

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:

Recently I made three sermons concerning the prophecy of Musleh Maood. It was my intention to give Ahmadis more information about this prophecy that they usually get in their mosques or that is available in their literature in English. *Incha* Allah I will continue to write on this subject weekly or whenever possible and will post my comments on our website www.jaam-international.org. For today I will speak about the Ahmadiyya caliph's sermon of last week which will be delivered today in most Ahmadiyya mosques in Mauritius in the local language.

One of the duties of a caliph, if ever one such person is needed for the whole Islamic world is that he should preserve Islamic teachings. In our case when we speak about Islamic teachings we mean what the Holy Quran says, what the hadith says and what Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} has said. Why do we add Hazrat Masih Maood^{as} teachings to this whole corpus is that because we believe that he is the Promised Messiah and Mahdi who was prophesized by the Holy Prophet (saw) to appear in the latter days. Anyone who leads the Ahmadiyya community of believers has to abide by what Hazrat Masih Maood (as) has taught. Previous caliph's teachings do not have the same authority as those of Hazrat Masih Maood(as). We need to bear this in mind. A caliph has the authority to change anything that his predecessor or predecessors have done. He should not just copy them. He has the full latitude to modify and improve their teachings provided he stays of course within the Islamic framework.

The Friday sermon of the caliph last week is one of the many that he has delivered which show the discrepancy that exist between his words and his actions and consequently that of his followers and their actions. The title of his sermon as it has been published on the website is “**current Islamic disarray and true Islamic**

teachings.” The disarray he talks about concerns such countries as Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Iraq etc where Muslims are suffering at the hands of Muslims. These are not places where Muslims are victims of others from other communities. Their sufferings come from their own brethren who are supposed to share the same Islamic values that they do. Hence the caliph opened his speech by reading a verse from the Holy Quran which says: ‘And those who join what Allah has commanded to be joined, and fear their Lord, and dread the evil reckoning;’ (13:22). He went on to comment upon it and explain why Muslims should join what Allah has commanded to be joined.” To put it briefly he was advising the community to strengthen their ties of kinship. However in order to well understand the context of this verse we need to read the ones that precede and follow it. They are as follows:

“Is he, then, who knows that what has been revealed to thee from thy Lord is the truth, like one who is blind? *But* only those gifted with understanding will reflect.”

“Those who fulfill Allah’s pact, and break not the covenant;

And those who join what Allah has commanded to be joined, and fear their Lord, and dread the evil reckoning;

And those who persevere in seeking the favour of their Lord, and observe Prayer, and spend out of that with which we have provided them, secretly and openly, and repel evil with good. It is these who shall have the *best* reward of the *final Abode*

Gardens of Eternity. They shall enter them and *also* those who are righteous from among their fathers, and their wives and their children. And angels shall enter unto them from every gate, *saying*:

‘Peace be unto you, because you were steadfast; behold how excellent is the reward of the *final Abode!*’”(13:20-25)

The caliph did not read all these verses. In these verses Allah is describing those who are the “*Ouloul Albaab*” which we usually translate as “men of understanding” but which has a much deeper meaning than what the words say. According to the experts, in Arabic two words are used for intelligence. One is “*Aql*” and the other one is “*lubb*”. *Aql* is the intelligence that is common to all those who develop their own intelligence, as we say in common parlance. They may have a very high level of thinking and they understand mathematics, Physics and science etc with their mind. Of such people we say in Arabic they are intelligent. But those who have purified their intelligence of all impurities, they are

known as “*ouloul al baab*”. Such people when they think about the signs of Allah they come to know that Allah is the Truth. It is of these people that these verses are speaking. Since these verses are so beautiful and they talk about something so fundamental I have preferred to let our listeners hear them in their context and in their totality.

The caliph spoke only on the verse that I mentioned previously. He used this verse to bring home to Ahmadis that they have to establish good relationship with their kins and they have to maintain those relationships. He went on to say that “Yet, we see many people read the Holy Qur’an with translation and express their fear of God, they do not want to be among those who incur God’s displeasure, yet they do not pay the dues of God’s creation. They do not try to join connections in the real sense and this contradiction can be seen among the majority of Muslims. We also cannot even say one hundred per cent about Ahmadis that they fully come under this definition of true believers.” Here we see that the caliph acknowledges that even Ahmadis, despite the best efforts of the past 100 years are not that model Muslim that they were expected to be by joining the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah.

