

# Financial Sacrifices of the Companions of the Promised Messiah *'alaihi-salām*

## ***Respected audience,***

It is a great honor for me to speak today about a subject that serves as a profound lesson for all of us: The Financial Sacrifices of the Companions of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (peace be upon him).

Let's take a journey together, back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in Indian Subcontinent. Imagine a time when poverty was widespread, and life was incredibly tough for most people. This was the period when the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (peace be upon him), made his claim. Amid these challenges, his companions—many of whom had little to their name—made extraordinary financial sacrifices for the cause of faith. Today, I want to share their inspiring stories with you.

Now, think of a farmer planting a seed into the soil. He doesn't know for sure if the seed will grow, but he still sows it with hope and faith. Why? Because he trusts in the unseen forces of nature. If a farmer can have such trust in nature, imagine how much greater the trust of a believer in Allah should be. Allah never lets sacrifices made in His way go unrewarded.

If a farmer, with no certainty of success, places such trust in the unseen forces of nature, how much greater should a believer's trust be in Allah, who never lets sacrifices made in His way go unrewarded?

Mr. Chairman!

The faith of the companions of the Promised Messiah, in the word of Allah, was far greater than that of the farmer. Their unwavering trust and spirit of sacrifice are driven by the profound love of Allah, a love that inspires believers to give selflessly,

knowing that He never fails to fulfill His promises.

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنبُلَةٍ مِائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ - وَاللَّهُ يُضْعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ - وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ - البقره 261

*The similitude of those who spend their wealth for the cause of Allah is like the similitude of a grain of corn which grows seven ears, in each ear a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies it further for whomsoever He pleases; and Allah is Bountiful, All-Knowing.*

The companions spent their possessions for the cause of Allah with unwavering faith. They never followed up their sacrifices with taunts or injury, but rather lived with a heartfelt wish that they had more to offer. They knew full well that every penny in the sight of Allah is accounted for and attracts manifold rewards. Just as a farmer's seed may fail to grow, a penny spent in the way of

Allah holds the potential to grow manifold. With this assurance, they lived without grief or fear of loss, confident that their reward was with their Lord.

***At this juncture, allow me to register something small in your minds—a parable and food for thought, something to reflect on.***

Think of a man who went to the market to buy bread. On his return, he gives the bread to his son and says, “O my son, divide this bread into sixteen equal pieces and give me just one piece.”

The boy might think, “My father does not need bread; he is the one who provides for me.” He might also think, “Let me take any small piece and give it to him; he won’t notice whether it is truly one-sixteenth or not.”

But then the boy could think differently: “Let me give my father the best portion of the

bread. After all, he provides for me at all times without fail.”

This simple parable encourages us to reflect on the quality of what we give in the way of Allah. Do we give casually, thinking our sacrifices are insignificant to the Almighty? Or do we strive to offer the best of what we have, recognizing that He is the ultimate Provider who sustains us in every moment?

So, the sacrifices of the companions of the Promised Messiah were not casual acts of charity; they were deep reflections of unwavering faith and trust in Allah. They set extraordinary examples of selflessness, love for God, and commitment to the progress of Islam.

The devoted disciples of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) were certain in their faith that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian was divinely commissioned for the revival of Islam. This

sacred mission required resources for publishing literature, constructing infrastructure, and supporting the community's expansion. Whenever the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) called for financial contributions, his companions responded with unparalleled fervor and sincerity—actions that continue to inspire and guide us even today.

As we explore these accounts, let us open our hearts to the lessons they offer. These examples are not just stories of the past but enduring inspirations, reminding us of the power of faith and the depth of sacrifice. Let us now delve into a few specific, faith-inspiring examples of these extraordinary acts of devotion.

One of the most inspiring examples of financial sacrifice comes from **Hazrat Maulana Hakeem Nuruddin Sahib** (may Allah be pleased with him), the first Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at. His love for the

Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and his mission knew no bounds. Whenever the Promised Messiah needed funds for spreading the message of Islam, Hazrat Nuruddin Sahib always responded with remarkable generosity.

