

# FRIDAY SERMON

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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:

By Allah's Grace most of the Muslims around the world have taken a spiritual bath with the month of Ramadan. It is our hope and prayer that Allah helps each Muslim around the world to well understand the spirit of Ramadan and let that spirit to live on and qualify their behavior throughout the year until *incha* Allah we meet the other Ramadan next year. As we said in our Eid sermon unfortunately there are many Muslims who are living in very difficult circumstances these days. Our prayer and hope for them is that Allah grants them relief as soon as possible.

It is quite sad to note that the sporadic and wanton killing of Ahmadi Muslims continue with impunity in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The most recent incident took place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July in the evening in Gujranwala. It involves the burning of 8 Ahmadi houses where an old lady together with her two granddaughters could not be saved and they died suffocated in their burning houses. It is reported that the police also was present when this incident was in progress but they did nothing when the mob attacked. The lawless state of Pakistan is continuing to condone the murder of Ahmadis Muslims in the name of Islam. Details about the incident can be read on the net and I am told that there have been international TV coverage of the incident as well. Anyhow the consequence of this latest incident is that mob rule has burned eight houses and killed three persons and injured eight others in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan whilst the police which in any civilized society is expected to protect its citizens just looked the other side or just looked on. We also learn that the police were looking for evidence that the Ahmadis might have been guilty of blasphemy charges instead of arresting and pressing charges against the troublemakers and arsonists.

The caliph's statement in response to this incident has been as follows:

“Let it be clear that we Ahmadi Muslims will never undertake any worldly protest and nor will we ever take to the streets. Our response to all of the sustained persecution that we face is, and will always remain, to bow down before Allah the Almighty and to seek His Help and Mercy. This barbaric attack was conducted in the name of Islam, whilst the truth is that such violence has nothing to do with Islam or its teachings. Such merciless attacks can only be deemed as inhumane in the extreme. These types of vicious assaults are nothing but a stain on the pure and peaceful teachings of Islam.”

Well, this is really a sad event which has taken place on the eve of Eid and we hope and pray that Allah will grant patience to the bereaved family and the Jamaat will do the needful to provide these Ahmadis with what they may need. Personally I think that together with prayers and beseeching Allah's help other creative means should be sought to at least protect Ahmadis. Allah knows best.

At the end of my Eid sermon I spoke about a revelation that Allah vouchsafed to me on the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan and I said that I will say a few words about it later on. The revelation was "Oh Children of Adam if Guidance comes to you from me, whoso follows my guidance on them shall come no fear nor shall they grieve." The key word in this revelation is the Arabic word "*Huda*" which we usually translate as "guidance" and which is derived from *ha da ya* which has three important meanings : (1) to guide to the right path (2) to lead to the right path (3) To make one follow the right path till one reaches the heavens or goal. From what I understood from this revelation is that Allah has guided us to the right path and we can guide others. That is to say those who follow us will be rightly guided in the sense that we offer a better explanation of what should be done to reach your goal in life or to reach the heavens. Hence only this revelation gives the lie to all those who think that because we do not have a formal caliph as they have that we are misguided. Throughout the divine manifestation in Mauritius Allah has never ceased to strengthen my heart with words "*Inna hodallahé howal huda*" meaning "Surely it is the Guidance of Allah which is really true guidance". Several times I have been told "*Anta tahdi ila siratim moustaqeem*" "Surely you guide to the straight path". And above everything he has said to me "*inna ja'alnaaka linnasse imama*" meaning " Surely we have made you an Imam for the people". Furthermore Allah has told me "*Innama youbaye'ounaka innama yobaye'ounallah*" meaning "He who makes *bai'at* with you makes *bai'at* with Allah". Hence all these words of comfort are there to vindicate our claim that Allah has made us a guide for the people. The person who follows the guidance that we give by the Grace of Allah which is in total conformity with the teachings of the Holy Quran and the teachings of the Holy Prophet Mohammed (saw) and Hazrat Masih Maood (as) is indeed properly guided. That is why for such person Allah gives the comfort that they have no reason at all to be afraid thinking about their future. They also have no reason to grieve about what they might have lost when they think about the past. So you should rejoice in the transaction that you have done meaning the *bai'at* . However if you break the pact of fidelity you will do it only against your own selves. This is clearly what Allah has helped me to understand and to interpret and Allah knows best.

Hence whatever the circumstances we should never regret that we have been separated from the mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat. In fact if you recall well it was the

mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat who out of its arrogance of thinking it dispenses guidance that threw us out of the fold and expected us to come back crawling to them. And as I have said many times and I repeat again because of their misbehavior towards us Allah strengthened our faith in Him and gave us an increase in guidance to operate separately from the mainstream Jamaat. And here we are by the Grace of almighty Allah and there is the mainstream Jamaat committing blunders upon blunders.

