

JAMAAT AHMADIYYA AL MUSLIMEEN

## FRIDAY SERMON

Of

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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:

Since these days and even previously, although unknown to us, the prophecy concerning the MuslehMaood has become quite controversial, I would like to speak about its background and its content so that the new generation of Ahmadis might know what is the controversy about this prophecy.

It was in the early days of 1886 that HazratMasihMaood<sup>as</sup> decided to go on a *chilla*, meaning he wanted to retire to a place to meditate and pray to Allah for about 40 days. This has been the common practice of Sufis who have always wished to know more of Allah than the common muslim throughout the ages. In fact Hazrat Ahmad as wanted to go for such a retreat since 1884. Then he wanted to go to a place known as Sojanpoor. But he prayed to Allah to guide him where he should go for the retreat. Eventually Allah told him that he will achieve his objective in Hoshiarpoor which also was in the district of Gurdaspur.

So he left Qadian on 22 January 1886 together with three companions. They were Abdullah Sanauri, Hamed Ali and FatehKhan. Arriving in Hoshiarpur they stayed at a one story house belonging to another wellwisher of HazratAhmad<sup>as</sup>, namely Sheikh Mehr Ali. Hazrat Ahmad as gave specific duties to each of his companions and told them that he should not be disturbed under any circumstances. He told them not to speak with him. If he addresses them, they could reply to him. In brief he wanted to spend each minute of his time devoted to Allah. During this period he had many spiritual experiences and Allah talked to him a lot. However it appears that HazratMasihMaood<sup>as</sup> did not elaborate on these experiences.

On 20th February that is after about less than one month he published a pamphlet in which he spoke about what Allah has told him. Since our childhood we have

been hearing from the missionaries that he published this prophecy on green papers and it was known as "*Shabzeishtihaaz*". But this is not the truth. The "*Shabzeishtihaaz*" was in fact published on 1st December 1888. It is only recently that the mainstream Jamaat Ahmadiyya has acknowledged its mistake and they have relayed the information to all jamaats around the world. This simple incident shows how sometimes the whole Jamaat can be wrong about something which they all held to be right for over 100 years. If in such simple matters the mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat can be mistaken, the possibility that it could be mistaken in more important matters is there.

So the pamphlet which Hazrat Masih wrote on 20th February was published in the newspaper *Riyaz Hind* of Amritsar on 1st March 1886. In view of its importance in helping to understand this prophecy and its controversies I will give its translation in toto, at least as far as it has been published in "*Tazkira*" that is a collection of Hazrat Ahmad's dreams, revelations and visions which he received throughout his lifetime. It runs as follows:

God the Merciful, the Noble, the High, the Exalted, Who has power to do all that He wills (glory be to Him and exalted be His name) has vouchsafed to me the following revelation:

I confer upon thee a Sign of My mercy according to thy supplications. I have heard thy entreaties and have honored thy prayers with My acceptance through My mercy and have blessed this thy journey. A Sign of power, mercy, nearness to Me is bestowed on thee, a Sign of grace and beneficence is awarded to thee and thou art granted the key of success and victory. Peace on thee, O victorious one. Thus does God speak so that those who desire life may be rescued from the grip of death and those who are buried in the graves may emerge therefrom and so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of God's word may become manifest unto the people and so that truth may arrive with all its blessings and falsehood may depart with all its ills, and so that people may understand that I am the Lord of Power, I do whatever I will, and so that they may believe that I am with thee, and so that those who do not believe in God and deny and reject His religion and His Book and His Holy Messenger Muhammad, the Chosen One (on whom be peace) may be confronted with a clear Sign and the way of the guilty ones may become manifest.

Rejoice, therefore, that a handsome and pure boy will be bestowed on thee, thou wilt receive a bright youth who will be of thy seed and will be of thy progeny. A handsome and pure boy<sup>1</sup> will come as your guest. His name is Emmanuel and Bashir. He has been invested with a holy spirit, and he will be free from all impurity.

He is the light of Allah. Blessed is he who comes from heaven. He will be accompanied by grace which shall arrive with him. He will be characterized with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorders through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the Holy Spirit. He is the Word of Allah for Allah's mercy and honor have equipped him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and understanding and will be meek of heart and will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He will convert three into four (of this the meaning is not clear). It is Monday a blessed Monday. Son, delight of the heart, high ranking, noble; a manifestation of the First and the Last, a manifestation of the True and the High; as if Allah has descended from heaven. His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of manifestation of Divine Majesty. Behold a light cometh, a light anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour Our spirit into him and he will be sheltered under the shadow of God. He will grow rapidly in stature and will be the means of procuring the release of those held in bondage. His fame will spread to the ends of the earth and people will be blessed through him. He will then be raised to his spiritual state in heaven. This is a matter decreed.

Furthermore in the same pamphlet he also said:

"God Almighty gave me the good news saying (Urdu):

Thy house will be filled with blessings and I shall perfect My favors unto thee and thou wilt have a large progeny from blessed women some of whom thou wilt find hereafter and I will cause a great increase in thy progeny and will bless it; but some of them will die in early age and thy progeny will spread greatly in different lands. Every branch of thy collaterals will be cut off and will come to an end, soon through childlessness. If they do not repent they shall come to an end. Their houses will be filled with widows and God's wrath will descend upon their walls. But if they turn to God He will turn to them in mercy. God will spread thy blessings about and will revive a ruined house through thee and will fill a fearful house with blessings. Thy progeny will not be cut off and will flourish till the end of days. God will maintain thy name with honor till the day when the world comes to an end and will convey thy message to the ends of the earth. I shall exalt thee and shall call thee to Myself but thy name will never be erased from the face of the earth. It will so happen that all those who seek to humiliate thee and to cause thee to fail and wish to ruin thee will be frustrated and will die, being brought to naught. God will bestow every success upon thee and will grant thee all that thou dost desire. I will cause an increase of thy true and sincere friends and shall bless their lives and their properties and they will grow in number and they will always prevail

over the other Muslims who are jealous of thee and are hostile to thee. God will not forget thy supporters and will not overlook them and they will have their reward according to the degree of their devotion. Thou art to me as the prophets of Banilsrail (that is: Thou dost resemble them as a reflection). Thou art to Me as My Unity. Thou art of Me and I am of thee. The time is approaching, indeed it is near when God will put thy love in the hearts of kings and nobles till they will seek blessings from thy garments. O you who deny and who oppose the truth, if you are in doubt concerning My servant, if

you deny the grace and bounty, that I have bestowed upon My servant, then produce some true sign concerning yourselves like this sign of mercy, if you are truthful. If you are unable to produce it, and be sure you will never be able to produce it, then be mindful of the Fire which has been prepared for the disobedient, the liars and the transgressors" (Announcement of Feb. 20, 1886 Tableegh Risalat Vol. I pp. 60-62).

These are what Hazrat Ahmad as wrote on 20th February 1886 but which was published on 1st March 1886. From that time onwards Hazrat Ahmad <sup>as</sup> will issue several other pamphlets about this matter and he will comment on the prophecies. Incha Allah we will talk more about them in our coming sermons or whenever we have an opportunity.