He once expressed his devotion with these heartfelt words:

**“If the Promised Messiah asks for everything I own, I will not withhold even a penny. I am ready to give up all my wealth and belongings for the service of this divine mission.”**

This was not mere rhetoric. Hazrat Nuruddin Sahib consistently demonstrated his commitment by offering his wealth, time, and even his professional skills as a physician to serve the Jama'at and humanity at large. His life exemplified the Qur'anic teaching:

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

**“You cannot attain righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love.”**  
(Al-e-Imran: 93)

His sacrifices remind us that true righteousness is found in giving selflessly, especially from what we hold most dear.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) deeply valued the sincerity and loyalty of Hazrat Maulana Nuruddin Sahib. He remarked:

**“Maulvi Noor-ud-Deen is such a dear friend to me that I do not have the words to express his level of sincerity and faithfulness.”**

**“If there is anyone who understands my heart and mission, it is Hakeem Noor-ud-Deen.”**

The Promised Messiah also composed the following Persian couplet in admiration of his beloved companion:

چہ خوش بودے اگر ہر یک ز امت نور دیں بودے  
ہمیں بودے اگر ہر دل پر از نور یقین بودے

**“How delightful it would be if every member of the community were to become Nuruddin.**

**It would certainly be possible only if every heart were filled with the light of certainty.”**

Remember the time when the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) made an appeal for funds to publish his books? Among those who responded was Hazrat Munshi Zafar Ahmad Sahib of Kapurthala. Despite his modest means, he did not hesitate for a moment and donated his entire savings to support this noble cause.

With unwavering conviction, he said: **“I can always earn money again, but this opportunity for sacrifice may not return.”**

This profound statement reflects the mindset of a true believer for whom the mission of Islam was far more valuable than worldly possessions. Hazrat Munshi Sahib's selflessness and faith remind us that such sacrifices are what propel the progress of faith and leave a legacy of inspiration for generations to come.

Similar is the case of **Hazrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan Sahib**. He was a distinguished companion of the Promised Messiah, known for his immense wealth and noble status. Despite his high rank as a Nawab – *an aristocratic title comparable to a prince in many South Asian states* – he led a life marked by humility and deep devotion to the cause of Islam.

However, despite his royal position, he made it his mission to use his considerable resources for the advancement of Islam. He once stated, **“Whatever I have is because of the blessings of this Jama’at, and it is**

**only right that I spend it for the cause of this Jama'at.”** His words reflect his unwavering belief that true wealth is not found in the pursuit of worldly treasures but in dedicating one's wealth and resources for the service of faith.

While many of his contemporaries sought after temporal riches, Hazrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan Sahib's life is a shining example of the principle that true prosperity lies in selfless service to a higher cause.

The sacrifices made by such early companions stir profound emotion, and when reflecting on their stories, it is difficult to hold back tears, as their devotion continues to inspire us today.

Another inspiring figure is **Hazrat Mir Nasir Nawab Sahib**, the father-in-law of the Promised Messiah. His life exemplified selflessness as he often gave whatever he could, even sacrificing basic comforts. On

one occasion, he sold household items to contribute to the cause of Islam Ahmadiyyat. His actions show how the companions prioritized faith above material comfort, setting an example of true devotion and sacrifice for the advancement of Islam.

*Mr. Chairman!*

Another remarkable companion of the Promised Messiah (as) was **Dr. Khalifa Rashiduddinra Sahib**. Upon hearing of the Promised Messiah's claim, he immediately recognized its truth, saying, "**A man with such a big claim cannot be false.**" His sincere acceptance marked the beginning of his rapid spiritual progress. His devotion to Ahmadiyyat was so profound that the Promised Messiah included him among his 12 disciples.

Dr. Rashiduddin<sup>ra</sup> Sahib's financial sacrifices were extraordinary. During a difficult time when the Promised Messiah

was in Gurdaspur due to a court case, he encouraged members to offer financial support. Dr. Rashiduddin<sup>ra</sup> Sahib donated his entire monthly salary, despite being urged to keep some for his family. His response was, **“It is impossible for me to hold back some amount while the Messiah of the time is in dire need of funds.”** This was not a one-time act; he continued to make such sacrifices throughout his life. The Promised Messiah even wrote a testimony, praising Dr. Rashiduddin<sup>ra</sup> Sahib’s dedication, stating that even if he never made another financial contribution, his service to the faith was beyond measure.

