

## Lajna Ima'illah UK Ta'lim Lesson Plan

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Learning Objectives:

- ☞ To understand the Hadith number 4 “The Holy Prophet is the Last Law-Giver”
- ☞ To understand the portions of Malfoozat, Volume I pg 186-197
- ☞ To understand the key points on ‘Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya’ written by the Promised Messiah<sup>AS</sup>

### ACTIVITY Hadith number 4: The Holy Prophet is the Last Law-Giver

RESOURCE: Lajna Ima'illah UK Ta'lim Syllabus - Feb 2022 to Jan 2024, Page 181-184

Narrated by Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah<sup>RA</sup>: The Prophet<sup>SA</sup> of Allāh said: “I am verily the last Prophet and this mosque of mine (at Medina) is the last mosque.” (Muslim)

#### Explanatory Note:

...the Holy Prophet<sup>SA</sup> says: He is the last prophet and no such reformer dare come after him as would terminate his prophetic dispensation and, instead, initiate another dispensation.

...our Master<sup>SA</sup> added the words “And this mosque of mine is the last mosque.” ...it meant that there would not be a mosque in opposition to his mosque and that, all mosques hence-forth, shall be constructed in line with and in imitation of his mosque, as its copies and as its reflections.

...there can be no prophet, in future, independent of allegiance to him and with a rival prophethood and with a religion other than his. On the contrary, whosoever comes along, would be his servant, his disciple, his subject, his reflection and so to say, a part of his person.

Ponder well the point that, if the sense underlying the saying, “This mosque of mine is the last mosque,” remains intact in spite of tens of thousands of mosques having been built in Muslim countries, besides his mosque at Medina, how can then the grant of prophethood to a servant, a disciple, and a subject of his from among his followers, militate against the idea of Khatm-i-Nabuwwat (finality of prophethood) or against the spirit of the Ḥadīth, “I am verily the last of Prophets?”

Some examples of explanation that the leading Divines of Islām and great reformers have been putting forward in every age, can be read from syllabus.

### ACTIVITY MALFOOZAT: Volume I

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#### The Need for Revelation

- \* Since every individual does not have the capability to reach the heights of certainty through mere reason alone, it is for this reason that we require revelation, which guides our reason through darkness in the likeness of a brilliant lamp.
- \* It is for this reason that even the greatest of philosophers were unable to find the true God depending on reason alone.
- \* Bear well in mind that revelation is extremely essential in attaining heartfelt peace and steadfastness.
- \* I am true in my statement when I say that those who become the slaves of reason and claim that revelation is worthless, are people who do not even make use of reason itself. Those who make use of their intellect are referred to as ‘people of understanding’ in the Holy Quran. Then after this, in the same verse, Allah states: *Those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides. (Aal-e-Imran, 3:192)*

- \* In this verse, Allah Almighty has elaborated upon another aspect, namely, that the people of understanding and those who possess good sense are ones who remember Allah, the Glorious, at all times.

### **True Insight**

- \* In fact, true insight and true wisdom can never be attained until one turns towards Allah the Exalted. This is why it has been stated that one ought to fear the insight of a believer, for they see with the light of God.
- \* The Holy Quran repeatedly emphasises the importance of reflection and contemplation.
- \* When your hearts become purified and along with this, you make use of sound reason and tread the path of righteousness, all this together shall give rise to such a state whereby the following voice will resonate from your heart: *Our Lord, Thou hast not created this in vain; nay, Holy art Thou; save us, then, from the punishment of the Fire. (Aal-e-Imran, 3:192)*
- \* At such a time, it will become clear to you that this universe has not been created in vain, but rather provides evidence in support of the existence and reality of the True Creator, and brings to light the diverse forms of knowledge and science, which lend support to religion.

### **How to Attain Success in this World and the Hereafter**

- \* If you desire to attain success in both worlds and seek to conquer the hearts of people, then strive to purify yourselves, make use of reason and follow the guidance given in the Word of God.
- \* Reform yourselves and serve as an example for others by demonstrating your sublime virtues.
- \* So first and foremost, mould your own hearts. If you desire to touch the hearts of others, then develop the power to do so by practising what you preach. Without practice the force of words and human influence can be of no benefit.

### **Harmony in One's Words and Actions**

- \* *Why do you say what you do not do? (As-Saff, 61:3).* This verse itself demonstrates that there have always been such people in the world who do not act in accordance with the counsel they give others.
- \* Take heed of my words and remember well that a person's speech can never influence others if it does not spring from a sincere heart and if it is bereft of the power of action.
- \* This is a great proof in favour of the truthfulness of our Noble Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

### **The Study of Modern Sciences**

- \* I consider those Muslim clerics who oppose the acquisition of knowledge in the modern sciences to be in the wrong.
- \* Since they do not possess the ability to demonstrate the flaws in philosophy themselves, in order to hide their own incapability, they have formed the notion that it is unlawful to study the modern sciences at all.

### **Make the Modern Sciences Subservient to Islam**

- \* Hence, in this day and age, it is imperative that you learn the modern sciences and study them with toil and effort for the purpose of service to the Faith and the supremacy of God's Word.
- \* However, it is my experience—and so I would like to warn you—that those who became entangled in secular knowledge alone, and became so absorbed and engrossed in such study that they did not receive an opportunity to sit in the company of spiritual and saintly people, and were also themselves devoid of spiritual light, they too have usually stumbled.
- \* They became distanced from Islam and instead of looking at these sciences in light of Islam, they made useless attempts to bend Islam to secular thought. And by doing so, in their own fancy, they became defenders in the cause of service to country and nation.
- \* Another affliction which plagues the secular academics of today is that they are absolutely ignorant of religious knowledge. And so when they come across an allegation levelled by an astronomer or philosopher, they begin to harbour doubts and objections in relation to Islam. As a result, they either become Christians or atheists.

