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## THE HOLY QUR'AN 49:15, SURAH AL HUJURAT

"The Arabs of the desert say, 'We believe.' Say, 'You have not believed yet; but rather say, 'We have accepted Islam,' for the true belief has not yet entered into your hearts.'" But if you obey Allah and His Messenger, He will not detract anything from your deeds Surely, Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful."

Message from 'National Additional Secretary Tarbiyyat & Waqf-e-Jadid for New Ahmadis'

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa RahmatAllahi Wa Barakatahu,

It is with great pleasure that I bring you our very first newsletter of 2025!

We pray that this newsletter is of value to all new Ahmadis and helps you to strengthen your faith, come close to Allah Almighty, and follow the beautiful practice (sunnah) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

This edition is dedicated to an important theme: Islam Ahmadiyyat: A True Defence of Islam.

We will explore profound insights and

teachings from the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) concerning the defence of Islam as well as some highlights of the early days of Islam.

We are also excited to share with you the promotional videos of the New Ahmadi Online lecture series and the online weekly classes.

If you have any comments or feedback, please send them via the email provided at the bottom of this newsletter. May Allah Almighty bless you all abundantly.

With a humble request for prayers, Wasalam (with peace),

Jonathan Butterworth



## The Friday Sermon

*Excerpts from Friday Sermons delivered by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), the fifth Khalifa (successor) to the Promised Messiah (as) and the supreme head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.*

### MUHAMMAD<sup>SAW</sup>-THE GREAT EXEMPLAR 10/01/2025

His Holiness<sup>aba</sup> said that in relation to the Expedition of Banu Fazarah, there is mention of the murder of Umm Qirfah. Upon analysing historical accounts, it becomes evident that this is a false incident. His Holiness<sup>aba</sup> quoted Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad<sup>ra</sup> who writes: In place of the above-mentioned Sariyyah of Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup>, Ibni Sa'd has mentioned a Sariyyah wherein Zaid bin Harithah<sup>ra</sup> was the commander. In other words, Ibni Sa'd mentions Zaid bin Harithah as the commander of this Sariyyah instead of Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup>. Moreover, differing in details as well, he writes that this expedition was to discipline the Banu Fazarah, who resided near the Wadi'ul-Qura' and who had attacked a trade caravan of the Muslims, stealing all of its wealth and goods. The driving force behind this mischievous group was an old lady, named Ummi Qirfah, who was a staunch enemy of Islam. When this lady was captured, a man named



## THE FIRST DEFENDER OF ISLAM AND THE FIRST BELIEVERS

After the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> received the divine revelation regarding his prophethood, the first to embrace his message were key figures in his life: his beloved wife Hazrat Khadija<sup>ra</sup>, his young cousin Hazrat Ali<sup>ra</sup>, the freed slave Hazrat Zaid<sup>ra</sup>, and his childhood friend Hazrat Abubakr<sup>ra</sup>. Throughout his prophethood, he consistently defended Islam and its

a commitment he upheld until his last breath. His steadfast dedication inspired his first followers, who remained loyal and supportive beside him through all trials. These early believers not only shaped the foundation of Islam but also exemplified unwavering faith and courage.

[The life of Muhammad by Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood<sup>ra</sup>, p.12](#)



## HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD<sup>AS</sup> DEFENDING ISLAM THROUGH THE PEN

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> claimed under divine revelation to be the Messiah and Mahdi. In 1889, he founded the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and was always at the forefront of defending Islam.

He authored numerous books, including "[The Victory of Islam](#)," which outlines a divinely ordained strategy to counter the aggressive campaigns of Christian missionaries across the Muslim world. He achieved this through the publication of books, distribution of leaflets, hosting of guests and visitors, replying to letters of inquiry and the establishment of a community (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community).

Through these initiatives, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> was not only effective in defending Islam and the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup> against widespread slanders but also took an offensive stance by highlighting the fundamental weaknesses within the Christian faith and illustrating how it deviated from the true teachings of Jesus<sup>as</sup>. Other books authored by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> in defence of Islam include:

[The Essence of Islam](#) – 5 Volumes  
[The Light of the Holy Qur'an](#)  
[Four Questions by Mr. Sirajuddin, a Christian and their Answers](#)

DEFENDING ISLAM-TIME LINE

THE CONFERENCE OF WORLD RELIGIONS

The passion to defend Islam was carried on by Hazrat Mirza Mashir ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad<sup>ra</sup>, his second successor and the second Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

In 1924, he delivered a speech (read out by Chaudhry Zafrullah Khan Sahib) about Islam at the *Conference of World Religions* in London. He stated that the Holy Qur'an rejects the objection that Islam was spread with force and gave the following verse in the Qur'an: [‘there is no compulsion in religion’](#) as proof. He said fighting is only allowed when there are attempts to eliminate and harm

PEACE SYMPOSIUM

significant initiatives have been undertaken by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to spread the teachings of Islam and defend its principles.

