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JALSA SALANA HOLLAND 2019 BEGINS IN NUNSPEET



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurates Jalsa Salana Holland

The 39th Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Holland began on 27 September 2019 with the Friday Sermon delivered by the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad in Nunspeet.

Prior to the Sermon, His Holiness raised the Flag of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (*Liwa-e-Ahmadiyyat*) to officially inaugurate the three-day event, whilst the Holland National Flag was also raised.



During the *Friday Sermon*, His Holiness spoke about fulfilling the responsibilities of being an Ahmadi Muslim and how the *Jalsa Salana* offers a perfect opportunity to try to better oneself in following the teachings of Islam.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Holland, and how it had recently developed and grown.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“In the past few years, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Holland has increased by at least a third. Many people have migrated here from Pakistan, and some others have converted to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.”

Continuing, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Always remember that increasing in numbers or having more missionaries or building centres or mosques will only help when their true purposes are

also fulfilled. So every Ahmadi Muslim living here should assess themselves and should search and understand what those objectives are which we, as believers in the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), have to fulfil.”

His Holiness explained that many Ahmadi Muslims had migrated to the West from Pakistan where their religious freedom was denied. His Holiness said that Ahmadi Muslims should not simply be content at having attained religious freedom, but should rather endeavour to better themselves ***“spiritually, intellectually and morally”***.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Many Ahmadi Muslims have migrated here because of the lack of religious freedoms, particularly in Pakistan. There, Ahmadi Muslims are harassed in the name of religion and have their rights usurped for having accepted the Imam of the Age, as per the prophecy and instruction of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Every Ahmadi Muslim now living a life free from the restrictions they were afflicted with in Pakistan, should be more thankful than ever to Allah, and should fully endeavour to fulfil the duty of being a member of the Community of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). You should strive to better yourselves spiritually, academically and morally. One should not simply be content with the fact that they are free from religious persecution.”

His Holiness reiterated the importance of fulfilling these various duties and doing so for the purpose of pleasing God.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“If our actions are not in accordance with the commandments of Allah the Almighty, if we do not endeavour to bring about bigger and better changes within ourselves and do not show greater displays of love for Allah and His Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), then what is the benefit of such freedom? What is the point of attending these gatherings or building mosques? These freedoms will only truly benefit us when we fulfil the obligations associated with having entered the community of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said that the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) had intended for the Jalsa Salana to be a source of bettering the moral and spiritual standards of the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Under the Divine commandment of Allah Almighty, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) announced the establishment of these Jalsas so that through them we may inculcate pious changes within ourselves. The Jalsas were established so that we may give precedence to our faith over materialism and so that we may inculcate the love of Allah the Almighty and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in our hearts. They were established in order to improve our religious, moral and

intellectual standards and to make every effort towards progressing in these goals.”



His Holiness explained that Ahmadi Muslims must live their lives in a way that meant that ***‘the love of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and Allah conquer their heart’***.

Quoting from the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) on developing a love for the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“The love for The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) should be greater than your love towards all other humans, because it is only through him that you can reach Allah the Almighty. Only by following his commands and emulating his example can someone reach God. Now it is only through the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) that one can achieve the acceptance of prayers and the attainment of true salvation.”

Nearing the end of the Sermon His Holiness reminded the attendees once again to think about their purpose in life as well as the purpose of attending the Jalsa.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“We should all reflect upon the purpose of gathering here for these three days. We should take benefit from this spiritual environment, endeavour to better our deeds, rid ourselves of our vices, and in these days focus on remembering God and seeking repentance along with our worship. If this is not our objective, then coming to such gatherings is futile.”



Concluding, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“May these days of Jalsa enable us to improve and then maintain the standards of our worship. May we ever increase in our love for Allah and His Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), and may worldly desires and materialistic luxuries never overtake us.”

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