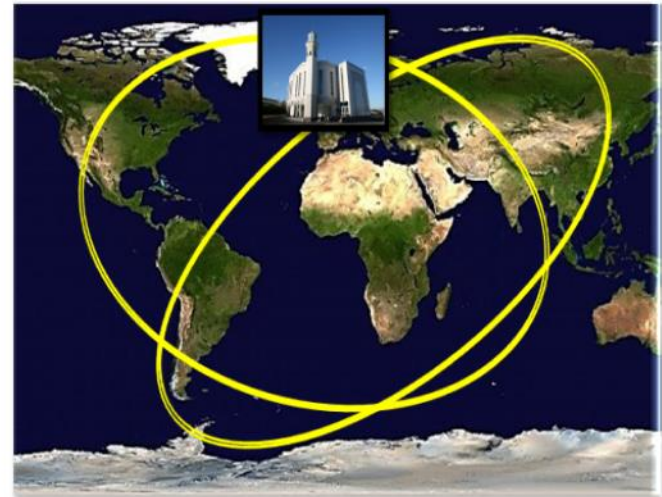


Khilafat and Obedience



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Summary


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If we wish to truly benefit from the promise of the blessings of Khilafat, we must not only safeguard our prayers and stay away from shirk, but it is also incumbent that we obey the Khalifa of the time.



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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) recited verses 152-158 of Surah al-Baqarah

In these verses God almighty has clearly elaborated everything. Strong assertions and claims of belief should be backed up by true obedience and absolute commitment through every test and trial. The true success will be attained, if the commandments of God are followed with purity of intent and God-fearing righteousness.

We need to adopt every act of virtue and practice every aspect of morality only because this is the commandment of Allah the Exalted.

If these conditions are fulfilled, then one will also attain successes and security from Allah.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

When we reflect upon this, we will find that our standard of obedience is lacking; at times, we show half-hearted obedience because the matters are against our wishes.

Obedience is the pre-condition of Khilafat, obedience is the lifeline for the moral and spiritual existence of the believers and striving to excel in the standard of obedience is extremely important for a believer.

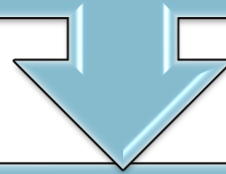
The Holy Prophet (sa) even said that, 'One who obeys the Ameer, appointed by me, in fact, obeys me and one who obeys me, in fact, obeys God the Exalted

and one who disobeys the Ameer, appointed by me, in fact, disobeys me and my disobedience equates to the disobedience of God the Exalted."

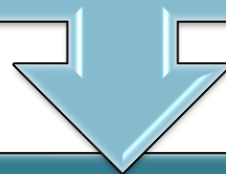
Hence, the obedience of the Khalifa of the time is much more important than the obedience of a general Ameer.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

We see incidents of complete and wholehearted obedience in the lives of the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa). I will present one such example.



During one of the battles, the command of the battle was initially given to Hazrat Khalid Bin Waleed (ra). However, Hazrat 'Umar (ra) replaced him for some reason right amidst the battle.



Anyway, the instruction of the Khalifa of the time that came at that occasion was that Hazrat Abu 'Ubaidah (ra) will take the command and that he should be handed over the command.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

However, Hazrat Abu 'Ubaidah (ra) initially did not take the charge from Hazrat Khalid Bin Waleed (ra) thinking that he was already commanding in an excellent manner.

Hazrat Khalid Bin Waleed (ra) said that “you must immediately take the charge from me because that is the instruction of the Khalifa of the time. I will serve under you with full obedience as you require of me without complaining or any thought of an ill will.”

Thus, this is the standard of obedience, required of a believer instead of complaining about a decision which may be against one's wishes.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

It has now been brought to my attention that there are some presidents, who have stopped performing their duties before their actual term ends in June.

It should not be the case that if an office bearer is replaced by another individual, they stop doing their work.

Whoever acts in this manner, neither do they show any obedience and the fear of God Almighty and nor Taqwa.

This is a deplorable practice. Firstly, such a thought is a dishonesty of one's religious obligations.

Secondly, it is a rebellious way of thinking and it is a matter, which will remove one from the sphere of the obedience towards Khilafat. Hence, such people should act with righteousness and fear God.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

The Holy Prophet (sa) states, “the person who dies in a state of not having pledged initiation to the Imam of the time, will die a death of ignorance and misguidance”.

After verbally pledging the oath of allegiance, if we disobey the Imam, then we are practically denouncing that pledge.

The Promised Messiah (as) explained that a person who verbally takes the oath of allegiance but does not act in accordance with the teachings, cannot be counted as a member of his community.

The Promised Messiah (as) further states, “therefore, you should try your utmost to fashion your deeds in accordance with the teaching that is given to you. The teaching is the following that you should not cause any disorder, not commit any evil, bear verbal abuse with patience and not confront anyone.”

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

If we wish to truly benefit from the promise of the blessings of Khilafat, we must not only safeguard our prayers and stay away from shirk, but it is also incumbent that we obey the Khalifa of the time,

Otherwise we shall be counted among the disobedient, just as the Promised Messiah (as) stated that they will not truly be deemed among his followers.

So absolute obedience is the crux of the matter. No ifs, no buts, no questions asked, just like obedience shown by Hazrat Khalid Bin Waleed (ra), who understood that all the blessings are in obedience. Therefore, he displayed perfect obedience to Abu 'Ubaidah (ra) and considered it a blessing to serve as an ordinary soldier under his leadership.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

One's deep bond and love for Khilafat is purely due to God Almighty. As long as this attachment and love for Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya remains, the condition of peace will prevail over fear and God Almighty will continue to grant them the means of attaining peace and tranquility – InshaAllah

Those who remain attached with the institution of Khilafat, adhere to the commandments of God Almighty and His Prophet (sa), continue to safeguard their prayers, and continue purifying their souls and their wealth, they shall inshaAllah continue to become the recipients of God Almighty's grace.

Therefore, in order to achieve this and to garner the blessings of God Almighty, members of the Jama'at should continue to pray that God Almighty continue to bestow us with this blessing of Khilafat.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said:

In the previous sermon, which marked the inauguration of this mosque, I forgot to mention something.

When the foundation was laid for this mosque, I was on tour of Canada at the time. Therefore I prayed on the brick which was going to be placed as the foundation stone and on 10 October 2016, the late respected Usman Chini Sahib laid the foundation stone of this mosque.

Thus, in one respect we can say that by the grace of God Almighty, the people of China have also contributed towards this through his representation.

Therefore, we must also pray that may God Almighty enable the message of Islam to spread swiftly in China.

Whilst we pray that may God Almighty elevate his status, we should also especially pray for the spread of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam, in china as well as the world over.