

LESSON 2: Election of Khalifatul-Masih

- GOALS:** - to understand that the intuition of Khilafaat is divinely guided.
 - identify ways the convert can strengthen their bond with the current Khalifa
 - to understand for what reason/s people write to Khalifatul Masih.

The format for approx. 30-40 min session.

TIME	ACTIVITY	SUGGESTIONS	RESOURCES
5 min	Icebreaker. Use this time to check in with the convert, see how things are going, address any concerns.	A strong connection is key to a successful relationship with the convert. Ask about: -school/university -children/family -remember points previously discussed -remind about any upcoming events	
	Before explaining about the election, it is important to mention two points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hadith about the companion of the Holy Prophet (saw), Salman Farsi Sahib (see page 2) Also, to mention the prophecies made with relation to the progeny of the Promised Messiah (see page 2&3) 	It is important to include both points, as the serve to give, factual evidence to support the claim of the Promised Messiah, that not only his appearance was foretold, but also the fact he is from Persian decent supports his claim. Secondly, the prophecies help to explain why many of the Khulafa are from the blessed family of the Promised Messiah(as).	Page 2 Hadith Page 2 Prophecies Taken from the book entitles, Hadrat Amma Jan. Written by, Munavara (Nabbo) Ghauri
10-15 min	Give a brief introduction of the electoral college and how the Khalifa is elected.	-emphasise that the election is guided by God. -use the resources to show that Huzur was not expecting nor had any desire to be appointed as Khalifatul Masih.	http://www.alhakam.org/huzoors-recollections-april-2003-english-translation http://www.alhakam.org/huzoors-recollections-april-2003-original-urdu

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15-20 min	Identify ways in which the convert can strengthen her attachment with Khalifatul Masih.	-write a letter to Huzur. -pray for Huzur's good health and long life. -attend Mulaqaat with Huzur	
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Hadith

In the Qarbati Commentary, the explanation of this verse is in the form of a Hadith quoted there. This Hadith is as follows:

"Abu Huraira relates that people were sitting around the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him when Surah Jumma was revealed. When Huzoor recited the verse quoted above, a person enquired the Holy Prophet who those people would be? He repeated this question two or three times. Hazrat Salman the Persian was also sitting in the audience. The Holy Prophet put his hand on the shoulder of Salman the Persian and said: "If faith would go up to the Plaides even then people from among the Persians will certainly bring it back to earth." In some versions of the above Hadith, the words "a man from the Persians" is related, instead of "people from among the Persians."

Chapter 62, verse 3-4

Prophecies

Tabarani:

"The Holy Prophet(saw) made a prophecy on the basis of revelation from Almighty Allah that the Promised Messiah will marry, and he will have children. This indicates that Almighty Allah will grant him a son who will be similar to his father in goodness and will not differ from him. And he will be among the righteous servants of Allah."

(Ayena Kamalati Islam, p. 578)

'In fact, the Holy Prophet (saw) of Islam intimated 1400 years earlier that the Messiah to come would marry and have children. As the Promised Messiah^(as) himself was to explain later; a significance of this prophecy was indeed that the Messiah's wife and children were mentioned in it. (As prophets commonly married and bore children.) This emphatic stress on the Messiah's wife and children, suggested that they would have a special significance in the Messiah's life and mission.' Page 12.

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“Allah Almighty will spread your blessings around and will revive a barren house through you, and a bleak house will be filled by blessings. Your progeny will not be cut off and will flourish until the last day. Allah will sustain your name with honour until the world reaches its end and will spread your message to the corners of the world.” Page 14&15

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