One of our main objections against the mainstream Jamaat has always been that the Jamaat is misrepresenting the teachings of the Promised Messiah. We have pointed out that the Jamaat's teachings about Khilafat are not what Hazrat Masih Maood (as) has taught us. In several of our sermons we have shown how there is a marked contradiction between what the Promised Messiah said and what the leadership of the Jamaat has been saying for the past sixty five years. On the occasion of the centenary we pointed out a gross mistake or misrepresentation in the message that the caliph broadcasted to the world concerning what Allah had said to the Promised Messiah about Khilafat. That misrepresentation has never been corrected. Now we have the latest one. In his Friday sermon of last week the caliph quoted from the second caliph about the meanings of *laylatoul Qadr*. He said among other things that the second caliph had

“raised a very important point as regards the Night of Destiny. He (the second caliph)said the hour which is called the Night of Destiny is correlated to national harmony and unity. When we listen to the Hadith we see that had the two Muslims not had the altercation we would have known the specific date. However, very little attention is given to the very important matter that the hour which is called the Night of Destiny is correlated to national harmony and unity and is taken away from the nation which loses its harmony and unity.....”

Lamenting the condition prevailing in Muslim countries the caliph said:

“May Allah give them sense and they have unity otherwise they will not be paying their dues of worship of God and will not be granted the Night of Destiny. In the absence of harmony the blessing of the Night of Destiny is removed and only darkness remains.”

Speaking about trials the caliph said:

“Physical and spiritual development takes place in darkness/night. The progress of a body of people depends on its early sacrifices and the level of the longevity of its progress is its Night of Destiny. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that the more a person is beloved of God the more trials he has to endure. We should reflect if the trials we face as a Jama’at in some places are Night of Destiny for us; a time when one is enabled to pray more than before. May we see this time of spiritual training and development successfully! However, if we waste our standards of keeping unity and harmony then we will not be able to avail of the Night of Destiny. If we uphold our mutual unity for the sake of the pleasure of God we will traverse new destinations. All of us should have this very important point before us that when we will pass through these trials successfully then the decisions about our development will be extraordinary. Indeed, the decisions will be made by God, He is the One Who will listen to prayers and it is Him Who bestows the Night of Destiny. It is important that we abide by the matters which are a source of attaining the Night of Destiny. The dawn that breaks after this Night is also extraordinary. These are the matters we must always have in view in order to seek the beneficence of the Night of Destiny.”

Now let us see how Hazrat Masih Maood (as) interpreted the Night of destiny. He said in Victory of Islam on page 20:

“In this chapter (97), i.e Al Qadr, God Almighty gives glad tidings to believers that His Revelation, His Prophet, have been sent during a night - a night of Power. Every reformer, every restorer of faith, who comes from God descends as it were from above during such a night of power. Do you know what a night of power is? Night of Power is a time when terrible darkness envelopes the world. That time - so dark it is - demands light, light to dispel darkness. It is a metaphorical expression.... It is not a night literally so. It is a time, which because of its darkness is described as a night. It begins to settle down 1,000 months after a prophet or his spiritual successor has come and gone. One thousand months is equal to an individual life span. At the end of this period, human senses also come to an end. When so much time has elapsed, heaven sows the seed for the birth of one or more reformers to appear at the head of the new century. We have a further hint in the words of God "The night of power is better than one thousands months" (Holy Quran 97:4). Which means that those

who are able to see the heavenly light descend during the night of power are better than the 80 year old who were not present at the time of the descent of this light. One moment of light received during this night is better than a thousand months before the night. And why? Because during this night angels of God and the Holy Spirit descend with the permission of the God of Majesty along with the reformer of the time. Not for anything, but in order that they may move willing hearts and shows them the many paths to spiritual security. They - the angels and the Holy Spirit - open the new paths and draw the curtains. Then the darkness of indifference disappears. And instead appears the dawn of spiritual life and light.

Now O Mussalmans, read and ponder over these verses. How precious in the eyes of God is the time in which - to fit into the need - God sends a reformer into the world. Will you not be grateful for finding yourselves in such a time? Will you treat with ridicule the promises of God?"

Nowhere in their speeches has any Ahmadiyya caliph during the past hundred years quoted this extract from Hazrat Masih Maood (as) or has ever tried to explain it. The fact is that the explanation is too clear that reformers will continue to come within Jamaat Ahmadiyya and they would be directly appointed by Allah through revelation. To preserve their leadership within the Jamaat the caliph and the inner circle ignore these instructions of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) completely and continue to keep the people in the dark about this most important aspect of the Promised Messiah's teachings. More *Incha Allah* next week.