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We will continue talking about the spiritual affinity that exists between the Promised Messiah (as) and the holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). The aim of these sermons is to give the lie to those who say that the Promised Messiah denigrates the Holy Prophet (saw). We want to show the profound love, great respect and constant devotion that the Promised Messiah had for the founder of Islam. We are trying to show through his writings, his pronouncements, his dreams, his visions and revelations that he had an unbreakable bond with the Holy Prophet (saw). Today we will start with the following extract:

“It was October 17, 1892 when, in response to Nur Afshan (a christian newspaper), my humble self concluded setting forth my arguments in full that the spiritual Judgment in truth was the advent of the Holy Prophet, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. I had supplemented this with verses in praise of the Holy Prophet, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, whose true praise is in fact beyond description, and added, by way of a sample, some praise of his noble companions, may Allah be pleased with them, to prove my point. When I went to sleep after writing the ode in praise of the Holy Prophet (saw) and narrating the qualities and virtues of his companions(ra), I saw a blessed and holy dream. I found myself in the upper storey of a large mansion, the rooms of which were very spacious and wide and richly carpeted. I was addressing a large gathering and was setting forth to them divine truths and higher knowledge. Among the audience was a maulavi whom I did not know and he did not believe in me. He was sitting among the gathering and did not belong to our Jama‘at [Community]. I took note of his features. He was slim and white bearded. He interrupted my discourse and said: These are matters relating to the nature of God’s Being and any discussion of them is prohibited. I admonished him: Foolish one, this has nothing to do with the nature of God’s Being. This is holy knowledge concerning Him. I was deeply distressed by his irrelevant interruption and tried to silence him; but he persisted in his mischief which made me angry and I said: “The evil-minded divines of this age persist in their mischief, but God will expose them and added some more phrases of the same type, which I do not now recall. Then I called out: Is there anyone who would expel this maulavi from this gathering? Thereupon, I saw someone who looked like my servant Hamid ‘Ali who seized the maulavi and pushed him out down the stairs. Then I looked up and saw the Holy Prophet, on whom be the peace and blessings of Allah, standing on a large terrace near our gathering as if he had

been strolling there and was quite close when the maulavi was expelled. I had not noticed him before but on looking closely now I saw that he was holding the book *A'ina-e-Kamat-e-Islam* in his hand. At the place that I have mentioned, which appears to have been printed already, he had placed one of his blessed fingers at the spot where his praise was mentioned and his pure, effective, and high teachings were set out, and another finger at the place where the qualities and the truth and loyalty of his companions, may Allah be pleased with them, were set out. He was smiling and said: "*Haza Li wa Haza Le ashaabi* " meaning "this is in my praise and this is in praise of my companions." Then my mind moved from the dream towards revelation and a state of vision was created. It was revealed to me in a vision that God Almighty expressed His pleasure over His own praise mentioned at that place and the revelation about it came to me: "*Haza sanaa'I*" meaning "this is My Praise"

This was Tuesday night and the time was 3:15 a.m. [*A'ina-e-Kamat-e-Islam*, pp. 215–217, footnote, *Ruhani Khaza'in*, vol. 5, pp. 215–217]

In another place he writes :

"I recall that one night I was so occupied with calling down blessings on the Holy Prophet that my heart and soul became fragrant therewith. The same night I saw in my dream that people were carrying into my house water-skins filled with divine light in the form of water and one of them said: These are the blessings which you had sent to Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and his family. [*Barahin-e-Ahmadiyyah*, vol. 4, p. 502 sub-footnote, *Ruhani Khaza'in*, vol. 1, p. 598 sub-footnote]

Speaking about another significant vision he writes:

"In those days I had a vision of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, after I had beheld him only a short while before. He converted me into his whip and prepared me for a contest so that I should fight the Pharaohs and the wrongdoers. [*A'ina-e-Kamat-e-Islam*, p. 561, *Ruhani Khaza'in*, vol. 5, p. 561]

In fact, Hazrat Masih Maood (as) has in his life acted as the whip of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). Through very clear arguments he has convincingly adduced proofs against many wrong beliefs that were prevalent in his time amongst the Muslims, Christians and Hindus as well. In brief, he came and showed the supremacy of the teachings of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). Anyone who happens to read his arguments cannot fail to bow to them. This is not an empty

boast because in his own lifetime there were many scholars who were readily convinced with what he said and recognized him as the Promised Messiah and Mahdi.

He further said:

“During the period of the writing of this book [*A’ina-e- Kamalat-e-Islam*], I was twice honoured with beholding the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and he expressed great pleasure over the compilation of the book. I also saw one night that an angel was calling people towards this book with a loud voice and was saying:

*“Haza Kitaboune mobarakoune fa qoumou lil ijlaaali wal ikraam”* meaning “This is a blessed book, then stand up due to its glory and respect.”[Announcement about the publication of *A’ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam*, *A’ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam*, *Ruhani Khaza’in*, vol. 5, p. 652]

Unfortunately, up till now the mainstream Jamaat has not translated this book in English so that a greater number of people might read it and might be aware why this book received so much praise from Allah and from the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw).