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We are all well aware of the personality of **Hazrat Mirza Musleh-e-Ma’ud**, a young

companion of the Promised Messiah, full of life and devotion. As a boy, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad Sahib was saving his pocket money to buy new shoes. However, once he decided to donate all of it to the cause of Allah, saying, “I would rather go without new shoes than miss the chance to serve the cause of Allah.” His selflessness at such a young age highlights how deeply ingrained the concept of sacrifice was among the companions.

Later, when he became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Khalifa, he launched the schemes of Tahrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid, encouraging the members of the Jama’at to adopt a simple life, save, and spend in the way of Allah. The tremendous blessings of these schemes turned the tide against those who sought to wipe Ahmadiyyat from the earth, becoming a powerful sign of divine support and resilience for the world.

The financial sacrifices of the early companions were not limited to men. The women of the early Jama'at played a vital role, with **Hazrat Amma Jaan, Sayyeda Nusrat Jahan Begum Sahiba (ra)**, the noble wife of the Promised Messiah (as), setting a remarkable example of devotion. Her donation of jewelry for the Langar Khana (community kitchen) exemplified selflessness and commitment to the cause of Islam. This act not only supported the needs of guests in Qadian but also inspired other women to contribute, regardless of their means, demonstrating the unity of the early Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Today, we witness the incredible growth of the Langar Khana, which now serves thousands worldwide. What once relied on Hazrat Amma Jaan's noble sacrifice has flourished beyond imagination, becoming a cornerstone of Ahmadiyyat's global activities. This enduring institution stands as

a testament to the blessings of financial sacrifices, honoring those early pioneers whose contributions continue to bear fruit.

Her sacrifice sparked a wave of generosity among women, with many selling their gold jewelry and household items to support the cause. Lajna; the women wing of the Ahmadiyya Community, exclusively contributed for the building of four mosques in Europe. Among these mosques, The Fazl Mosque was the first Ahmadiyya Mosque built in London in 1924 for which women donated money and jewellery.

Mr. Chairman!

"The financial sacrifices of these early members of the community have played a pivotal role in spreading the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat across the globe. Their contributions have helped establish mosques, mission houses, print literature, and support the work of missionaries

worldwide. The foundation of the various financial schemes within the Jama'at is deeply rooted in the exemplary sacrifices of the Promised Messiah's (as) companions. This noble legacy has continued unbroken to this day and will persist until the Day of Judgment. As I stand here, and you sit there, we are living testimonies to the enduring impact of those sacrifices. Indeed, the sacrifices made by the early companions have not gone to waste."

## **My dear brothers and sisters!**

The greatest motivation for the companions of the Promised Messiah (as) was their unwavering belief in his mission and their understanding that true faith requires action. They knew that the progress of Islam depended on their sacrifices. Their hearts were guided by the words of the Holy Qur'an:

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*“You cannot attain righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love. And whatever you spend, surely Allah knows it full well.” (3:92)*

Their lives embodied this verse. They gave from what they loved most, trusting in Allah’s promise of abundant rewards.

Before I conclude, let us reflect on the story of the farmer who trusted in the force of nature to yield his crops. He sowed his seeds with the belief that, through hard work and the blessings of Allah, the harvest would come. We must ask ourselves, does my trust in Allah’s promises exceed that of the farmer, or does it fall short?

Similarly, let us remember the story of the boy whose father bought him bread and asked him to return just the sixteenth part of it. The boy trusted his father completely and gave back what was requested,

understanding that all of it belonged to his father in the first place.

**Are we ready to give back what Allah has granted us, with the same trust and sincerity?**

In conclusion, let us reflect on the inspiring words of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him):

*“O dear ones! Listen carefully, this is the time to serve the faith. He who helps now in the cause of God, God will help him in all his endeavors. Do not hold back your wealth out of fear, for wealth is not earned through miserliness but through the blessings of God. He who spends for the sake of God will never suffer loss.”*

*“The truth is that the Jama’at cannot progress without sacrifice. Those who wish to see the victory of Islam must be ready to offer their wealth, their time, and their lives.”*