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## A message from Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA

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Dear Brothers,  
Assalamo Alaikum Wa-Rehmatullah,

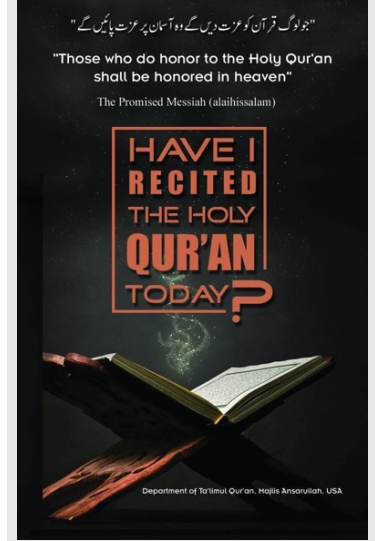
I want to wish you all and your families a very sincere Eid Mubarak from myself and my family. I hope you have had a blessed and transformative Ramadhan.

In his last Friday Sermon, Huzur (aba) brought our attention to prayers and how we can use the power of prayer along with our own actions and determination to bring about pious changes in ourselves. I hope we have all taken the opportunity this month and especially the last three days of Ramadhan to engage in prolonged prayers and self-analysis to find and shatter all the subtle idols which we continue to worship often unknowingly or unconsciously.

Huzur's timely message reminds me of a story which I would like to share with you on this blessed occasion. Many of you may have already heard this story but whenever I hear this story, it's equally special and a beautiful reminder of the very message Huzur tried to convey to us in his last Friday Sermon.

The story is of a man who achieved the rank of a very pious saint. Generally speaking, it is in our nature to want to do great things and leave a mark on this world. This man also wanted to do something great and change the world. So he prayed to Allah Ta'ala that May Allah Ta'ala give him knowledge, power and abilities to change the world. He prayed diligently for many years but no response from Allah Ta'ala came. His prayer was not granted, nor was he able to change the world.

After a few years of disappointment, he changed the scope of his prayer and instead started to pray that May Allah Ta'ala grant him knowledge, power and the ability to change his family rather than the whole world. He continued to pray along these lines to Allah Ta'ala for years but again in vain. Allah Ta'ala did not respond to him, nor was his prayer granted. Disheartened and disappointed, after a few years, he decided to change his prayer once again.



At this time, he asked Allah Ta'ala, "You have not given me the power to change the world nor abilities to change my family as I have been unsuccessful in my mission to change both. Their moral and spiritual standards remain the same. So now, I ask you to at least give me the power, knowledge, and abilities to change myself". As soon as he repeated this prayer, Allah Ta'ala immediately responded to him and told him that this should have been his first prayer to begin with. No one can change the people around them let alone the whole world. However, everyone has the inherent ability to transform themselves. The man finally understood this golden principle and started to change himself with further prayer and action.

This pious saint was Hazrat Zayn Al-Abidin (May Allah Ta'ala have mercy on him) who was given the highest moral and spiritual status when he learned the miracle of true change. It's only ourselves we can and should try to change. Once we all learn and abide by this principle, the whole world will transform. May Allah Ta'ala enable us to understand what Hazrat Zayn Al-Abidin understood after many years of struggle and prayers. And may He make this Eid a true beginning of continued transformation for each of us. Ameen.

With love and prayers

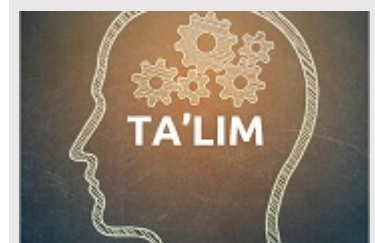
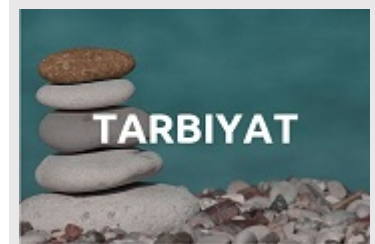
Wassalaam,  
Imran Hayee  
humbly Serving as Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA

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