

FRIDAY SERMON OF IMAM ZAFRULLAH DOMUN

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After reciting the *Tashahhud*, the *Ta'uz* and the first chapter *Al Fatiha* of the Holy Quran Imam Zafrullah Domun read the verse on khilafat (24:56) and then he gave its translation as follows:

"Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious."

Members will recall that usually every year since 1957 well established Ahmadiyya Jamaat around the world celebrate a day known as "khilafat day". On this day functions are held in mosques where the people are given their dose of propaganda to make them believe that Khilafat (as it has been officially described by the power elite and not necessarily by Allah) is the institution that should prevail in Islam. In addition it is nailed down in the people's heads that there is no salvation outside of it. This wrong belief is similar to that which the Catholics have been spreading throughout the world during the last 2000 years, that there is no salvation outside of Roman Catholicism. By Allah's Grace we have stopped participating in such futile exercises because Allah has helped us to understand that the khilafat that mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya is trying by all means to propagate is not the same as the khilafat that Hazrat Masih Maood<sup>as</sup> has spoken about. We can easily understand what was the concept of khilafat that Hazrat Masih Maood<sup>as</sup> entertained by reading his books such as "*Zarouratoul Imam*", "*Shahadatoul Qur'an* and *Al Wassiyyat*". In addition to these books there are several other places where Hazrat Masih Maood<sup>as</sup> has enlightened us about his concept of khilafat. We have been arguing since some time now that the mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat has strayed from this real concept of khilafat and has put another concept forward. Furthermore it appears that the prevailing concept of khilafat has closed the minds and hearts of Ahmadis instead of opening them. It is not our aim today to quote again what Hazrat Masih Maood<sup>as</sup> has said about this Khilafat.

However I want to make it clear for anyone to know that Allah has revealed this verse to me at least three times. Hence I have understood that it is Allah's privilege to appoint someone a caliph. He may do this in two ways. One was the way in which Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique assumed the leadership of the Muslim world after the death of the Holy Prophet Mohammad <sup>saw</sup>. Others may be appointed to this office spiritually. Those who follow such guides benefit from them and those who reject them are deprived. Such people do not have countries on which they might rule. But Allah nonetheless elevates them to the rank of successors. They are successors to the Holy Prophet Mohammad <sup>saw</sup>. They are appointed so that they make the people know the essence of the teachings of Islam that people tend to ignore very often. Whenever such people appear usually they have a very small group of followers with them. They do not come with great fanfare and great announcement. The beginning is quite tough but they carry on because they have a conviction in their heart of heart that Allah is with them. Indeed Allah shows them that He is with them even while they are treading on thorns.

We have explained several times in the past that Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream has put such policies forward that make it impossible for anyone who might be appointed by Allah to operate within it unless that person is the caliph. In other words by so doing Jamaat Ahmadiyya is trying to force the hand of Allah. So to say the system tries to force the choice of Allah. But Allah has repeatedly said in the Holy Quran that the choice is His. He does not need the advice or recommendation of anyone to elevate one of His servants to the rank of a caliph or Imam or even Mojjadid. He has exclusive rights over such an appointment because He is the Knower of hearts and His choice need not correspond to the choice of men who are aware of only superficialities. By following teachings contrary to what Hazrat Masih Maood<sup>as</sup> has taught us Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream has closed upon itself the door of revelation despite its declarations to the contrary. They claim that contrary to the other Muslims they believe in revelations even after the Holy Prophet <sup>saw</sup> but when Allah send revelations to them most of them turn their backs to it. They prefer to follow their own inclinations rather than the guidance that Allah sends them. They easily forget the following verse of the Holy Quran: "We said: 'Go forth, all of you, from here. And if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoso shall follow My guidance, on them *shall come* no fear, nor shall they grieve.'(2:39). Hazrat Masih Maood <sup>as</sup> has taught us that Allah will continue to send His guides/imams till the end of time. But those who have the leadership of his Jamaat in their hands have perverted his teachings in order to protect their vested interests and they present their false notions to the people as if it were Qoranic truths.

