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As I said last week, I will tell you today about some of the dreams and revelation which the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) received and which show the strong bond that existed between him and the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). The first of these is the following as it is recounted in his own words. He says:

“In my early youth I saw [in a dream] that I was in a magnificent building, which was very clean and neat where people were talking about the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. I enquired from the people where the Holy Prophet(saw) was and they pointed to a room in which I entered along with other persons. When I presented myself to Holy Prophet(saw), he was much pleased, and returned my greeting with a better greeting. I can still recall and can never forget his charm and beauty and the kind and affectionate look that he directed towards me. He won my heart with his love and the beauty and glory of his countenance. He asked me: ‘O Ahmad, what are you holding in your right hand?’ When I looked towards my right hand, I found that I had a book in my hand and I felt that I had written it myself. I answered him: ‘O Messenger(saw) of Allah, this is something I have written.’ He enquired: ‘What is the name of your book?’ I was surprised and looked at the book a second time and felt that it resembled a book in my library, which was called *Qutbi*, so I answered him: ‘O Messenger of Allah, this book is called *Qutbi*.’ He said: ‘Show me your book *Qutbi*.’ When the Holy Prophet(saw) took it, it turned into a delicate and attractive fruit as soon as his blessed hand touched it. When the Holy Prophet (saw) cut it as fruit is cut, pure honey began to flow out of it like pouring water. I perceived the wetness of honey on the right arm of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, from his fingers to his elbow, which were dripping with honey. I also felt that the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was showing me all this in order to make me wonder.

Then it was conveyed to my heart that there was the dead body of a person lying outside the door who had been destined by Allah the Almighty to be brought to life by that fruit and that the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was to bestow life upon him. When this thought passed through my mind I saw that the dead person had suddenly come to life and had come up to me running and stood behind me, but that he was in a weak condition as if he was hungry. Then the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him,

looked at me smiling and cut the fruit into several pieces and ate one of them himself and gave all the rest to me, while they were dripping with honey and said to me: ‘O Ahmad, give one of the pieces to this person so that he might draw strength from it.’ I gave him a piece and, like a greedy person, he started eating it immediately.

I then saw that the chair in which the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was sitting began to rise till it reached up to the ceiling and I noticed that the face of the Holy Prophet (saw) began to shine as if reflecting rays of the sun and moon. I was watching his blessed countenance and my tears were flowing because of delight and ecstasy. Then I woke up and I was still weeping profusely.

Allah the Almighty then put it in my mind that the dead person in my dream was Islam and that Allah the Almighty would revive it at my hands through the spiritual power of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

You do not know that this time may well be near; so, wait eagerly for it. In this dream the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, nurtured me with his blessed hands, through his holy words and his light and the gift of fruit [from his blessed garden].[A’ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, pp. 548–549, Ruhani Khaza’in, vol. 5, pp. 548–549]

Throughout his life Hazrat Masih Maood (as) strived to show the beauty and wisdom of Islam as he understood it. We should not under any circumstance think that the Promised Messiah came just to prove that Hazrat Isa(as) was dead and would never come back on earth in person. His mission was to revive the teachings of Islam, to help mankind understand that the teachings that one should follow in order to be saved was not what the Christians or any other religion was putting forward but it was the teachings that are found in the Holy Quran. In addition, since there were some common errors in what most Muslims believed he also had to correct those beliefs. The idea that Hazrat Isa (as) is alive in heaven and will come back to save the Muslims is still prevalent today as it was in previous times. So the Promised Messiah had to correct this wrong belief although he himself adhered to it in the beginning. Some other time I will talk about his correction of this erroneous belief. Let us revert to the subject in hand.

In another dream the Promised Messiah said:

“ About ten years ago, I saw Hazrat Masih [Messiah], may peace be upon him, in a dream. The Masih(as) and I ate together from the same dish. During the meal

we were very intimate and affectionate with each other like two brothers or two companions and friends of long standing. Afterwards, in the same place where I am now writing, the Masih(as), I, and a perfectly righteous descendant of the Holy Prophet(saw) happily stayed together in the courtyard for some time. The descendant of the Holy Prophet(saw) held a piece of paper in his hand in which the names of some eminent personalities from among the followers of the Holy Prophet(saw) were entered and it also included words of praise which had been bestowed upon them by Allah the Almighty. He started reading this paper which seemingly indicated that he wanted to inform the Masih(as) of the ranks, which are decreed by Allah, for the chosen ones from among the Muslims. All praise entered in that paper was on behalf of God the Almighty. When the reading of the paper was approaching its end and only a small portion of it was left, the name of this humble one was mentioned and the following appreciation was entered in it in the Arabic language as proceeding from God the Almighty:

“Howa minni be manzilate tawhidi wa tafridi- fa kada an you’rafa baynan naase” which we translate as “He is to Me like My Unity and My Uniqueness. Therefore, he will soon be made well-known among people.” The last portion: [*fa kada an you’rafa baynan naase*] Therefore, he will soon be made well known among people was also conveyed to me by verbal revelation.

