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As I have already said in my previous sermons, we, Ahmadi Muslims do not celebrate neither the date of birth nor the death of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). Our relationship with the Holy Prophet(saw) is such that we take him to be our model and we try to imitate him as best as we can in our daily lives and we try to do this throughout our life. We do not single out any day of the year to celebrate him. Many Muslims, out of malice or sheer ignorance want the world to believe that we have shown disrespect for him because according to them we have accepted a new prophet after him. They have misunderstood what the founder of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya has said about this matter. Through this series of sermons, I will try to tell you in his own words what the Promised Messiah said about the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) and what was the spiritual bond that linked both. So, we will continue from where we left off last time.

Prior to his marriage to Hazrat Amma Jaan(ra) ,the Promised Messiah received the following:

“Oushkour ne’matiu ra’ayta khadijati”

Translation: Be grateful to Me that you have found My Khadijah.

Commenting on this the Promised Messiah said:

“This was the good news, several years in advance, of my marriage into a noble family of Sayyeds of Delhi.... [In the revelation] my wife was named Khadijah as she is the mother to a blessed progeny, and a blessed progeny has also been promised to me. It was also an indication that she would be of a Sayyed family. [Nuzulul-Masih, pp. 146–147, Ruhani Khaza’in, vol. 18, pp. 524–525]

Further commenting on this the Promised Messiah said:

“The details of this prophecy were supplied in other revelations, so much so that even the name of the town Delhi was mentioned and this was communicated to several people...and all came about as had been foretold. Without any previous relationship or connection, my marriage was arranged in a well-known noble Sayyed family of Delhi.... God had promised that through my progeny He will lay a great foundation for the support of Islam and among them He will cause to appear one who will be blessed with the heavenly spirit. Therefore, He determined that I should marry into such a family and should be granted progeny from this marriage,

which would spread the light of guidance which has been planted at my hand far and wide in the world. It is a curious coincidence that just as the grandmother of the Sayyeds was named Shehr Bano (one of the wives of Imam Hussein), in the same way my wife who will be the mother of my progeny is named Nusrat Jahan Begum [Lady Help of the World]. This seems to be an indication that God has laid the foundation of my progeny to help the whole world. It is the way of God that prophecies are sometimes indicated through names. [Tiryaqul-Qulub, pp. 64–65, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 15, pp. 273–274]

Speaking about his impending appointment as reviver of Islam he said:

“On one occasion I received a revelation which indicated that there was a difference among the higher angels. The indication was that the will of God was prepared to bring about a renaissance of Islam, but the angels had not yet been informed of the identity of the rejuvenator. Hence that was being debated. [Barahin-e-Ahmadiyyah, part 4, pp. 502–503 sub-footnote 3, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 1, p. 598 sub-footnote 3]

At the same time I saw in a dream that a search was being made for one who should revive the faith. A person appeared before me and pointing to me said:

“Haza rajoloune yohibbo rasoullallah”

Translation: “This is the man who loves the Messenger of Allah.”

His meaning was that the principal condition of this assignment was the love of the Holy Prophet (saw) and that I fulfilled that condition. [Barahin-e-Ahmadiyyah, part 4, p. 503 sub-footnote 3, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 1, p. 598 sub-footnote 3]

Speaking about another experience with the Holy Prophet (saw) he said:

“I was occupied in writing something one night and then went to sleep and [in my dream] I saw the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and his face was bright like the full moon. He came close to me and I felt as if he wished to embrace me. So, he embraced me and I saw that rays of light proceeded from his countenance entered me. I felt these rays were like palpable light and I believed that I was seeing them not only through my spiritual sight but also with my physical eyes. Thereafter, I did not perceive that he had separated himself from me nor did I perceive that he had left me. Thereafter, the doors of revelation were opened to me and God addressed me and said: *“Ya Ahmado barakallahho fika”* O Ahmad Blessings of Allah are in you. [A'ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, p. 550, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 5, p. 550]

Following this revelation, in Tazkira which is a compilation of the Promised Messiah's dreams visions and revelations we can read the following revelations. Reading these revelations is a spiritual treat. They help one to have an idea of what Allah may say to someone He loves and they depict Hazrat Ahmad's high status in the eyes of Allah. For an addition to our faith and as an increase in our knowledge I will read the translation of these revelations because most of them were received in Arabic. They are as follows:

