that each among us gives a special attention to the messages being delivered to you so that this may enhance our spirituality.

We pray also that Allah gives us the ability to understand these messages and enables us to put them into practice and *Insha-Allah*, we become recipients of the Divine grace and we remain always the creatures of Allah and not those of Satan. We need to always remember all the blessings of Jalsa Salana as we gain more responsibilities and duties.

Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as) prayed (supplicated Allah) a lot to enable the Jalsa Salana to become a great success for the people who could come to attend the Jalsa Salana and also for those who were not able to attend, too (due to illness etc. - those who have a valid excuse). These *duahs* were eternal ones, but for us to be able to benefit from the *duahs* of Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as), we need to become true and worthy heirs of Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as). This is in fact a very important responsibility. It is very clear that every minute passed in the Jalsa is very precious and if our thoughts are not concentrated on it, it is us who shall be the losers. In the Jalsa we all should pay attention to the good advice given and we should concentrate on the speeches and advice being given. This is indeed a precious and rare moment. So pray a lot, pray for your souls, pray for the hereafter, pray for your children, for your parents, you're your neighbours, and for your compatriots, for the poor people in the world, for the *Ummah* of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and for your country too. We should also pray that Allah the Almighty prepares the hearts of our compatriots to accept the teachings of the Holy Quran, and that Allah gives us this opportunity and He shares with us all His blessings.

The duration of our life in this world is temporary and no one among us, present here today, do not know if he/ she shall be alive next year. So it is our duty to warn the people of the fragility of their time (i.e. this present era). Many times Allah has made me understood that the times we are presently living is the most dangerous and each nation is suffering in its own way and each is suffering in various forms, through famine, drought, flood, war, earthquake, corruption, economic problem etc.



When such calamities come, the materialists are saddened and they lost the faculty to reason in the face of difficulties. In the path of religion, we encounter two kinds of difficulties. One of its two difficulties, for example, when someone leaves his house to pray in the mosque, when someone wakes up during the night to pray, or during the month of Ramadan, when he resists hunger and thirst. During the pilgrimage (*Hajj*), a person faces many trials; for the Zakaat too, he needs to spend out a share from his whole wealth and give it to others (the poor).

This is the difficulties that man faces, and he passes through all these kinds of difficulties only for the love of his *Rab* (Creator), and he deserves to be rewarded for these actions. For that reason purification is not easy, it requires a lot of sacrifice and patience also in the face of all trials that you need to go through.

On the other hand, all difficulties which comes from heavens, man has no choice but to deal with it in spite of everything. And it is for this reason, that through such difficulties, man can reach the proximity of Allah (of God). Now, each among us must understand this well; Allah has prepared for us two kinds of difficulties. We need to go through the first, and the second one is celestial (i.e. divine punishments). Most people do not like to suffer the first difficulty and they make lots of excuses in this regard. But who can ever prevent the heavenly calamities?

When these calamities come, man cannot do anything and must accept these situations (i.e. calamities). But for believer, when he passes through the first type of difficulties, he does not only suffer them with patience, but he does it with pleasure, for his pleasure is linked with the pleasure of Allah. This is certainly a very elevated rank, whereby at the time of difficulty the pleasure of Allah comes before all our pleasures. No one knows what will happen to him/ her tomorrow. Definitely, difficulties shall come according to the decree of Allah. Each among us must engage in prayer and ask forgiveness for our sins and find our pleasure in the pleasure of Allah.

So, the Jalsa Salana is a special ceremony, and the believer attends it according to the decree of Allah and only for Allah. Each participant is a sign of Allah and is a sign of the

divine manifestation. But above all, we should have the fear of God (*Taqwa*), because in the eyes of Allah, *taqwa* is of paramount importance. So, on the occasion of Jalsa, Allah examines the *taqwa* of each member. Your presence in the Jalsa Salana is a way for you to increase your faith; so fortunate and blessed are those who have come to attend this first day of the Jalsa Salana of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam today. All Jalsa Salana during my lifetime on earth are historical and I shall continue to repeat my messages so that it reaches well into your mind and heart. You all know about the sacrifices that should be done, and this shall be the proof of your faith and sincerity for Allah alone.

