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Since the murder of Asad Shah on 26th March Glasgow there has been an upsurge in condemnation of Jamaat Ahmadiyya in some bigoted quarters in England and elsewhere in the world. Of course these condemnations come from such groups of Muslims who proclaim themselves to be the defenders of the Holy Prophet's title of being the Seal of the prophet. In his sermon last week, the Ahmadiyya caliph quoted amply from Hazrat Masih Maood's *Malfuzaat* and writings to show who, in fact between the Ahmadi Muslims and the others truly believe in the status of the Holy Prophet(saw) being the *khataman nabiyyeen* (seal of prophets). I will share some of these extracts with you today because they are quite interesting and they can help all of us to better understand the lofty status of the Holy Prophet (saw).

The Promised Messiah says:

'Most certainly be mindful that no person can be a true Muslim and a follower of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) unless he accepts the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) as the Seal of the Prophets. He is nothing unless he disassociates himself from innovations and accepts the Holy Prophet as the Seal of the Prophets and demonstrates this through his word and practice.' (Malfuzat, Vol. III, p. 90)

“Our objective, for which God Almighty has made our heart fervent is that only the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) be established which has been established by God Almighty for always and ever more and all false prophethoods, which they have set up through people's innovation, are crushed to smithereens. Observe all these religious enthronements and witness for yourself if we have accepted the finality of Prophethood of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) or they have?

It is unfair and mischievous to consider that God Almighty only willed this much regarding finality of Prophethood that one should verbally accept the concept of finality of Prophethood but carry on doing whatever one wanted to do. And make new religious law of one's own. Just as they have invented *Baghdadi Salat* and *Ma'akoos Salat* etc. Do we find any indication towards it in the Holy Qur'an or the

practice of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)? Similarly, is there any proof in the Holy Qur'an that the name of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Gilanai should be incanted and invoked! Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani was not even around at the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Who taught this incantation then? Have some shame. Is this what constitutes abiding by Islamic Sharia? Judge for yourself if after having such creed and such practices are you in a position to allege against me that I broke the hallmark of the Seal of the Prophets? The truth of the matter is that had you not let innovations enter your mosques and had you accepted the true Prophethood of the Seal of the Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and made his practice and his ways your guiding light there would have been no need for me to come! It was your innovations and new prophethoods that stirred the sense of honour of Allah the Exalted to send a person in the mantle of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to demolish the idols of these false prophethoods. God appointed me for this task and sent me. I have heard that a certain incantation is done at the place of Ghaus Ali Panipati. As for prostrating before these people who are religiously enthroned or circumnavigating their homes, well those are very common and minor matters.

In short, Allah the Exalted established this Jama'at for this reason alone so that they may re-establish the Prophethood and honour of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). What would be the uniqueness of someone's love who considers himself an ardent devotee of someone if there are thousands others like him! Now, if they are completely devoted in their ardent love of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) as they claim, why do they prostrate before thousands of tombs and shrines? They do visit Medina, but when they visit Ajmer and other shrines, they go barefoot and bareheaded and consider going through a window at Pakpattan(a place in India) sufficient to grant them salvation...a true Muslim's heart trembles seeing their anniversaries and their festivals and what they have made of religion! If God Almighty had no sense of honour for Islam and 'Surely, the true religion with Allah is Islam...' (3:20) had not been Word of God and had He not stated: 'Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.' (15:10) then certainly Islam had reached the stage today that there would have been no doubt in it been eliminated. But the sense of honour of Allah the Exalted was stirred and His mercy and His promise of safeguard demanded to send down someone in the reflection of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and revive his Prophethood in this age. Thus, He established this movement and sent me as one appointed by Him and as Mahdi.' (Malfuzat, Vol. III, pp. 90-92)

In brief we understand from this extract and from others that Hazrat Masih Maood (as) has come as Mahdi and Messiah in fulfilment of the Prophecy of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) to reestablish the pure religion that he brought. He mentions many of the innovations that are being practiced in India and even in Mauritius where people think that they can have recourse to Muslim saints instead of praying directly to Allah. We Ahmadi Muslims claim to follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw) in its pristine purity and nothing else. This is our aim in life. But it can happen that we might slip because we are humans but under no circumstance should we try to invent any way of doing things other than what we have been taught by the Holy Prophet (saw). We should always stay within the parameters that he has given us. Unfortunately, we see that among the majority of Muslims several innovations have slowly been adopted and they have been celebrating anniversaries of saints and they have taken up new types of worships.

