



# OBEDIENCE TO KHILAFAT

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# What is Khilafat?

The word 'Khilafat' (anglicized as 'Caliphate') means succession, and the 'Khilafa' (anglicized as 'Caliph') is a successor to a Prophet of Allah, whose goal is to carry to completion the tasks of reformation and moral training that were initiated by the Prophet. (Welcome to Ahmadiyyat)

# What is Khilafat?

After the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) passed away, Khilafat was established to keep the teachings of Islam alive and to keep its followers on the right path. This was similarly established after the Promised Messiah (AS) to ensure this same unity and guidance within Islam Ahmadiyyat. The Khilafat after the Promised Messiah (AS) is known as the 'Ahmadiyya Khilafat'.

“The requirements of Eeman (Faith) are that you should believe in **Allah** and in **His Angels** and in **His Books** and in **His Prophets** and in the **Last Day** and that you should believe in **Allah’s determination of good or of evil (Decree of Allah)**”. (Muslim)

Khilafat is a source of leadership, guidance and spiritual solace

# What is Khilafat?

◦ Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad(ra) writes:

*“God Almighty does everything through wisdom and foresight, and there is always a good reason and logic behind it. According to nature's physical laws, man has only a limited life span, but the task of reformation and training of society requires a much longer time. So, Allah has established the system of Khilafat after the system of Prophethood. The Khalifah continues and carries on the task of the Prophet. The seed sown by the Prophet is protected and nurtured by the Khalifah till it becomes a strong and sturdy tree. It shows that in fact Khilafat is an offshoot or branch of the system of Prophethood, that is why the Holy Prophet(sa) says that after every Prophet, the system of Khilafat is established.”*

(Welcome to Ahmadiyyat).

# Khilafat in the Holy Quran

***“Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; 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: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.”***

**Surah An Nur verse 56**

# Prophecy of Khilafat in Hadith -

- **“Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allah shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchical despotism to last as long as Allah shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilafat on precept of Prophethood.” The Holy Prophet said no more**

**(Masnad Ahmad)**

# The Promised Messiah (as)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explains the benefits and need for Khilafat in his book Al-Wasiyyat (The Will):

“So dear friends! since it is the Sunnatullah, from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two Manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His Sunnah of old. So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement. And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you which shall always stay with you just as promised by God in Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya. And this promise is not for my person. Rather the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: I shall make this Jama‘at who are your followers, prevail over others till the Day of Judgment.”

[The Will, pp.7 – 8]

# Establishment of Khilafat

- **Allah appoints the Khalifa.**
- **Allah guides a group of pious believers through a process of selection of the Khalifa.**
- **A Khalifa is appointed for life as a living testament to Divine Will.**

# Khilafat and Unity

- **Establishes Authority of Allah on earth**
- **Embodiment of Allah's Unity**
- **Divine Authority through the person of the Khalifa**

# Source of Guidance from Huzoor (aba)

- It is important to consider and ponder to ourselves what does it mean to be obedient?
- Where do we get our source of guidance from Khalifa
  - Friday Sermons
  - Addresses
  - This week with Huzoor (aba)
  - Personal mulaqaat
  - Letters

# How do we build love and obedience for Khilafat in our Children?

Huzoor stated “As long as mothers will be born in the Jamaat bringing up children who love Khilafat, then Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya is not in any danger (Al Fazl, 10-17 June 2005)

Encouraging them to write letters to Huzoor regularly – This will build up a connection with Huzoor, where asking for Prayers – and seeing those prayers come to fruition – will convince them it has flowed from a divinely inspired source.

The love for the Khalifa must come from the parents – If you are consistent in expressing your love and obedience to the Khalifa, then automatically that love is transferred into your children.

When possible, try to arrange Mulaqats with Huzoor – these are extraordinarily special occasions where the children will be able to experience Huzoor’s Holy presence

Encouraging them to watch Huzoor on MTA – Whether that be Atfal classes, virtual Mulaqats, and of course the Friday Sermon. Have family discussions to help children understand Huzoor’s messages and directives.

# An Example of Obedience

## **Funeral Prayer**

His Holiness (aba) said that he would lead the funeral prayers of Amatul Latif Khurshid who resided in Canada, and was the wife of the late Sheikh Khurshid Ahmad, the Assistant Editor of Al Fazl Rabwah. She is survived by three sons and two daughters. One of her grandsons, Waqas Khurshid is a missionary in the United States of America. His Holiness(aba) said that the entire family is very scholarly. She served the Community in various capacities, in Qadian, Rabwah and in Canada. She taught all of her children that if anything is ever said against the Community or Khilafat, then they should never listen to it, and even if they do come to hear it, they should never repeat such things. She possessed a great deal of knowledge, and would also render great assistance to families migrating to Canada. She had a great deal of love for Khilafat and enjoined her children to always pray for the Caliph. She was also able to teach many children the correct recitation of the Holy Qur'an. She would often tell stories about the history of the Community, thus teaching the newer generation of its history. She taught her progeny how to safeguard their faith whilst living in the Western society. His Holiness(aba) said that she was an example of how to raise and protect our future generations living in the West, whilst saving them from any sort of inferiority complex. His Holiness(aba) prayed that may Allah the Almighty treat her with forgiveness and mercy and enable her progeny to carry on her virtuous qualities.