Therefore the message of the unicity of Allah need to reach all people without distinction, but to enable this, you need the help of the angels and Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) said that, you shall be able to benefit from the help of angels, when you plunge completely in the *Zikr-e-Ilaahi* (i.e. the remembrance of Allah) and in prayer. So concentrate in the *Zikr-e-Ilaahi* and in prayer during the Jalsa and afterwards also so that you may find solutions to the problems of these people (i.e. the people under your care, to whom you are doing *Da'wah*). In the future, through your *duah*, these people shall come to participate in our Jalsa Salana, and *Insha-Allah*, you shall become the best servants of Islam and among human beings, you shall be the best with your good deeds.

Today there is a revolution among the youths like there is a job seeking revolution worldwide. Today's youths has formed a social class with their taboos and idols. It is not easy to recognize a young Hindu, a young Christian, or a young Muslim, for all of them frequent horse races, casinos, restaurants, and cinemas. They are fans of the same singers, buy the same records, and even put on the same pop shirts with same hair style, sometimes shaving their heads (bald). They shave their heads or leave their hair long, or they can even partly shave it and leave some in the middle, or make a hump on the head, like camel's bump which is forbidden in Islam. And they may even dye their hairs in all kinds of colours: gray, blue, yellow, green, white and they think that they look very handsome or beautiful with it. This is their style and all three young people (Hindu, Christian, Muslim) belong to these three religions, but they have abandoned their religious education. The young people today are crazy about fashion, and they want to set new trends, and invent their own religion.

Education is a process where the elders of the society must train and give advice to our young people on how to lead their life in society or how to behave in society. The purpose of this kind of education is to give our young people the information they need, and also to guide them according to their ability to become useful and respectable members of society. In order to make our young people useful in society, we need to train them in such a way that they may be able to think, and use their logic, and to have an open mind. It is then that they shall be able to take good decisions in life.

Hazrat Muhammad (sa) told us that this informal education begin when a baby is born. The first information that a Muslim child acquires is that Allah is Unique and Muhammad (pbuh) is the Messenger (and Prophet) of Allah, and from then on his education has already started. But today's modern educators believe that this fact was recently discovered, but the truth remains that our beloved Prophet (pbuh) already taught us this more than 1400 years ago.

For example, let me take a branch in knowledge, "Mathematics". Why I have taken Mathematics as example, is because Mathematics is that branch of academic education which is most important. It is the most useful discipline of human knowledge. We need the help of Mathematics even in the shop, in the market etc. Mathematics is the key to all sciences. All scientific education which does not begin with mathematics is baseless.

So, it is important to say that in any science, the basis of it is mathematics. If we say science is a subject, then mathematics is the language of this subject, and no one can read this subject, if he does not know its language. And all people accept that technological developments are highly dependent on mathematical processes. Whether for engineers and also in business, all of them depend on mathematics. Mathematics is a science that deals with numbers, quantities and form.

The real purpose of mathematical education is to make children benefit the maximum from their time spent on earth (in other words, to make them capable people who can manage their lives in the proper way on a daily basis). It aims to make a child an able person who can deal with the goal of his life. The fundamental role that mathematics play at every step of our lives, demands that much emphasis be put on it. Many children

need maths for their own calculations, to manage their time everyday and to manage the problems of their daily lives. By doing all these activities, this shall propel them to awake their interest to make further studies in the field of mathematics.

Then we should direct our young people to study mathematics and science and put a lot of emphasis upon this for it is then that they shall make a lot of progress in this field, *Insha-Allah*. There is no community that can pretend to make progress without (first) giving its members proper training. O Youths, you are the solid columns/ pillars and you need to have a good training so that you may be able to take over (take up those responsibilities) tomorrow. And each of our members should become a servant of humanity (i.e. serve humanity), for the whole world has been plunged into immorality, crimes, drugs and all kinds of vices, and Allah has already given us our works and these involve organising conferences, seminars, forums on the Unicity of Allah and also various other subjects which touch also our everyday life in this world.

We, the responsible parties of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, should not only care for the moral and spiritual growth of our youth, but also care for their physical training, which is also important, i.e. sport.