The Promised Messiah[as] further said: “I saw (in a vision) that God’s bounties travel in the form of light to the Holy Prophet, on whom be the peace and blessings of Allah, and are absorbed into his chest and proceed thence in numberless tubes whereby they are communicated to every deserving person according to his due share. [al-Hakam, vol. 7, no. 8, February 28, 1903, p. 7]

There is something that we all should know and bear in mind. It is incumbent upon all of us to send Darood on the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). We learn this from the verse in Sura Al Ahzab where it is said “*Innallaha wa malaikatahou yosallouna alan nabiiyye ya ayyohal lazina aamanou swallow alaihi wa sallemou taslima* “. (33:57) We translate as follows: “Allah sends down His Blessings on the prophet and His Angels pray for him. O ye who believe you too should invoke blessings on him and salute him with the salutation of peace”. According to one of the conditions of *bai’at* we should invoke blessings upon him daily besides what we read in the regular prayers. Last week I told you that Hazrat Masih (as) received a revelation “*Innas salaata howal morabbi*” meaning “Calling down blessings on the Holy Prophet (saw) is the true training”. We should all make it a habit to regularly invoke blessings on the Holy Prophet (saw). All those who have drawn near to Allah have been regular in invoking blessings on the Holy Prophet. You might recall that in a hadith the Holy Prophet (saw) is reported to have said “He

who sends blessing on me once, Allah will send blessings on him ten times.” It is quite possible that in the vision I told earlier in which the Promised Messiah saw that light was being distributed from the Holy Prophet (saw) to all according to his merit is just a symbol of what *Darood* does.

Hazrat Masih Maood said :

“It is my personal experience that to obey the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] with a sincere heart and to love him, ultimately makes a person beloved of God. God creates in his heart a burning for His Own love and such a one, withdrawing his heart

from everything else, leans towards God and his affection and desire remain only for God Almighty. Thereupon a special manifestation of Divine love falls upon him and, bestowing upon him the full colour of love and devotion, pulls him towards itself with great force. He then overcomes his passions and from every direction extraordinary works of God Almighty appear as signs in his support and to help him.’ [Essence of Islam, Vol. I, p. 210 - Haqiqat-ul-Wahi, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 22, pp. 67-68].

Incha Allah I will speak more about Darood in another sermon.

We continue with where we left off. A companion of the promised Messiah Hafiz Nur Muhammad of Faidullah village stated to me [Hadrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (ra)] in writing: "The Promised Messiah(as) had often said that he had on many occasions met the Holy Prophet, on whom be the peace and blessings of Allah, in a state of wakefulness, and had obtained from him confirmation of several ahadith even if they are regarded as weak or of lower reliability by people. [Siratul-Mahdi, part 3, p. 52, Riwayat no. 572]

“Once I fell seriously ill(most probably in 1880), so much so that on three separate occasions my relatives, perceiving that my last moment had arrived, recited surah Ya Sin to me as is customary among Muslims. On the third occasion, while the surah was being recited, I saw that some of my relatives—who have since passed away—were sobbing out of control behind the walls. I was suffering from a species of severe colic and was purging blood every few minutes. I continued in this condition for sixteen days. Another person who was suffering from a similar disorder died on the eighth day, though he had not suffered as severely as I was suffering. When the sixteenth day arrived everybody despaired of my life and surah Ya Sin was recited to me the third time. All my relatives believed that I would be in

my grave before sunset. Then it so happened that as God had in the past taught His Prophets prayers for deliverance from misfortunes He also taught me through revelation a prayer as follows: “*Subhanallahi wa behamdehi subhanallahil azim allahoumma swale ala mohammadin wa aale mohammad* ” meaning “Holy is Allah and worthy of all Praise; Holy is Allah, the Great. Allah, bestow Your blessings on Muhammad and the people of Muhammad.”

Allah the Almighty revealed upon my heart to put my hand in river water which should have some sand with it and to recite this prayer and to wipe my chest and my back, hands, and face with the water and that in this manner I would be healed. Accordingly, river water with sand was sent for hastily and I started doing as I had been directed. The whole of my body had seemed to be on fire which was so painful that I felt death would be preferable to that condition and would be a deliverance from torment, but when I started doing as I had been directed, I call God—in Whose hand is my life—to witness that every time I recited these blessed words and wiped my body with the river water I felt the fire departing from my body and coolness and comfort taking its place. The water in the vessel had not yet been exhausted when I felt that my illness had departed from me completely and after sixteen days, I slept in health and comfort. Next morning, I received the revelation: That is [Arabic] If you are in doubt concerning the Sign, which We have shown you through this restoration of health, then cite a cure like this one. [Tiryaqul-Qulub, pp. 36–37, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 15, pp. 208–209]

Hazrat Masih Maood (as) used to recite these prayers throughout his life and whenever he could. May Allah help all of us to cultivate this habit as well because these words are quite precious. May Allah draw us to Him and endear His Prophet(saw) to our hearts. Ameen.