- \* In such circumstances, the parents of such people also commit a grave injustice against their children for not giving them the least bit of time so that they may be educated in religious knowledge; and they involve them in such tasks and engagements from a very young age, which deprive them of pure religion.

### **The Proper Time for Religious Education and Training**

- \* Another point to bear in mind is that the most appropriate and advisable time for the acquisition of religious education is during the period of childhood.
- \* The reason for this is because the imprints of learning in the early stages of life become so finely impressed and deep rooted, due to this being the age in which the faculties are developing, that they can never be erased.
- \* If the Muslims do not take a keen interest in the education of their children, then they should take heed that a time will come when even their children will be lost to them.

### **Become Virtuous and Righteous So that Your Reason May Be Illumined and Enlightened**

- \* Pure reason comes from heaven and brings a light with itself, but it remains in search of gems that are worthy of it.
- \* Rain descends from heaven and certain lands bring forth flowers, whereas others still grow nothing but thorns and bushes, and in other places, the same droplet of rain falls into the depth of the ocean and becomes an exquisite pearl.
- \* If the land is uncultivable, rain is of no benefit; in fact, it is damaging and harmful. And so, heavenly light has descended and it is illumining the hearts of the people.
- \* Prepare yourself to accept it and benefit from it so that in the likeness of barren land that gains no benefit from rainfall, you too do not walk in darkness and stumble, and consequently perish, falling into a dark abyss, despite the presence of light.
- \* Allah the Exalted is more merciful than a compassionate mother. He does not wish for His creation to be wasted. He reveals to you the paths of guidance and light. But in order to tread these paths, you must utilise your reason and purify your souls.
- \* In this age, God has shown immense grace and as He is jealous for His religion and His Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, He has sent a man, who speaks to you now so that He may invite you towards this light.
- \* If the present era had not been plagued by such corruption and disorder and efforts to expunge religion had not been undertaken, then there would be no issue whatsoever.
- \* However, at present you can observe from east to west that nations are preoccupied in removing all traces of Islam.

### **One Virtue Begets Another**

- \* The fact of the matter is that evil actions result in further evil actions.
- \* The natural law of God Almighty in Islam is that one righteous act gives birth to another.

### **The Reward of a Good Deed is Never Wasted**

- \* Now one ought to reflect that Allah Almighty did not even waste the good deed of a disbeliever, then would He let the virtuous deed of a Muslim go in vain?
- \* I am reminded of a companion who asked the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> whether he would be rewarded for the substantial amounts of charity that he gave during the time that he was a disbeliever. The Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> responded: 'These very alms have become the cause of your accepting Islam.'

### **What is Virtue?**

- \* Virtue is a ladder that lifts one towards Islam and God.
- \* On every route, Satan raids the people and leads them away from the path of truth. No individual who spends that which is useless and worthless can claim to have done a good deed.
- \* The door of virtue is narrow, so bear well in mind that no one can enter it by spending things of no value. There is a clear statement in the Quran as follows: (*Aal-e-Imran*, 3:93)
- \* Meaning, until you spend those things which are most beloved to you and most dear, you cannot attain the rank of being loved and held dear by God.

- \* The fact is that the pleasure of God Almighty, which is the cause of true happiness, cannot be attained until one bears temporary hardships. God cannot be deceived.
- \* Blessed are those who do not care for suffering sustained in order to acquire the pleasure of Allah.

### Who is a True Muslim?

- \* I openly proclaim that a person who does not give precedence to God over everything and until God can look into that person's heart and confirm that it belongs to Him alone, they cannot become a true believer.
- \* Such a person is a believer or Muslim only by name, inasmuch that they are from the community of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, just as a person belonging to the scheduled caste is commonly referred to in society as a musalli or mu'min. A true Muslim is one who becomes an embodiment of the following: *He submits himself completely to Allah. (Al-Baqarah, 2:113)*
- \* Mere words have no value whatsoever in the sight of Allah. As such, God Almighty has stated: *Most hateful is it in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do. (As-Saff, 61:4)*

### The Manner in which to Attain the Honour of Serving Islam

- \* Now I return to my initial point, which is: *Excel in steadfastness and be on your guard. (Aal-e-Imran, 3:201)*
- \* If your inner force and strength of heart also weakens and withers away, then know that the end is nigh.
- \* Purify your souls so that they are imbued with spiritual power and so that they become firm defenders like horses that are stationed at the frontier. It is the righteous and pure who are always accompanied by the grace of Allah Almighty.
- \* Let not your morals and practices become such as would blemish Islam. Evil-doers and Muslims who do not act upon the teachings of Islam stain the religion.
- \* In short, mould your character and conduct in such a manner that even disbelievers (who actually seek to criticise Islam) are unable to find fault in you.

#### ACTIVITY

#### BOOK OF PROMISED MESSIAH<sup>as</sup>

RESOURCE: Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya Part 1 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib<sup>as</sup>

Pages 15-25

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After enumerating the names of all those who helped financially for the publication of Braheen-e-Ahmadiyya, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> then turns towards praising Allah the Almighty. He then invokes Allah's Blessings on the Holy Prophet<sup>SA</sup>.

Much of it is in poetry form but it is important to read each and every word as nothing can be omitted and is full of deeper meaning and insight.

Following are the key points addressed by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>:

- ∞ Praises of Allah the Almighty through the Divine Attributes.
- ∞ Limitations of other objects worshipped by man
- ∞ Proof of the existence of God
- ∞ Allah listens to those who call upon Him
- ∞ What happens when one asks Allah for help and turns to Him with sincerity
- ∞ What happens to those who turn away from Him.