My advice today, for our young ones (i.e. youths and children) and for all our members of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, purify yourselves through good company, through your nearness to Allah and His Khalifatullah and Jamaat, and share these good messages to the others, so that this may profit them. And purify others also through your good counsels, and keep away from all impurity, i.e. remain far away from impurity and help to keep others also away from impurity. Read the *darood* upon Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and his progeny/ descendants, those who endured a lot of tortures and persecutions only because of their solid faith and who remained attached to Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and who feared only Allah; those who did not do all these sacrifices for the eyes of people/ creatures (by way of ostentation) but who remained always firm on the unity of Allah (*Tawheed*).

Bear in mind that in your path also, there shall be thorns, i.e. your lives shall be filled with trials, pains, difficulties etc. You need to show yourself firm (in your faith). The



solution for someone who has newly become repentant, is that he should become familiar with Allah's nature and His attributes. This will bring him to the level where he is absolutely sure of the existence of God, and it is then that he shall develop hatred against sins. The nature of man is such that he becomes first attracted to sins, and then afterwards develop hatred against sins (i.e. he loathes to commit sins). This is what is called "*tauba*", repentance. There are poisons and poisonous animals. Why are people scared of them? Simply, because experience has shown that their consequences are fatal/ grievous.

People commit sin, tell lies, commit crimes, and harm their comrades. These satanic acts are done (without the awakening of the conscience) like a river running at great speed. All these things propel people not to believe in Allah. Many people are afraid of snakes and poisons because of their belief in the dangers of these things. Then, if someone has a complete faith in Allah, then he shall develop a hatred and fear for sins (i.e. to commit sins).

Abu Musa Al-Ashari (ra) narrated that Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) said that purity, cleanliness forms part of *Iman* (faith). So, if you are a believer, then you should keep your heart and also your body clean. Without the cleanliness/ purity of the body you shall not be able to obtain true purity of heart. And when the heart is clean, then it becomes such a centre, where Allah resides in it. Pay attention to your relatives, your comrades, watch over them, takes into account their *tarbiyyat*. Watch over them in connection with their *tarbiyyat*.

Each of us must deepen our knowledge of Islam and Ahmadiyyat, and the best source of knowledge is found in the Holy Quran, and afterwards, you shall get knowledge of religion from the Hadiths also as well as the books of Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as) and also by the grace of Allah the divine messages revealed through his humble servant in this century to revive Islam. Give all your attention on these, otherwise the work of *Da'wah* shall become difficult. Do not forget that *Da'wah* work shall have no effect, if you do not practice what you preach. Your own life - way of living - should become a perfect model (for others) and you should think twice before you open your mouth (to say something).

Without the right model, in the image of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), without the Islamic teachings, the today's world shall not accept Islam.

You see how it is necessary that you have a solid faith and you operate a change in your life, and lead a spiritual life so as to be able to produce true models (good children who shall be role models for others). And I want you to pay special attention to your conduct in family meetings, or social gathering, among yourselves and even among foreigners. Behave like civilized people.

The fundamental basis is love and mutual brotherhood. It is only through friendship, fraternity and goodness that you shall be able to win the heart of these people. Otherwise, you shall never succeed.

Each one of us should examine our conscience every day and watch how much he/ she is acting according to the teachings that he/ she is preaching. Allah does not need our kindness to others, but He is giving us the opportunity to act kindly towards others for only our own good. Allah loves to make us happy (i.e. content with the life that He has given us).

This is my message, O my brothers and sisters. All in all, keep in mind these teachings. Examine your actions often according to these teachings. May Allah come to your help, protect you, give you success in this world and in the other world too. May Allah give you progress in your works, in your wealth, and in your family. May Allah give us happiness to walk in the right path, a path that He has chosen for us. My friendship and my *Salaam* (greetings of peace) go to all of you, adults and children, brothers and sisters. Pray for me in your *Namaz* (*Salat* / prayer), and I also shall pray for you, and that Allah gives me happiness, health and prosperity to continue to be ever ready to serve (mankind) and to spread the Unity of Allah. *Ameen, Summa Ameen.*