“Allah has placed blessing in you, O Ahmad. Whatever you did let loose, it was not you but it was Allah Who let it loose. Allah has taught you the Qur'an so that you should warn the people whose ancestors have not been warned, and that the way of the guilty ones might become manifest. Say: I have been commissioned and I am the first of the believers. Say: The truth has come and falsehood has vanished away; and falsehood was bound to vanish. Every blessing is from Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him; so highly blessed is he who taught and he who has been taught. Say: If I have invented it of myself, the sin thereof is on me. Allah is the God Who has sent His Messenger and His Appointed One with guidance and the true faith so that He should make this faith prevail over all diverse faiths. No one can avert the words of Allah. They have been wronged and Allah will help them. He is All- Powerful and does as He pleases. We shall suffice against those who mock you. People will say: ‘Whence have you received this status; whence have you received this status? What is presented as revelation is only the word of a man and has been made with the help of other people; do you knowingly accept that which is a delusion? How can that happen which he promises you, especially the promise of one who is lowly and mean [and cannot even express himself properly]. He is ignorant or demented.’ Say: Put forward your reasons if you are truthful, that is, come out for a competition. This status has been granted as a mercy from your Lord. He will perfect His bounty unto you so that it should be a Sign for the people. You have appeared with clear Sign from your Lord so give glad tidings and by the grace of your Lord you are not demented. Say: If you love Allah, then follow me, so that Allah should love you. We shall suffice against those who scoff at you. [Proclaim]: Shall I inform you on whom the satans descend? They descend upon every lying sinner. Say: I have with me proof from Allah, then will you believe or not? Say: I have with me proof from Allah, then will you accept it or not? My Lord is with me, He will soon open for me the way. Lord, show me how You bring the dead to life. Lord, forgive and send mercy from heaven. Lord, do not leave me alone and You are the Best of Heirs. Lord, reform the people of Muhammad. Our Lord, judge between us and our people with truth; You are the Best of Judges. Say: Carry on, on your side to plan for your success and I shall also

carry on and soon you will see whose actions are blessed with acceptance. [Do not say with regard to anything: I shall certainly do it tomorrow.] They attempt to frighten you of others than Allah. You are in Our sight [under Our watchful care]. I have named you *Mutawakkil* [the one trusting in God]. Allah praises you from His Throne. We praise you and call down blessings on you. People wish to put out Allah's light with the breath of their mouths and Allah will not leave this light without perfection even though the disbelievers might resent it. We shall soon cause fear to enter their hearts. When the help of Allah comes and victory and the hosts turn to us, it will be asked: Was not this true? [This is the interpretation of my dream of before which my Lord has caused to come true.] They will say: 'This is only a delusion.' Say: God has revealed these words; and then leave them occupied with their sport and play. Say: If I have invented it, the sin thereof is on me; and who is more unjust than one who invents a lie against Allah? The Christian priests and the Muslims possessing the characteristics of Jews will not be pleased with you. They have fashioned sons and daughters for God [without any knowledge]. Say: God is He, Who is Single, and is Self-Existing and Besought of all. He has no son, nor is He anyone's son, and there is none like unto Him. These people will devise their plans and Allah will devise His plan [and Allah is the Best of Planners]. There will soon be mischief, then be steadfast as the prophets of high resolve were steadfast. Beg Allah for the manifestation of your truthfulness. We have the power to show them before your death a manifestation of Our divine decree that We have promised, or cause you to die. Allah is not such as to chastise those among whom you dwell. I am with you; so be with Me wherever you might be. [Be with Allah wherever you are. In whatever direction, you turn there will be countenance of Allah.] You are the best people who have been raised for the benefit of mankind and as a pride for the believers. Despair not of the mercy of Allah. Harken, indeed the mercy of Allah is near. Harken, the help of Allah is near. The help will come to you by every distant track. People will come to you so that the track will become deep due to excessive travel. So many people will come to you that the track on which they travel will become deep. Allah will help you from Himself. Such people will help you whom We shall inspire from Ourselves. No one can change the words of Allah. We will bestow upon you a manifest victory. The victory of the friend of Allah is the true victory and We have bestowed upon him such intimate nearness that he becomes Our confidant. He is the bravest of people. Had faith ascended to the Pleiades he would have reached there and brought it down. Allah will illumine his arguments. Mercy flows from your lips, O Ahmad. You are in Our sight [under Our watchful care]. Allah will exalt your name and perfect His bounty upon you in this world and the hereafter. [He found you seeking His guidance and guided you.] We looked at you and commanded the fire,

which is the fire of mischief from the people: Be cool and safe for this Ibrahim [Abraham]. [Treasures of the mercy of your Lord shall be granted to you. O you the one wrapped up, stand up and warn (people against the coming calamities) and proclaim the greatness of your Lord.] Your name will come to an end O Ahmad, but My name will not come to an end. Be in the world like a stranger or a traveler and be of the righteous and the faithful and call to goodness and forbid evil and call down blessings on Muhammad(saw) and the people of Muhammad(saw) Calling down blessings is the true training. I shall raise you towards Me and bestow My nearness upon you.”

Someone who is addressed with such words cannot be an imposter. In fact all this has been given to Hazrat Ahmad (as) because of his love for the Holy Prophet (saw) and not for any other reason. May Allah help each one among us to reflect upon these words and may we be able to convey to others that the person we have accepted as the Promised Messiah is a true lover of the Holy Prophet (saw).