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TA'LIM LESSON PLAN

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## 1. STUDY OF THE HOLY QURAN WITH COMMENTARY

We continue with our study of Surah Al-Inshiqaq, Chapter 84, of the Holy Quran. This month we shall study verses 21-26 of this Surah. As you reflect on the commentary of these verses, consider the following points:

- What should one do upon listening to the verse,

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“And when the Quran is recited unto them, they do not bow in submission”?

- Who may this verse be referring to?
- Who shall be protected from عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ?

**Resource:** Five Volume Commentary of the Holy Quran – Volume 5, Page 3346

<https://files.alislam.cloud/pdf/Five-Volume-Commentary-Vol-5.pdf>

## 2. IQAMATUS SALAT – STAGES IN THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE OBSERVANCE OF PRAYER (GENERAL MEETING DISCUSSION)

Last month, we revisited Stages One and Two of the seven stages in the spiritual journey of the Observance of Prayer. This month, we focus on Stage Three – Prayer that is offered in Congregation. In regards to the third stage of Iqamatus Salat, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) elaborated:

**“The third stage is that the prayer be offered in congregation. By the congregational observance of Prayer, man steps to the third ladder of faith”.**

In his Friday Sermon of 20th January 2017, Beloved Huzur (aba) explained, “Some people are egocentric or have selfishness in their hearts which is rooted out with congregational prayers. The Promised Messiah (as) said, "bear this in mind that human beings have the capacity to absorb another person's illuminations." One may be influenced more by good deeds and achieve a higher status (of spirituality), through congregational prayers. Therefore, to accept the influence of piety, congregational prayers are essential”.

Please relisten to Beloved Huzur's (aba) Friday Sermon on The Virtues of Congregational Salat. As you reflect on the important points in this Sermon, consider the following as part of your group discussion:

- How do the practical implementations of congregational prayer help build unity and influence good deeds amongst worshippers?
- What has the Holy Prophet (saw) taught us in regards to the importance of Salat?
- According to the Promised Messiah (as) how does one bring about a state of submissiveness and true humility in prayer?
- How does Beloved Huzur (aba) expound upon the importance of inculcating the habit of regularity and punctuality in prayers within our children?

**Resource:** Friday Sermon 20th January 2017

<https://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2017-01-20.html>

### **3. MALFUZAT – BEFORE PRAYING ONE MUST EXERT THEIR FACULTIES TO THE FULLEST (SELF-STUDY)**

The Promised Messiah (as) explains in his writings, that we have been instructed to never test God. The Promised Messiah (as) states that to come before Allah Almighty without first making use of one's own faculties and following the rules of nature's law is both disrespectful and impertinent.

As you study this extract from Malfuzat, included in this term's Talim Syllabus, consider how Allah Almighty creates the means for reformation when a person makes full use of one's faculties when praying to Him? How has the Promised Messiah (as) explained the purpose of the supplication, 'Guide Us in the Right Path?'

**Resource:** Talim Syllabus Pages 178-179

#### 4. HISTORY OF ISLAM – EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN (TALIM WORKSHOP)

In our continuation of studying extracts from the book, The Life and Character of the Seal of Prophets, by Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib (ra), in your Talim Workshop this month we would like you to discuss Islam’s teachings in regards to human equality. How does the Holy Quran refute all false ideologies in regards to the rights of women? How do Islamic teachings promote racial unity and social harmony?

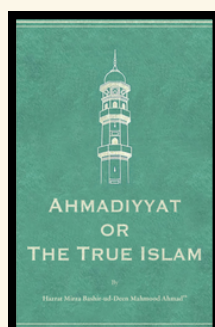
**Resource:** Talim Syllabus Pages 186-188

#### 5. BOOK OF THE YEAR – AHMADIYYAT OR THE TRUE ISLAM

In this book, Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) explains four principal objects of religion. First and foremost is to know our Creator and build a relationship with Him. This month, we would like you to focus on this first object of religion and reflect on the following points:

- What does Islam teach us about some of the Attributes of Our Creator?
- How does an understanding of these attributes help us to build a relationship with Him? How does the perfect concept of God explained to us by Islam compare to the concept of God in other religions?
- How does Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra) explain the answer to the question “if all religions have a Divine origin, why should we not accept all of them as true and believe that every one of them leads to God?” (page 48)

**Resource:** <https://www.alislam.org/book/ahmadiyyat-true-islam/>



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