The Promised Messiah says further:

'My real objective is to make evident the majesty of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and to establish his greatness. My own part is incidental. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has the power of attraction and beneficence and my part is only by virtue of this beneficence.' (Malfuzat, Vol. III, p. 269)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'I also say that those who come from God do not say anything bad, they only ask to worship God, be kind to creation and offer Salat. They remove the wrongs that find their way in religion. Thus I have also been sent for the reformation of the wrongs that have developed...The biggest wrong is that the greatness of Allah the Exalted has been dragged in dust and the true, important and excellent teaching of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) on Unity of God has been made doubtful. On the one hand are Christians who say that Jesus is alive and your Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is not alive and they call Hazrat Isa god and son of God since he has been alive for two thousand years and time has had no effect on him. On the other hand Muslims have acknowledged that certainly Jesus was raised alive to the heavens and remains in the same condition for the past two thousand years. There has been no change or alteration in his condition while the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has died. I say truly that my heart trembles when I hear a Muslim molvi say that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has died. A living Prophet has been declared dead. (What we should understand from this statement of the Promised Messiah is that through his teachings the Holy prophet is alive and not

that physically he is alive) There could not be worse disgrace and dishonor of Islam! Yet this wrong is of the making of Muslims themselves who have made something up completely against the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Qur'an mentions death of Jesus most clearly. However, the rectification of this wrong was to be performed by me because God has called me *Hakm* (arbiter) who was to come and remove this wrong. The world did not accept him but God will accept him and will establish his truth with powerful assaults. Matters like these have harmed the world a great deal.

However, the time has now come that all the falsehood is made exposed. These matters cannot remain hidden from one whom God has sent as Hakm...The Holy Qur'an has clearly adjudged that the Promised Messiah will be the definitive Khalifa and he has come. If someone will still remain narrow-minded...not only will he be at a loss himself but will also be considered as harming Islam. Fact is that this wrong and foul creed has made hundreds of thousands of people apostatize. This principle has severely disgraced Islam and has insulted the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). If it is accepted that it is Jesus who gives life to the dead, who was raised alive to the heavens and who will make the final judgement, then God forbid, our Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be on him) would have no status. Although he has been called mercy for all the worlds and came as the Prophet for all humanity and was the Seal of the Prophets! People who adhere to such nonsensical creed in spite of being called Muslim, also believe that, God forbid, of all the birds around some belong to Jesus and some to Allah the Exalted. I once asked a believer in the Unity of God that what if two animals were to be presented and it was asked which one of them was God's and which was of Jesus. He replied, they are now mixed up.' (Malfuzat, Vol. III, PP. 251-252)

Speaking about the rights of Allah upon us and the need for us to pray for our enemies the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said:

'The biggest right among the rights of Allah the Exalted is that He should be worshipped and this worship should not be for any personal gain. In fact even if there was not any heaven or hell, God should still be worshipped and there should be no change in the personal love that creation should have for its Creator...My belief as regards compassion for humanity is that one's heart is not completely cleansed unless one prays for one's enemy. Allah the Exalted has not placed any restriction in '...Pray unto Me I will answer your prayer...' (40:61) that if one

prays for an enemy God will not accept that prayer. In fact it is my belief that it is Sunnah to pray for one's enemy. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) used to often pray for Hazrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) and this led him to become a Muslim. Therefore one should not have personal enmity borne of malice...It is something to be thankful that I do not see any enemy for whom I have not prayed two or three times. There is not even a single such enemy. I teach you the same. God Almighty is just as wary of someone who really inflicts pain on another and has undue enmity borne of malice as He does not want anyone associated with Him. In one instance God does not want disassociation and in the other instance He does not want association, that is, He does not want mutual disassociation between humanity and any association with Him. And in this way one should also pray for those who deny [the truth] this clears the heart, engenders conviction and raises courage. Therefore unless our Jama'at adopts this stance there can be no distinction between them and the others. It is important for me that when a person befriends another in the way of faith and someone among his relatives is underprivileged that the person treats him with extreme forbearance and gentleness and loves them...Thus, those of you who are connected to me should become a community about which it is stated [in hadith] that it is a community whose close friends are not the wicked. This is a summary of the teaching presented as regards imbibing the attributes of Allah.' (Malfuzat, Vol. III, pp. 96-97).

May Allah help each one amongst us to understand the true status of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) and may we all follow him in words and deeds. Ameen