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<https://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2022-02-11.html>

# Obedience to Khilafat

- **Extraordinary Obedience to the Khalifa of the Time**
- In his Friday sermon Huzoor <sup>(aba)</sup> said that he himself bears testament to the fact that Syed Taalay Ahmed fulfilled his oath of life-devotion. His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> said that once in a meeting, he told missionaries to offer *Tahajjud* (pre-dawn voluntary prayers) for at least one hour a day. Even though he was not a missionary, Syed Taalay Ahmed knew he was a life-devotee, and so he too did his best to implement this instruction. At times he would appear tired during the day, as he had woken up early to try and fulfil this instruction of His Holiness<sup>(aba)</sup> which was not even directly addressed to him. Yet, this was the level to which he fulfilled his oath of life-devotion.

Friday Sermon: **Syed Taalay Ahmed – An Exemplary Life-Devotee**

<https://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2021-09-03.html>

# Obedience to Khilafat

A story narrated by Mostapha Thabit sahib who asked Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrulla Khan(ra):

“Chaudhry Sahib, throughout all your life you have been very successful and Allah has blessed you so much. Would you tell my why?”

Without any hesitation to think about an answer, he said:  
“Because through all my life, I was obedient to Khilafat.”

# What gets in the way of obedience?

**Can you think about what might get in the way of obedience.**

# Quote From Huzoor (aba)

“There is no country in the world that I do not go to in my imagination before falling asleep and for whom I do not pray while sleeping and while waking. I am not saying this to count favours, no, this is my duty and may Allah the Exalted make me perform my duty more than ever.” Huzoor said that his only purpose here was to make it clear that there can be no comparison between Khilafat and worldly leaders.

Those who obey and follow Khilafat with sincerity are the ones who shall have a bond of loyalty with Khilafat in its truest sense. They are the ones who safeguard Khilafat, and who are themselves safeguarded by Khilafat. The prayers of the Khalifa of the time shall be with them. Their troubles and worries shall draw the prayers of the Khalifa of the time. They are the ones who commit righteous deeds and whose connection with Khilafat and the bond of Khilafat with them are for the sake of attaining the pleasure of God Almighty.

(Al Hakam Friday sermon 28 May 2021)

# Quote From Huzoor (aba)

In a very special message to us Hazoor e Aqdas said:

“The ‘second manifestation’ is an immense gift from God with an objective to unite a nation and protect it from discord. It is that string in which the Community is threaded like pearls. If pearls are scattered about they are neither safe nor do they look beautiful. Indeed pearls threaded in a string alone are secure and at their loveliest. True faith cannot advance without a ‘second manifestation’. Therefore keep a link of love, sincerity and devotion with it, make your zeal for obedience to Khilafat everlasting. Develop the fervour of your love for it to such an extent that all other relationships appear trivial compared to it. All blessings are in loyalty to the Imam and this alone is a shield for you against all trouble and strife.”

(11<sup>th</sup> May 2003: <https://www.alislam.org/articles/special-message/> )

# Quote From Huzoor (aba)

'We also affirm that we shall strive till the last breath to safeguard the institution of Khilafat and its stability and shall direct our progeny after progeny, to always be bonded with Khilafat and be given the blessings of it, so that Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya continues to go on safe and sound and the propagation of Islam may go on through Ahmadiyyat till the Day of Judgment and the flag of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) may fly higher and higher than all the other flags in the world. O God, grant us the capacity to fulfil this pledge.'

(Extract from the 100 year centenary pledge)

<https://www.alislam.org/articles/pledge-100-years-khilafat/>

# Activity

- In pairs spend 5 minutes talking about examples of your obedience to Khilafat here are some points to consider:
  - How do you inculcate obedience in your daily life?
  - How has this benefitted you?
  - What do you do when you are tempted to tell a white lie?
  - How do you demonstrate obedience to Khilafat
- Instruction for speaker:
  - Take each question in turn ask for examples of question 1 first – take in English and Urdu from across the hall front middle and back.
  - When all questions are covered say how well everyone has done

# In Summary,

- Summarise the importance of obedience Khilafat
- Benefits (nearness to Allah and protection from the ills of society)
- How we can inculcate in our daily lives
- 4 Top tips:
  - Timely salat
  - Daily recitation of the Holy Quran
  - Friday Sermons
  - Consider daily what we've done to improve ourselves

# Tenth Condition of Bai'at

**That he/she shall enter into a bond of brotherhood with this humble servant of God, pledging obedience to me in everything good for the sake of God, and remain faithful to it until the day of his/ her death. That he/she shall exert such a high devotion in the observance of this bond as is not to be found in any other worldly relationship and connection that demand devoted dutifulness.**

Regarding this condition of bai'at, Huzoor (aba) states in his book 'Conditions of Bai'at and Responsibilities of an Ahmadi' that: "When you have taken the bai'at and have entered the organisation of the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah (as), you have given everything of yours to the Promised Messiah as. You have to obey his decisions; you have to act upon his teachings. Since the system of khilafat exists after him, you have to follow the decisions and the instructions of the Khalifah of the time."

[Conditions of Bai'at and Responsibilities of an Ahmadi page 170]

# End

- JazakumAllah for listening and participating