

# Friday Sermon

Tilawat-e-Quran

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ -

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ه بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ه الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ه  
مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ه إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ه إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ه صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ  
الْمَغضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ه

هَذَا ذِكْرٌ مَنْ مَعِيَ وَذِكْرٌ مَنْ قَبْلِي

*Here is the Book of those with me, and the Book of those before me. [21:25]*

Holy Quran is the mother of all other revealed books, all the right teachings which were mentioned in previous books is combined and presented with complete knowledge. This complete book makes it perfect and better than all other books and worth complete and utmost respect. Allah Ta'alla also mentioned that;

وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

*And when the Qur'an is recited, give ear to it and keep silence, that you may be shown mercy [7:205]*

Tilawat-e-Quran is very important for all believers; it has a set of etiquettes which are suppose to be followed. These etiquettes are a way to show our respect for the Holy Quran. For example, perform Ablution before reading Holy Quran and make sure that you are clean, always start with Ta'awuz. Recite Holy Quran with loud and melodious voice, always read it with Translation if don't know word to word meaning of Arabic. Make sure that you put the book on higher shelves where they are secure and would not fall on ground etc.

Holy Quran was revealed to Muslim through Holy Prophet<sup>SA</sup>. He had the most knowledge and understanding of the book. He taught the Holy Quran to his noble companions and through them world learned Holy Quran. Holy Prophet<sup>SA</sup> would also read the Holy Quran in loud and very melodious voice and would also ask his companions to do the same and listen from them. Holy Prophet<sup>SA</sup> said in one of his Hadith that,

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

(بخارى كتاب الفضائل القرآن)

*Translation: "The best among you is the one who learns and teaches Holy Quran."*

Holy Quran holds the right teaching and guidance for those people who wants to follow the right path and love Allah. The right teaching contains the orders of right actions and wrong actions, what to do and what not to do. Other aspect of Islamic teachings is to think deep on the universe and nature and connect it to Islam and religion, Allah mentioned that this is and will be the source of knowledge for you. Not just in religious knowledge this above mentioned rule applies in our daily worldly life also.

However the ultimate reason for Quran is to produce Taqwa (fear of Allah) in our hearts and spend our life according to the right actions and avoid wrong actions. Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud<sup>AS</sup> said in Ozala Oham that,

"Teachings of the Holy Quran want to take you to the highest point of Taqwa."

Hadhrat Khalifaul Masih II<sup>RA</sup> asked Jama'at to serve Holy Quran numerous times, he said; "Our Jama'at should strive that this world sees the benefits of the Holy Quran, the teachings come to their attention again and again. So this world come under the shadow of Holy Quran and become peaceful."

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>RH</sup> emphasized a lot on recitation of the Holy Quran and think about the meanings of the translation we read. Hudur<sup>RH</sup> also had Tarjamatul Quran classes held through MTA for this purpose.

This is the duty of every Ahmadi that we recite Holy Quran and give it a lot of emphasis in our daily lives. Make Holy Quran part of our daily activities as this is the only source of divine link which we can establish very easily. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>RH</sup> in his Friday sermon of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1997 that, "If we want our generations to be secure then only Holy Quran can do it. Habit of the recitation of the Holy Quran and pondering on its meanings is the fundamental of Tarbiyat of our generation, and Tarbiyat is the key without which we cannot have our Tarbiyat done."

May Allah help us study Holy Quran and ponder on the meanings of the Holy Quran and spend our lives according to Holy Quran!

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ - وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا  
وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مِنْ يَهْدِيهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ - وَنَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا  
اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ - عِبَادَ اللَّهِ - رَحِمَكُمُ اللَّهُ أَنْ اللَّهُ يَا مُر  
بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَابْتِئَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَبَيْنَهُ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ - يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَذَكَّرُونَ - أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَادْعُوهُ يَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ وَ لَذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ -