

PROMISED MESSIAH DAY

Celebrating the Advent of
Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as)

Date celebrated: 23rd March every year

Commemorates the first Bai'at (Pledge of Allegiance) in
1889 and the foundation of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.



PROPHECIES AND PURPOSE OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

Prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa):

- Muslim Ummah would drift from true Islam.
- Unity would be lost, and sects would emerge.
- Islam would face internal decay and external attacks.

In those times, a Divinely appointed reformer was destined to appear to revive the true teachings of Islam, unite Muslims, and restore peace.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) fulfilled this prophecy as the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi.

REVELATIONS CONFIRMING HIS DIVINE APPOINTMENT

In 1882 The Promised Messiah (as) received the revelation:

“A Warner came to the world, but the world accepted him not. Yet God will accept him and manifest his truth with powerful assaults.”

Revelation about his mission and Bai'at:

“When thou hast determined, put thy trust in Allah. And build the Ark under Our eyes, as commanded by Our revelation. Verily, those who swear allegiance to thee indeed swear allegiance to Allah. The hand of Allah is over their hand.”

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BA'AIT

When Hazrat Ahmad(as) was divinely instructed to take bai'at and start a Jamaat, he published an announcement, stating:

“Another message that I wish to convey to the people at large, and to my Muslim brothers in particular, is that I have been commanded to take an oath of allegiance [bai'at] from seekers of truth who wish to acquire true faith and purity; who yearn to find the path to Allah's love; who want to give up their foul, slothful and false existence.

“Whosoever finds in themselves the willingness to do this must come to me. I will be their comforter and will do my best to ease their burden. God will bless them through my prayers and my attention, provided they are ready with heart and soul to abide by His conditions. This is a divine command, which I have hereby conveyed.”

(Majmua-e-Ishtiharat, Vol. 1, p. 205)

FOUNDATION OF JAMA'AT

- The First Bai'at happend on 23rd March 1889 in Ludhiana
- 40 people pledged allegiance
- The Bai'at took place in the house of Hazrat Sufi Ahmad Jaan (ra) companion of the Promised Messiah (as).
- Hazrat Maulvi Nuruddin (ra) was the first to pledge allegiance.
- All the names were recorded in a register.

MISSION OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

The ten conditions of bai'at [pledge of allegiance], which were born alongside the birth of this Jamaat tell us in clear terms what our objectives are, and where we seek to go. The Promised Messiah(as) laid out these conditions two months prior to taking bai'at, on 12 January 1889.

These conditions were elucidated by His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V(aa). They are the lifeline of an Ahmadi Muslim; they are our code of conduct and our path to victory over ourselves and over the evils of this world.

In this regard, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V(aa) states:

“Thus, each year, this day ought to serve as a reminder for us that the purpose of the Promised Messiah’s(as) advent, which is in line with the prophecies of the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet(sa), was to revive the faith and to re-establish the true teachings of Islam in the world.

“Furthermore, we are the ones who profess to have pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah(as). Therefore, to fulfil this significant mission, we must play our role according to our respective capabilities and ensure that we re-establish the relationship between mankind and God Almighty, for mankind has lost its way. We must also draw people’s attention towards fulfilling the rights they owe to mankind. Undoubtedly, in order to achieve this, we must first reform ourselves.” (Friday Sermon, 26 March 2021;)

Thus, it should be clear that we do not merely celebrate this day to gather and make merry over our achievements. Rather, we hold events all over the world in every chapter and remind ourselves of our responsibilities and seek to better ourselves so that we may meet the expectations with which the Promised Messiah(as) started this Jamaat and embody the spirit that must come with pledging allegiance to him and his Khalifa.

As we are in the blessed month of Ramadan, it is particularly important, then, to pray – not just for the success of this Jamaat, but also for our continued reformation. Of course, our prayers can never end there. As Ahmadi Muslims who have pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah(as), we must carry the burden of praying for all our Muslim brethren, so that they may come to accept the message of the servant of the Holy Prophet(sa).



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