

A MESSAGE FOR LAJNA

IMAI'LLAH

Closing Remarks at
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Sadr Sahiba closed by thanking Allah Ta'ala for the opportunity and the hosting jamaat, local and regional sadrs and all the brothers who helped with meals, transportation, housing, Imam sahib for accommodating our needs for this weekend and to all for attending this conference and making it a success

ALHAMDOLILLAH!

**SADR SAHIBA GAVE US CONCLUDING
ADVICE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING
VERSE FROM THE HOLY QURAN:**

- ◉ **“And He it is Who has made you successors of others on the earth and has exalted some of you over the others in degrees of rank, that He may try you by that which He has given you.” [6:166]**

She said that as successors of our forefathers, we owed it to them to fulfill our responsibilities.

- ◎ They made tremendous sacrifices for us to be part of such a blessed community.**
- ◎ We also owe it to our future generation, who will be successors after us.**
- ◎ Our children watch and mimic our daily actions and we should be truthful and honest about fulfilling our pledge with Allah for ourselves and our children.**

- ◎ Sadr Sahiba also said that this verse warned us that the more power or authority or wealth or education or rank or status we are given, the harder we need to work so that our ranks do not become a trail for us.
- ◎ More often than not, rather than become humble, kind and compassionate, we become more arrogant and proud. A tree laden with fruit cannot stand tall, it bends.

↪ Similarly, a Lajna office holder must bend with humility, justice and honesty in discharging her duties. If you think about it, each of us here has some rank and authority - whether a Lajna office holder, a mother, an older sister, a mother-in law, a wife - with these ranks come the trails. How are we discharging the trust placed us? Whom are we trying to appease? Are we dealing with justice and honesty?

↪ This verse should serve as a greater warning for us because we are Ahmadi Muslims. We will be held accountable and punishable on several counts; as Ahmadi Muslims as well as office holders who are not upholding their pledge to Allah and who are converting the blessings from Allah into trails for us and our children.

✦ Sadr Sahiba relayed a Hadith to emphasize the point that all our efforts should be in the direction of pleasing Allah and not people. Even if our deeds are good, but not performed from our hearts to please Allah, then Allah does not need our deeds. She concluded the hadith by relaying that the Holy Prophet (saw) said that

"EVEN MY SALVATION IS NOT GUARANTEED. MY SALVATION WILL NOT BE BECAUSE OF MY GOOD DEEDS, BUT WILL BE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE MERCY OF ALLAH."

- * Using some writings of the Promised Messiah (as), Sadr sahiba mentioned:
- * that when 2 objects are rubbed together, heat is generated – which can purify or destroy.
- * When the love of people and love of this world are rubbed together, it will generate a heat that burns away the love for Allah.
- * And a heart that has moved away from Allah is now prone to restlessness and temptations and filled with darkness.

However, if everything we do is for the sake of Allah, then when the love of Allah and our love for people or this world is rubbed together, it will generate a heat that purifies and lights up our hearts and strengthens our love for Allah.

This is a blessing that no king can achieve even with his high rank, his wealth or his followers.

- ◉ Sadr Sahiba concluded by reminding us of our goals and purpose in life and prayed that may we place Allah above everything else so that our deeds are pleasing to him.
- ◉ Before joining hands in silent prayers, she asked the members to remember Hazur, the sick, the less fortunate, the weak and the members of hosting jamaat who worked so hard to make this conference a success. She asked us to remember each other as we travelled back home.

She closed with the prayer:

***Say, My prayer and my sacrifice and my life
and my death are All for Allah, the Lord of
the Worlds.***

