

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 said:

In an extract of his writings Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} says:

“I am the light for this age of darkness. He who follows me will be saved from those pits and ditches which Satan has prepared for those who walk in darkness. God has sent me so that I should guide the world affably and peacefully towards the true God and that I should re-establish the moral conditions among the Muslims. For the satisfaction of the seekers after truth, He has bestowed heavenly signs upon me and has shown wonderful works in my support and has disclosed to me hidden matters and secrets of the future, which, according to the holy books of God Almighty, are the true test of a person's truthfulness, and God has bestowed holy knowledge and spiritual insight upon me. Consequently, the souls which do not cherish the truth and are content with darkness are hostile to me, but I desire to serve mankind with sympathy as far as it may be possible for me.”[Masih Hindustan Mein, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol.15, p.13]

In this piece of writing as in many other places Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} has clearly spelled out who he is and the purpose of his coming. In an age of darkness he is the light. Hence we understand that from his period onwards his teachings will be the light which will dispel all sorts of spiritual darkness. Later on you may reread the text to see how many times the Promised Messiah speaks about truth and seekers after truth in this short extract. He has shown us that the way to lead people to Truth to Allah is through sympathy and love and not through apathy or indifference and even less through social boycott. So anyone who ignores the teachings of the Messiah is an enemy to him and not a follower or supporter. Similarly he who modifies his teachings and spread it in the world is not doing any service to Islam but rather is harming the cause of the Promised Messiah. We may also say that any Ahmadi who through his silence does not speak out against those who are distorting the pure teachings of the Promised Messiah does

not belong to the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah. Such a person show a lack of moral courage when he or she abets others in distorting the pure teachings given by the Promised Messiah. A true Ahmadi-Muslim is he who strives to understand the true teachings and does his utmost to put these teachings into practice. He who ignores these teachings through negligence and misbehavior is wronging his own soul and not helping the cause of the Messiah at all. Hence as Ahmadi every one has the responsibility and duty to understand correctly what the Promised Messiah has said and practice the same. Now since most people do not know from his books what he has said, therefore they need to understand from those who know what has exactly been said especially when there are contradictory versions that are being heard. It is unbecoming of an Ahmadi to say that the caliph says so, therefore it should be correct. An Ahmadi worthy of that name has to satisfy himself that what the caliph says is really in line with what Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} has said.

Speaking at one place about why Allah has used words of praise for those He commissions for some mission Hazrat Masih says:

There are two types of people in the world. The first type are those who desire to claim for themselves virtue and laudable attributes without any justification whatsoever, as if they covet the very mantle of the Divine Majesty. They desire to wear the mantle of the Majesty of God Almighty. Such people are accursed. The second type are those who disdain any kind of eulogy or praise. If they are left to themselves they would prefer to pass their lives in anonymity, but God Almighty, for His own designs and on account of His wisdom, praises and glorifies them. That is as it should be, for the rationale behind the appointment of those whom He commissions is to proclaim His own praise and glory in the world. Were He to say that so and so whom He has raised is useless, cowardly, without merit, mean, ignoble and devoid of all good qualities, then would any Divine attribute be manifested through such a person? God's setting forth of their glory, their high status and their good qualities is for the purpose of proclaiming His own glory and greatness. Such people are totally free of their egos and unmindful of praise or blame. That is why many years ago, when I had no opponent, nor were there so many people with me, nor was I known in the world, God Almighty spoke about me in Brahin-e-Ahmadiyyah, in the following terms:

Allah praises thee from His Throne. We praise thee and call down blessings on thee. You are the best people who have been created for the service of mankind and as a matter of pride for the believers. O Ahmad, mercy flows from thy lips. You are under Our care. God will raise thy name and will perfect His bounty unto thee in

this world and in the hereafter. O My Ahmad, you are My purpose and are with Me. I have planted your honour with My own hand. O Ahmad, your name will come to an end, but My name will not come to an end. You have been blessed O Ahmad, and the blessing that God has bestowed on thee was deserved by thee. You have a wonderful status and your reward is near. I shall make thee Imam of the people. You are honoured in My presence. I have chosen you for Myself. The earth and the heaven are with you as they are with Me and your secret is My secret. You are to Me like My Unity and My Uniqueness. Holy is Allah, Blessed and High, Who has augmented your honour. Peace be on you. You have been blessed. I have exalted you over all the people of your time. We have honoured the progeny of Adam as and have exalted some of them above others. He approached near to Us and then descended towards mankind and it became, as it were, a case of two bows with one string. My mercy covers thee in this world and the next. I have poured My love upon you, so that you are nurtured under My care. Allah praises you and walks towards you. He created Adam as and honoured him. The Champion of Allah in the mantles of the Prophet saw. You are with Me and I am with you. For you I have created the night and the day. Do as you wish, I have forgiven you. You have a standing with me of which people have no knowledge. Allah will protect you, even if people should not protect you. You are the Messiah whose time will not be wasted. A pearl like you is never wasted. You are the honoured Messiah and I am with you and with your helpers. You are My high name and you are to Me like My Unity and My Uniqueness and you are to Me like those whom I love. On you are blessings and peace. Peace is the word from the Merciful Lord. You are the manifestation of the Ever-Living. You are from me like a new beginning. He does not speak out of his own desire, it is a revelation vouchsafed to him.”

