

## Gatherings of the Pious

(Summary of Hadhrat Moulana Ilyas Patel Sahebs majlis - Tuesday 14th December)

- 1. Objectives of Gathering:** The discussion itself is not the objective but it is a means to an objective. Gathering for the sake of Allah Ta'ala is among the objectives itself which leads to a greater objective – acquiring the love of Allah Ta'ala.
- 2. Bulbs of Imaan:** If there was a 10 watt bulb, 20 watt bulb, some 50 watt bulbs and also a 2000 watt bulb the entire place will benefit from all that combined light. Nobody can distinguish which light starts where and which light stops where, it's all combined. The person who came with a 10 watt bulb and the person who came with the 2000 watts all benefit from the 2001 watts. So when there is a gathering for the sake of Allah Ta'ala and people gather purely on this nisbat, everybody benefits from the Imaani strength of all present in the gathering.
- 3. Benefits of Silent majaanis:** Hazrathjee Moulana In'aamul Hasan, Hazrath Mufti Mahmood Saheb and Hazrath Shah Wasiyyullah (rahimahumullah) would hold silent majaanis. Great benefit can be attained from even silent or informal majaanis.
- 4. Benefits of Attending the Gatherings of the Pious:** The niyyat has to be for Imaani benefit. Just as a person doesn't necessarily realise what benefit he has received when eats something. Likewise the spiritual food that we consume, provided that we are taking it with the correct intention, that spiritual food definitely has its benefit.
- 5. Explanation of a few lines of Poetry:** In the obedience of Allah Ta'ala a person's life will be as if it is a 100 lives and in the disobedience of Allah Ta'ala his life will be like a 100 deaths.