

Hazrat Sheikh Haji Imdaadullah Muhajire Makki ؒ

Hazrat Haji Imdaadullah Muhajire Makki ؒ was a great personality and is regarded as one of the most senior spiritual mentors of both the Arabs and non-Arabs. Allah ﷻ accepted him for this work and he was loved and revered by all.

Haji Imdaadullah ؒ was born in 1233 AH (1817) in Naanotwa, a town in the district of Saharanpur, India. His father was Hafiz Muhammad Ameen ؒ and by lineage, a descendent of Hazrat Umar Farooq ؓ. Haji Imdaadullah Muhajire Makki ؒ had three brothers and one sister. His mother passed away when he was only seven years old.

Haji Imdaadullah ؒ started his education very early and had a thirst to learn and memorise the Qur'aan. Thus, without any encouragement from anyone he memorised the Glorious Qur'aan.

At the age of 28, Haji Imdaadullah ؒ performed Hajj. When he returned after Hajj, his heart and mind remained attached to Haram Shareef. He had a burning desire that one day he will go back to Makkah Mukarramah.

As a result he reached Makkah Mukarramah again and decided to reside there. He bore a lot of hardships, for nine days he had no food and survived only on Zamzam water. He became extremely weak. When it was the tenth day he requested help from people he knew, but nobody assisted him, until one person came and gave him 100 riyals. Allah ﷻ arranges for his pious slaves from his hidden treasures. Since then, every month of his life, he used to get 100 riyals and never suffered for his needs.

Many great scholars flocked towards Hazrat Haji Imdaadullah ؒ and benefited from his blessed company. His famous students were' Hazrat Mawlana Rasheed Ahmed Gangohi ؒ, Hazrat Mawlana Qasim Nannontwi ؒ, Hazrat Mawlana Yaqoob ؒ, Hazrat Mawlana Ahmed Hasan ؒ, Hazrat Mawlana Muhammad Hussain ؒ, Hazrat Mawlana Ashraf Ali Thanwi ؒ.

The students of Haji Imdaadullah ؒ became great people and benefited the Ummah. They had moderation in their lives, and they did not split the Ummah into groups and sections, rather they advocated on joining the Ummah together as one. They would ensure to make people into better Muslims by teaching them to practice on the commands of Allah ﷻ through imitating the blessed life of our beloved Prophet ﷺ.

Haji Imdaadullah ؒ passed away in 1317 AH (1896 AD) at the age of 84. In his inheritance, he had one stick, two sets of winter clothes and two sets of summer clothes. He did not leave behind any worldly wealth but left behind students who inspired and changed the lives of many people around the world.

Haji Imdaadullah ؒ is buried in Makkah Mukarramah in Jannatul Maala. May Allah ﷻ elevate his status in Jannatul Firdaws. Ameen.