In our modern era, one of the most notable initiatives is the [National Peace Symposium](#), which was initiated by the current Caliph, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aba</sup>. This event serves as a platform to foster understanding among people of different faiths and backgrounds. His Holiness, also the keynote speaker at the symposium, shares insights on peace, coexistence, and the vital role that Islam plays in today's world. He promotes a deeper understanding of Islam and demonstrates its core message of peace and harmony while addressing and correcting the various misconceptions levelled against Islam. Most importantly, he illuminates pathways to achieving global peace by providing critical guidance for world leaders. The first symposium was held in 2004 at the largest Mosque in western Europe- The Baitul Futuh Mosque.



THE NEW AHMADI ONLINE WEEKLY CLASSES

Weekly Classes Promo Video

The New Ahmadi Online Classes are now well underway with a diversity of classes every week (times shown in table below), advancing each week until the module is completed for a total of 12 lessons and an assessment. If you are a convert, recent or older and you would like to register for any of the classes listed for either this term or the next, please register [here](#).

1	The Basic Teachings of Islam	Thursday 18.30pm
2	Islamic Daily Prayer (Salat)	Wednesday 8.45pm
3	Recitation of the Holy Quran	Wednesday 6pm
4	Memorisation of the Holy Quran with translation & Commentary	Friday 8.30pm
5	Aims, Objects & System of the Jama'at	Friday 6.30pm
6	Obligations & Responsibilities of New Ahmadis	Thursday 7pm
7A	Core Teachings of Islam Ahmadiyyat	Tuesday 7pm
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Islam. Other subjects expounded in his speech in light of Islamic teachings were slavery, usury, polygamy, divorce, moral teachings and life after death. Furthermore, he highlighted divine signs that support the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>. Among the significant evidence presented was a specific vision of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>:

“ I saw in a vision that I was standing on a pulpit in the city of London and was setting forth the truth of Islam in the English language, in a very well-reasoned address. Thereafter I caught several birds who were sitting upon small trees and were of white colour and their bodies resembled the bodies of partridges. I interpreted this vision as meaning that though I would not be able to travel to that country but that my writings will be published there and many righteous English people will accept the truth. ”

The address was well received and the president (Sir Theodore Mersin) of the conference said in his remarks that the Ahmadiyya Movement is a prove that Islam is a living religion. [Friday Sermon, February 28th, 2014](#)

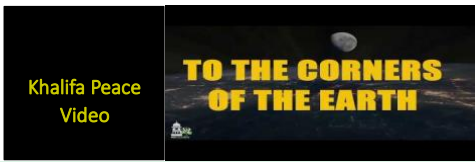
FRIDAY SERMONS

By the grace of Allah, His Holiness<sup>aba</sup> began delivering Friday sermons on the [companions](#) of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> in 2017.

His tireless efforts in this regard have continued unabated until 2023, when he shifted focus to deliver sermons about the [Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>](#) himself.

Through these sermons, His Holiness<sup>aba</sup> has provided invaluable insights into the exceptional character, kindness, and mercy of the Prophet Muhammad<sup>saw</sup>, particularly towards non-Muslims.

His sermons do not only illuminate the compassionate nature of the Prophet<sup>saw</sup> but also serve to dispel various allegations and misconceptions regarding him, his successors and his companions, particularly the misguided notions of warfare and ruthlessness.



Qais from the party of Zaid killed her...In terms of rationality, it should be known that to imprison a lady who is not convicted of murder and then to kill her in the manner which is related in this narration, is something quite untenable. Islam strongly prohibits even killing women in the very field of battle and we have already mentioned the instructions of the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>, which he issued in the prohibition of killing women in the fundamental discussion on Jihad.

Please note: The above excerpts are from the summary of the sermon, please watch, listen to and read the full Friday sermon via the [official website](#) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAMADAN 2025

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

New Ahmadi Online Lecture Series

Next episode

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

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