

FRIDAY SERMON

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Today is 20th February. Within Jamaat Ahmadiyya this date has a special significance. It is usually known as the Musleh Maood day. In the year 2013, I made four sermons on this matter and last year, 2014, three. They are all available on the net at our website www.jaam-international.org. Since it is not possible within a sermon to say whatever we have to say on this prophecy it would be good for our members to read the previous sermons so that they might know what I have already said on the matter. In order to help anyone who might be interested I am reminding the dates of these sermons so that no one might say that they did not know what was said. The dates are as follows: for the year 2013 they are 8th, 15th and 22nd February and 1st March. For the year 2014 all the four sermons of the month of February. Unfortunately for most people it is only what they hear in Jumma sermons which is the basis of what they know about their religion. This should not have been the case. The Holy Prophet (saw) said “the search for knowledge is a must for any Muslim man or woman.” It the duty of each one of us to do the needful to seek knowledge especially the knowledge of our religion. It does not mean that you should always sit and read books. You may also seek the companionship of those who might know and question them and add to your knowledge.

So in order to understand the context of this prophecy I will have to reiterate what I have already said in some of my previous sermons. It was in the early years of 1880s. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) published the first volume of his book *Buraheen Ahmadiyya* in 1880. It was in two parts. The third volume was published in 1882 and the fourth volume in 1884. A fifth volume was published in 1905. By April 1879 Hazrat Masih Maood (as) had already written the manuscript of the book. But because of lack of means he was not able to publish all at the same time. Anyhow the book was well received by all Muslims. They were really quite happy that someone should have come forward for the defense of Islam when it was under attack from several quarters. In the book he gave logical arguments concerning the veracity of Islam and the mission of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). We keep repeating these information so that the young ones might become interested and do some effort to read the Book “*Buraheen Ahmadiyya*”. Several times I have said this that Ahmadi Muslims should make it their duty to learn all that the Promised Messiah has said especially in his books and judge whatever is

being said these days from his perspective. These days some volumes of the book are available in English and all efforts should be made to read them.

These days even Ahmadis do not believe in guidance from Allah. They speak of guidance which is in subordination to the caliph of the time. Had they known exactly what Hazrat Masih Maood said they would have been careful with what they say if they are truthful. Hazrat Masih Maood (as) said in the third volume of Buraheen Ahmadiyya published in 1882:

“Until today there has not been any century in which Allah has not guided truth seeking people who followed the Holy Quran to the letter to perfect light. Even today the door to this perfect light is widely open. It is not sufficient just to make references to what happened in a previous century. Just as the true followers of a true religion and heavenly book should be graced with spiritual beneficence and should be privy to divine secrets through revelations, these same spiritual benefits can be witnessed today by anyone who wishes to provided he turns to God with determination and sees these benefits and set right his life in the hereafter. Allah willing each true seeker will get what he seeks. And every man who is endowed with vision will witness the grandeur of this religion. But who can come in front of us to prove that this heavenly light is also found in our opponents who have rejected the prophet hood and superiority of Hazrat Mohammad Mustapha (saw) and who deny that the Holy Quran is from Allah but who declare that they are also recipients of spiritual blessings and heavenly help? Is there anyone from this end of the world to the other who can claim to compete with these shining lights of the Holy Quran? No such person exists! Not even one.” (Buraheen Ahmadiyya Vol 3 page 261- my rendering into English)

By 1885 Hazrat Ahmad (as) was told by Allah that he has been made a *mamoor*, that is someone commissioned by Allah for a purpose and that he was also a Mujaddid. He then published a pamphlet and distributed it far and wide in India and abroad and he invited people who seek divine signs to come to Qadian. He invited his opponents among the Christians, the Aryas and others to come to Qadian and stay with him for at least one year and he would show them the power of following Islam. However he said that they should come with sincerity of purpose with the intention of seeking truth and nothing but the truth. He even declared that if they did not see any sign he would give them 200 rupees per month as a fine on his part. But no one came forward. Eventually a group of about ten Hindus from Qadian came to him and told him that being his neighbors they had so to say a greater right to be shown divine signs. They agreed to publish any sign that

they might see amongst their own groups. Hazrat Ahmad (as) accepted what they proposed and they even signed a sort of agreement on this matter.

Seeking a sign from Allah through a spiritual retreat was an intention of Hazrat Ahmad since 1884. But he delayed it until 22 January 1886. He left Qadian and went to Hoshiarpour where he concentrated on prayers and supplications for about 40 days. Eventually he published what Allah had revealed to him 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 there from 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 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 impurities. 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 peoples will be blessed through him. He will then be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. This is a matter decreed.”

The words of the revelation are very interesting. But their interpretations have always been controversial. Just as if you engage with a Christian priest to discuss about the Trinity or Godhood of Jesus Christ he would be loath to engage in any discussion similarly no Ahmadi missionary is ready to have a new look at this prophecy and its apparent fulfillment. We will talk more about this in future sermons *incha* Allah because I want to present you with an extract from Hazrat Promised Messiah’s Malfuzaat which I think is quite important for us and for anyone who says he is an Ahmadi Muslim. He said:

“Many times before I have spoken about the need for unity and love among the members of the Jamaat. You should always remain united and remain together. Allah the Great had given the same teachings to the Muslims that they should be one body or else their force will wither away. The instruction to stand elbow to elbow for Prayer has been given for the purpose that you remain united. Like lightning the goodness in one will be shared with the other. If there is disagreement and no unity then you will never achieve your purpose. The Messenger of Allah has taught us that we should love one another and should pray in private for one another. If you pray for another in private Angels would say “the same for you also”. What lofty words! If man’s prayers are not accepted definitely angels’ prayers are accepted. The advice that I am giving you is that there should be no discord between you.

I have come with only two matters. Firstly to establish Allah's Unicity (*Tauhid*). Secondly that you live with one another with love and sympathy. You should set such an example that would be miraculous in the eyes of others. This was the proof that manifested itself among the companions of the Holy Prophet (saw). Allah says "*Kountoum Aadaa'an fa allafa bayna qoloubekoum*" meaning "you were enemies and we joined your hearts together" Remember well that the joining of hearts (*taleef*) is a sort of miracle. Remember well that unless and until each one amongst you does not like for his brother what he likes for himself he is not a member of my Jamaat. That person is in difficulty and in trouble and his end would not be good.

Remember that to eliminate enmity amongst the people is one of the signs of the Mahdi. So will not this sign be fulfilled? Definitely it would be. Why don't you manifest patience? As in medicine as long as a disease is not completely eliminated the patient is not safe. Through my person *incha* Allah a pious (*saleh*) Jamaat would be created. What are the reasons for mutual discord? They are: niggardliness, pride love of the self and desires... I will throw away from the Jamaat all those who are unable to exert control over their desires and who cannot live together in mutual love and brotherhood. Those who fall into this category should remember that they are only a few days' guests. As long as you do not show exemplary behavior I am not ready to suffer objections for anyone's sake. Anyone who is in my Jamaat but is not acting according to my wishes is like a dead twig. If the gardener does not cut it what should he do with it then? A dry twig which stays with one which is green will definitely absorb water but the water will not make it green. But this twig affects the others. So beware! He will not stay with me who does not correct himself." (Mafuzaaat Vol 1 page 336)

So we should all understand well that we should be constantly engaged in correcting ourselves or else we do not form part of the Promised Messiah's Jamaat. Just imagine how many claim to be in his Jamaat are really outside it. More *incha Allah* next week.