Here Hazrat Masih Maood ^{as} speaks about how Allah honours the person He has chosen for a purpose. By the Grace of Allah some of the words mentioned in the above extract have been addressed to this humble one also. Yet as far as we know we are not aware that Allah has spoken such words with the present or even past caliphs. That is why we say that khilafat Ahmadiyya is a doctrine that does not have the importance that the caliphs have wished to attribute to it. It is maintained by all means only to preserve the status of the leading elite. If it had something divine in it, it would have strived to eschew all sorts of lies and hypocrisy. Unfortunately we see that there are some lies that are being perpetuated within mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya in order to preserve vested interests.

Those who follow the news might be aware that a new Prime Minister has been nominated in Pakistan. His name is Raja Parveiz Ashraf. Just after his nomination he made a declaration in which among other things he said that in his brief tenure of office he would like to do something that will take Pakistan forward. Speaking about the motto of his party he said that their motto is “love for all hatred for none”. As soon as his YouTube Video was posted people started commenting on what he said and many have said “Ahmadiyya Zindabaad” because their motto is the same. To those who are aware of history it is well known that the PPP did not live up to this motto during all the years that it was in power in Pakistan. Similarly Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mainstream also has miserably failed to live up to the ideals spelled out in these noble words. Those who live within Jamaat Ahmadiyya know how dogmatic and fanatical mainstream Ahmadiyya members have shown themselves to be against those who do not bow to them. These words come to us from a distant voice of the past and he who pronounced them was no other than the great Indian Sufi Hazrat Khwaja Moynuddin Chisti(1141-1230). In fact he did not say just these few words. He explained them. Addressing his followers he said:

"Love all and hate none.

Mere talk of peace will avail you naught.

Mere talk of God and religion will not take you far.

**Bring out all the latent powers of your being
and reveal the full magnificence of your immortal self.**

**Be overflowing with peace and joy,
and scatter them wherever you are
and wherever you go.**

**Be a blazing fire of truth,
be a beautiful blossom of love
and be a soothing balm of peace.**

**With your spiritual light,
dispel the darkness of ignorance;
dissolve the clouds of discord and war
and spread goodwill, peace, and harmony among the people.**

**Never seek any help, charity, or favors
from anybody except God.**

**Never go the court of kings,
but never refuse to bless and help the needy and the poor,
the widow, and the orphan, if they come to your door.**

This is your mission, to serve the people.....

**Carry it out dutifully and courageously, so that I, as your Pir-o-Murshid,
may not be ashamed of any shortcomings on your part
before the Almighty God and our holy predecessors
in the Silsila on the Day of Judgment.”**

So one can easily understand the forcefulness of these words when one understands the whole context in which they were pronounced. These days there are mainstream Ahmadiyya Muslims are showing their lack of fear of Allah and their stupidity by promoting a culture of hate and exclusion and by believing that despite all this they are doing Allah's bidding. If mainstream Ahmadiyya leadership and its followers have fallen so low how they can claim that they have as motto "Love for all and hatred for none." Could there be any hypocrisy worst than this. But unfortunately such things do happen. Even the *Chisti* order, despite such teachings, adopted some wrong ways before coming back to the straight path after some years. So having good teachings is not a guarantee for good behavior. What is needed are people who are ready to make sacrifices to uphold the teachings and they develop a fear of Allah that make all other fears pale into insignificance.

Making speeches and organizing conferences about Peace are fruitless unless an Ahmadi becomes an ambassador of peace wherever he or she is. Speech is too cheap. What is needed is spiritual discipline to bring out the manifestation of the "immortal self". The Holy Quran, the Hadith and the writings of the Promised Messiah are full of advices on this matter. But the question is how many are concerned enough to start the journey to manifest the beauty of their soul. Very few indeed. I hope and pray that all members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Al Mouslemeen concern themselves with this task and that wherever they are they become an agent of peace and not someone who promotes strife neither by words nor by any action.