Once Hazrat Masih Maood <sup>as</sup> saw in a dream some people who wanted to destroy his Jamaat. He interpreted the dream to mean that Allah will give him victory over those who would try to do

such things. In view of the importance of this dream we will tell it to you again so that you might remember it. He says:

I saw in a dream that I had saddled my pony for some particular purpose though I did not know whither I was bound and for what purpose. I had a feeling in my heart that I was preparing for something very eagerly. I put on some arms and, following the way of the righteous, mounted my pony trusting in Allah. Then I felt that I was on the track of some mounted people who were armed and who had come to my home for the purpose of destroying me. I was alone and I had no helmet or other safeguarding armor except those arms which Allah had bestowed upon me for my defense. I disliked withdrawing from the contest and sitting inside in fear and so I started in one direction rapidly with my full vigor and effort for the achievement of the purpose that I had in mind and which was to produce the best results from the point of view of the world and the faith. Suddenly I saw thousands of people, all mounted on horses, advancing rapidly towards me. On seeing them I felt as joyful as if I had won great spoils and I felt a great upsurge in my heart for opposing them and I began to pursue them as a hunter stalks his quarry. Then I galloped up to them to ascertain their condition, and, I was certain in my mind that I would be victorious against them. As I came up to them I discovered that their clothes were worn and torn. Their features were repulsive and they looked like pagans and were dressed like evil-mongers. I noticed that they were maneuvering their horses for the purpose of plunder and I was watching them carefully while I advanced rapidly towards them like a brave champion. My horse went forward so fast as if it was being urged by some invisible power as camels are urged by the chanting of their drivers. I was also delighted by the charm and beauty of its paces. Then they turned suddenly to obstruct my power and my plan and to destroy the fruits of my garden and to uproot my trees and to plunder them. They advanced towards my garden and entered into it which made me anxious and I was much perturbed as I gathered that they wanted to destroy the fruit of my garden and to cut its branches. I advanced towards them rapidly and I realized that it was a time of great danger and my enemies had made their homes in my land. I began to entertain fear in my heart like one weak and afraid but I advanced towards my garden so that I should assess the situation. When I entered my garden and looked carefully and tried to discover the place where they had stationed themselves I saw from a distance that they were all fallen down in the middle terrace of the garden scattered like dead people. Thereupon my anxiety departed and I was reassured and I advanced towards them rapidly and joyfully. When I came close to them I observed that they had all died suddenly being abased and overcome by divine wrath. Their skins had been stripped off, their heads had been smashed, their throats had been slashed and their

hands and feet had been chopped off and thrown away in bits. They had been destroyed suddenly as a person is destroyed at one stroke of lightning, and they were utterly consumed. Then I stood at the place where they had gathered to oppose me, which became the place of their destruction, and my eyes were shedding copious tears and I supplicated: My Lord may my life be laid down in Thy cause. Thou hast bestowed Thy special favor upon me and Thou hast helped Thy servant in a manner the like of which is not to be found among the annals of nations. Lord, Thou hast destroyed them with Thy hands before even the two sides had fought or two champions had battled or two knights had entered the arena. Thou do whatever Thou dost will. There is no helper like Thee. Thou hast rescued me and delivered me. O Thou Most Merciful, if Thou had not taken pity upon me it would not have been possible for me to escape all the calamities and afflictions. I woke up while I was still occupied with thanking God Almighty and my soul was still turned to Him. All praise then belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds. I interpreted this dream as meaning that God Almighty would send His help and success without the intervention of external means and of human efforts in that He desires to perfect His bounty upon me and to admit me to His grace. I shall now interpret it to you in detail so that you might obtain a true appreciation of it. Smashing the hands and cutting the throats of the enemy means breaking their arrogance and their boastful pride and humbling them. Cutting off their hands means destroying their opposing strength and frustrating them and stopping them from putting up opposition and contesting and depriving them of weapons and arms and reducing them to helplessness. Cutting off their feet means repelling all their arguments and closing upon them all ways of escape and convicting them and reducing them into the position of prisoners. This is all Allah's grace Who has power over everything. He punishes whom He wills and has mercy on whom He wills. He vanquishes whom He wills and bestows victory upon whom He wills and no one can frustrate Him (Ayena Kamalate Islam pp. 578- 581).

At another place Hazrat Masih Maood <sup>as</sup> has elaborated on his interpretation and he added

“By this army was meant the people who desired to mislead the members of my Movement and to wean them away from their allegiance and to distort their belief and to cut off the trees of the garden which means my Movement. God Almighty will demonstrate His power and defeat their purpose and render all their efforts vain.”

When we read this dream and the interpretation that Hazrat Masih has given we see that there are people at the top in Jamaat Ahmadiyya who have distorted his teachings and they are continuing in their evil deeds. Although we cannot deny that those who oppose Hazrat Masih Maood also have distorted his teachings to the general Muslims, yet we see that the leadership of the Jamaat also has done the same although it was incumbent upon them to preserve these teachings. They

have distorted his teachings about the arrival of guides/imams from Allah and about revelation also. They have spread hate in the name of the religion of peace. They have institutionalized the breaking up of family ties. In addition the people are being given the wrong teachings. But as Hazrat Masih saw Allah will destroy these enemies of truth and will establish the pure teachings of Allah in the heart of the people. More incha Allah next week.