The caliph went on to explain that Muslims should be ‘tender among themselves’ (48:30). He said “God has cited this as a sign of true believers but the Ulema (religious leaders) and the rulers of Muslim countries have embarked on trampling this obligation in the name of Islam. And this is not happening in just any one Muslim country; in fact it is spread across almost the entire Muslim world, only differing in intensity from one place to another. This is because the personal gains of people have become more important and have assumed gravity over efforts to attain God’s pleasure.” Here he is speaking what others (*Ulemas*) have been doing elsewhere. It appears that the caliph again seems ignorant of what he and his missionaries, his amirs and his members of the majlis Amla have been doing in Mauritius. By now it is common knowledge that the caliph has approved measures taken by his predecessor to maintain a social boycott against some members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya, people who believe in Hazrat Masih Maood (as). To add insult to injury dimwitted Ahmadis, like cattle have developed a follow-our-leader attitude and they have tried by all means to harm a group of sincere Ahmadis by their tongues and if possible by their hand by refusing to give a handshake or by refusing to say salaam. The caliph is telling the people that Allah expects Muslims to be “tender amongst themselves” and to “be hard against the disbelievers.” Since most Ahmadis in Mauritius are not “men or women of purified intelligence” (*ouloul albaab*) they have followed the instructions of their caliph and found pleasure in breaking the ties of kinship that existed between them and other

believers of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius. With such a lamentable record one wonders what the caliph can teach the Muslim world about Muslim brotherhood.

Now let me tell you what the Holy Quran says about those who do not follow Allah's instructions as specified in the above verses. Allah says:

“And those who break the covenant of Allah, after having established it and cut asunder what Allah has commanded to be joined, and act corruptly in the earth — on them is the curse and they shall have a grievous abode.

Allah enlarges *His* provision for whomsoever He pleases and straitens *it* for whomsoever He pleases. And they rejoice in the present life, while the present life is but a *temporary* enjoyment as compared with that which is to come.”(13:26-27)

As human beings we have an eternal covenant with Allah to be obedient to him. Yet most people fail to respond to Him in obedience. Such a covenant is reestablished whenever we accept someone who says he is from Allah. The breakers of the covenant are those who ignore the teachings that they promised to follow. In our case as Ahmadis we are supposed to follow the ten conditions of the oath of allegiance to the letter and spirit. Those who ignore these instructions are the breakers of the covenant. Who are they in Mauritius? They are those who follow their evil desires by ignoring Allah and his prophets and following in its stead their own evil teachings sanctioned by their leader, the caliph. If they read and reflect on the verses that I have just quoted they would know if they are not being requited for the evil that they have been committing for the past twelve years.

Those in Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius who have a capacity for reflection should take some time to reflect and see what has been happening in this Jamaat since we have been expelled from it so that we might bathe in the ocean of the endless Mercy of Allah. Men committed evil to harm us. Allah promised us protection from their harm. Allah's Promise is true and evil schemers came to naught. Allah revealed to us “*Wa makarou wa makarallah wallaho khayroul makereen*” meaning “they make plans and Allah makes plans and Allah is the best of Planners.” Today who has been vindicated; those who worked against us or we who have received the help from Allah? The evil schemers are well known to Ahmadis. What has happened to them also is well known to all and sundry. People have to think and

change course before it is too late and all may be punished because they did not muster the courage to stop a few evil doers.

In his sermon the caliph quoted some hadith about the need for the maintenance of good relationships among blood relations. One wonders if the caliph really knows what is going on in Mauritius. When I was the Amir of the Jamaat in Mauritius I used to think that Jamaat Ahmadiyya was really a model organization which one day might implement world government. But today through experience and through knowing those people at the head better, I am convinced that the Jamaat would never be able to do that as long as all its leaders at all levels continue to behave like parrots. They have to transform themselves into bees to bring about the honey that could be beneficial to all people. If we read the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) we learn that he wanted all of us to be real friends of Allah (*awliyah Allah*) and not just the followers of the friends of Allah. And today what is his Jamaat doing? They are ignoring his teachings and they want all the people to be just like slaves obeying their masters.

I just said that the caliph quoted some hadith. Let me share only one of them with you today. When you hear what he says and does you will easily see how the instruction of Allah “*Yaa ayyohallazina aamanou lema taqoulouna maa laa taf’aloune Kabora maqtan indallehe an taqoulouna maa laa taf’aloune*” meaning “o ye who have believed why do you say that which you do not do. Most hateful it is in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do.” is being ignored. This hadith is reported by Anas bin Malik. He related that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: ‘anyone who wants to have his provision expanded, his term of life prolonged and for people to speak well of him should maintain ties of kinship.’

We know that the *amir* of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius will read this sermon of the caliph today to the members. We know also that he has always been a staunch supporter of khilafat. On hearing this hadith will he start shedding some tears of blood or will he justify his unislamic stance concerning family ties as he has been always doing? It would be good if the caliph could ask him why his heart is so full of hate against some people in the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah and why does he use his position to spread hate in the Jamaat of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) instead of real love. The *amir* and his missionary and all those whom he appreciates their faith inspiring speeches should reflect upon the verses of the Holy Quran that have been quoted above and they should start repenting for all their years of evil doing that they have done in the name of the pure religion of Allah. May Allah continue to protect us against those who wish us evil and may He make them realize that they are mistaken and they will never be able to fight the true servants of Allah.