The Promised Messiah also reported the following:

“He [Hadrat ‘Ali(ra)] gave me the commentary of the Book of Allah, the All-Knowing, and said: ‘This is my commentary and now you are most deserving of it; felicitations on that which has been bestowed upon you.’ So I stretched forth my hand and took the book and thanked Allah, the Bestower, the Most Powerful. I found him [Hazrat ‘Ali(ra) of good presence, possessing good qualities, courteous, humble, and having a bright shining face. I affirm on oath that he met me with great affection and kindness. It was conveyed to me that he knew me and was aware that my doctrine and my stand were opposed to those of the Shi‘as, but he did not seem to resent it. Indeed, he met me like a sincere friend and showed great affection for me. He was accompanied by Hasan(ra) and Husain(ra) and by the Best of Messengers Hazrat Khatamun-Nabiyyin(saw) and by a handsome young woman—righteous and of high status; good natured and dignified—whose face was lit up with spiritual light. I found her filled with sorrow, which she was trying to suppress. It was conveyed to me that she was the Lady Fatimah al-Zahra’. I was lying down. She approached me and sat down next to me and placed my head upon her thigh and was most kind to me. I noticed that she was sorrowful and anxious on account of my troubles, as mothers are anxious on

account of the tribulations of their children. It was then conveyed to me that my relationship [with her] was like that of a spiritual son and it passed through my mind that her sorrow was an indication of the persecution that I was to undergo at the hands of my people, countrymen and enemies. Then Hasan(ra) and Husain(ra) approached me and showed me fraternal affection and met me like kind well-wishers. This vision was one of those that I experienced while I was awake and it happened many years ago. [Sirrul-Khilafah, pp. 34–35, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 8, pp. 358–359]

Some details of this vision mentioned elsewhere by the Promised Messiah(as) are as follows:

“I saw that ‘Ali, may Allah be pleased with him, showed me a book and said: ‘This is a commentary on the Qur’an which I have compiled and which God has commanded I should give to you.’ I stretched forth my hand and took the book. The Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was looking at me and heard what ‘Ali (ra) had said but did not himself speak as if he was saddened on account of some of my sorrows. When I saw him in my vision his countenance was the same as I had seen previously. The whole building was lit up with his light. Holy is Allah Who is the Creator of light and of illumined personages. [A’ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, p. 550, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 550]

Speaking about his long fast he says:

“During the lifetime of my father, when his death was approaching, I saw in a dream an old holy personage with a blessed countenance, who conveyed to me that it was customary in the family of the Holy Prophet(saw) to fast for a period by way of preparation for the reception of heavenly light. I took this as an indication that I should follow this tradition. I, therefore, deemed it proper to adhere to fasting over a lengthy period....The wonders that I experienced as a result of such fasting include a variety of subtle visions that were manifested to me. I met some of the past Prophets and some of the highly placed saints among the Muslims.... Moreover, I was vouchsafed visions of spiritual light in the shape of bright columns of green and red so beautiful and enchanting that their description cannot be conveyed in words. These columns extended up to heaven. Some of them were bright white, some green and some red. Their sight filled my heart with great joy. There is no delight in life which could be compared with the delight that the heart and soul experienced through beholding them. I am given to understand that these columns were a representation of the interaction of the love between God and His servant. That is to say, it was a light that proceeded upwards from the heart and there was a second light that descended from above.

The meeting of the two took the shape of a column. These are spiritual experiences which the world cannot understand because they are far above the reach of the world's eyes. But there are some in this world who are made aware of these phenomena. In short, the wonders that were vouchsafed to me on account of this long period of fasting consist of these various kinds of visions. But I would not advise all and sundry to undertake such an exercise, nor did I do so of my own accord.... It should be remembered that I adopted this hard-physical discipline for nine to ten months in compliance with a divine command conveyed to me in a clear vision and I endured the extremes of hunger and thirst. Then I gave it up as a continuous discipline but had recourse to it from time to time. [Kitabul-Bariyyah, pp. 164–167 footnote, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 13, pp. 197–200 footnote]

There are many other instances where the Promised Messiah speaks about his relationship with the Holy Prophet (saw). We will have time Incha Allah to speak about them in our forthcoming sermons. May Allah grant each one amongst us to better understand what Hazrat Masih Maood (as) stood for and may we also stand up for his cause.