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Baitun Noor Region

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Holy Qur'an:

القرآن:

“And remember the day when We will raise up in every people a witness against them from amongst themselves, and We will bring thee as a witness against these. And We have sent down to thee the Book to explain everything, and a guidance, and a mercy, and glad tidings to those who submit to God.”
(Al Nahl, Ch.16:V.90)

Hadith:

حديث:

Abu Hurairah and Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, “ When a group of people assemble for the remembrance of Allah, the angles surround the, (Allah's) mercy envelops them, tranquillity descends upon them and Allah makes a mention of them before those who are near Him.”
(Muslim)

The Promised Messiah (as):

ملفو ظات:

None of the true Muslims who ever lived maintained that force should be employed in the spread of Islam. On the other hand, Islam has always flourished on the strength of its inherent qualities of excellence. Those who having the distinction of being called Muslims, yet believe that Islam should be spread with force, do not seem to have any awareness of inherent beauties of Islam.
(Tiryaqul Qulub: Roohani Khazain Vol.15, pg. 167)

Friday Sermon

خطبة الجمعة:

Hadrath Khalifatul Masih began by reciting the Quranic verse as cited below:
'And those who join what Allah has commanded to be joined, and fear their Lord, and dread the evil reckoning;' (13:22).
The above verse does not only command to join connections, it also signifies that once joined, these connections should be fostered and maintained. A true believer who has been granted discernment of faith cannot even imagine doing something that would be contrary to God's pleasure. Once he makes a connection with God and according to God's commandment makes other connections, he adopts permanency in them.
It is the sign of intelligent and true believers that they 'join what Allah has commanded to be joined'. That is, they establish those connections which God has commanded to establish. In explanation of this verse Hadrath Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) has said that these are the people who, having attained excellence in their obedience and love of God, are drawn to God's creation and in accordance with His commandments they forge connections of unity and benevolence with them.

[March 1st, 2013 – Full Summary may be found on AlIslam.org]

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Key Dates and Events

8th March Regional Ijtema Workers Meeting

20th March General Meeting

22nd March Amila Meeting

Regional Ijtema Duty

Preparations for the Regional Atfal and Khuddam Ijtema started on 1st March after Isha prayer in Baitul Futuh. We helped set up the stage and the exhibition for Atfal Ijtema. On 2nd March the Atfal Ijtema started with the Nazim Atfal arriving in Baitul Futuh at 7am. Balham was given the department of Ziafat. Once the Atfal Ijtema finished at 5.30pm, the Khuddam Ijtema started at 6pm. We made our way to the Kitchen and started to prepare dinner and breakfast. We made rice and lentils for dinner which was served after Isha prayer. Then we prepared for breakfast for the next day. Everyone went home at 11.30pm after cleaning the kitchen. On 3rd March the Ijtema started with Tahajjud prayer. After Tahajjud prayer we made our way to the kitchen and started to prepare breakfast. For breakfast we made Halwa Puri which was served at 7am. After having breakfast we started on lunch. For lunch we made rice and chicken curry which was served at 1.30pm. Once we had lunch, we started to clean up the kitchen. After cleaning the kitchen our duty in the Ziafat department came to an end. By the grace of Allah the Ijtema was a success.



Majlis Ansar Sultanul Qalam

“Allah has named me Sultan Al Qalam, the ‘King of the Pen,’ and has called my pen the Zulfiqar Ali or the ‘Sword of Ali.’” (*Al-Hakam*, Vol. V, No.22, page 2)

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Prayer Time

Salaat	Masjid Fazl/ Baitul Futuh
Fajr	6:45 am
Zuhr	13:00 pm
Asr	15:00 pm
Maghrib	16:30 pm
Isha	19:45 pm

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The Qur'an and Poverty Alleviation

Poverty is generally defined as a situation where individuals lack essential resources to meet not only their material or economic, but also social, physiological and even spiritual needs. The issue is important for Pakistan, the second largest country in South Asia, with a population of 160 million. Statistics about Pakistan show that almost 25% of Pakistan's population (nearly 38 million people) lives in absolute poverty. The country is also facing high levels of inequality in income distribution. The share of the wealthiest 20% of the households was 49.7% in the national income in 1999 while the bottom 20% of households received just 6.2% of the national income (Economic Survey of Pakistan 2005-2006).

To reduce poverty in the country, the Government normally asks for direction from international donor agencies and foreign experts who always recommend interest-based loans to be a significant poverty alleviation tool. For instance, the Pakistan Interim Poverty Reduction Paper asserted that:

'...access to credit is the surest way of empowering the poor and improving their income generating opportunities...international experience has shown that micro-credit can be an important instrument in improving the income generating capabilities of the poor.' (Pakistan Interim Poverty Reduction Paper, November 2001. p.38)

Similarly, the Asian Development Bank's assessment of the microfinance sector in Pakistan (November 2000) was that the:

'poverty reduction potential of micro-finance is widely recognised at the policy level and among the development community.'

This article draws on guidance from the Holy Qur'an, which declares:

This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous... (Ch.2:V.3) and attempts to explain the Qur'anic philosophy towards poverty alleviation.

Supremacy of God

The Qur'an declares the overall sovereignty of the One God:

He it is Who created for you all that is in the earth... (Ch.2:V.30)

It rejects the idea of any single human being or any particular class of humans having the exclusive right on the available natural resources. Then why do some people have more wealth than others? The Holy Qur'an explains that it is only a favour, a blessing, and a test from God, Who has ordered that your wealth be spent in an equitable and just manner and those less fortunate be given their due share: And Allah has favoured some of you above others in worldly gifts. But those more favoured will not restore any part of their worldly gifts to those whom their right hands possess, so that they may be equal sharers in them. Will they then deny the favour of Allah? (Ch.16:V.72)

Concept of Brotherhood

The Qur'an promotes the idea of brotherhood amongst believers as a tool to reduce the social and economic inequalities in society:

Surely all believers are brothers. So make peace between brothers and fear Allah that mercy may be shown to you. (Ch.49:V.11)

The concept of brotherhood is further defined in the following verse:

...And help one another in righteousness and piety, but help not one another in sin and transgression... (Ch.5:V.3)

Concept of Family Empowerment

The Qur'an promotes the concept of 'family empowerment' as against the conventional idea of the empowerment of women:

And of everything have We created pairs, that you may reflect. (Ch.51:V.50)

It further declares that both men and women are equal in terms of work and financial rewards:

And covet not that whereby Allah has made some of you excel others. Men shall have a share of that which they have earned, and women a share of that which they have earned. And ask Allah of His bounty. Surely, Allah has perfect knowledge of all things. (Ch.4:V.33)

You can read the full article on [The Qur'an and Poverty Alleviation](#) by clicking on the link provided.