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After *Tashahhud*, *Ta'uz*, *Sura Al Fatiha* Imam Zafrullah read the following verse of the Holy Quran:

"Kountoum khayra oummatin oukhrejat linnaase ta'morouna bil ma'roufe wa tanhawna annil mounkare wa tou'menouna billahe "(3:111)

Then he said:

The translation of the verse that I have just read is **"You are the best people raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allah."**

Allah has been very kind to Muslims by giving them the Holy Quran which is a book full of wisdom. When we learn what this book says and put into practice its teachings and spread its teachings around we indeed become the best of people raised for the good of mankind. Why? Because such teachings are not to be found anywhere else. In brief, what we should be doing under all circumstances is that we should enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil and have firm faith in Allah. So, the Muslim, in his daily life should see to it that all his actions, his thoughts should be geared towards the promotion of what is good in society and the condemnation of what is bad and he should consolidate his faith in Allah by offering the five prayers every day with all its requirements.

The founder of Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) has in his writings tried to uplift the moral standards of his followers by giving them teachings which can help them to become good Muslims in the sight of Allah. We will continue reading extracts from his writings and speeches in this sermon today as well. He said:

"Just look at the sincerity and loyalty of the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam. He faced every evil movement and underwent all sorts of hardships; but he did not mind. It was this sincerity and loyalty which attracted the grace of God who said: innallaha wa malaa-e-katahoo yosalloona alannabiyyi ya-ayyohallazeena aamanoo salloo alaihi wa

sallimoo taslima. That is, God the Almighty and all His angels send blessings for the Prophet; O ye who believe, you should pray for him for God's blessings on him. This verse shows that the actions of the Holy Prophet were such that God did not use any words for their appreciation. Of course, God could do that, but He did not do it.

It was because his deeds could not be brought into any limitations. This kind of verse has not been revealed in respect of any other Prophet. So much of sincerity and loyalty were ingrained in his soul and so pleasing were his deeds in the sight of God, that God commanded the people to always (then and in the future) pray for him in gratitude to what he did for the world. If we consider the pages of history-before him as well as after-we cannot find anyone with the same kind of sincerity and loyalty. How much did Jesus Christ influence his followers (very little)? Everybody can understand how difficult it is to reform a single man, of evil ways; it is very hard to pull out the old habits. But the Holy Prophet

Mohammad, *sallallahu alaihi wa sallam*, got thousands of people reformed-these people were worse than the animals; some of them did not make any distinction between their mothers and sisters, as the animals also make no distinction (for their, sexual lust). They used to usurp the belongings of the orphans, and of the dead people etc. Some of them worshipped the stars, some were atheists, some of them, worshipped the matter in different forms. What was the peninsula of Arabia? It was inhabited by multiple-religions. Of course, the result was that the Holy Quran had to mention teachings on all aspects. Every false belief that is there in the world is disproved through these teachings. It is the outcome of the great wisdom of God.

Since this perfect Book (the Holy Quran) had to effect a complete reformation, it was essential that when it was revealed, there should have existed a complete malady at the place of its revelation so that it could give prescription for every illness. This peninsula (Arabia) had people with complete sickness who had all sorts of spiritual maladies which could ever be found then or in the future. It is for this reason that the Holy Quran is a perfect *Shariat*. When the other books were revealed neither there existed necessity nor the books contained complete and perfect teachings. (*Malfoozat* Vol. 1, p. 36)

It was the teachings of the Holy Quran which were perfectly exemplified by the Holy Prophet (saw) that brought about such extraordinary changes in the life of the people of Arabia. With the passage of time due to these teachings they transformed themselves from being Bedouins of the desert to the leaders of civilization. For those who are students of world history it was the Arabs who perfected the teachings of the Greeks and who ushered the Reformation and the Enlightenment in Europe. Unfortunately, when they started neglecting learning they plunged into the state they are in since some time now. When Hazrat Masih Maood (as) spoke about the revolution that the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw) ushered he had this to say:

“Have you any notion what was the strange event that occurred in the wasteland of Arabia when hundreds of thousands of the dead were revived within a few days, and those who had been misguided through generations exhibited Divine complexion, and those who were blind began to see, and those who had been dumb began to utter words of Divine wisdom, and the world underwent a revolution which no eye had seen before and no ear had heard of. Do you know how all this came about? It was the supplications during dark nights of one who had lost himself in God which caused a revolution in the world, and showed such wonders as could never have been expected from that Unlettered and Helpless one [the Holy Prophet (saw)]”. Send down Thy blessings and peace, O Allah, on him and his people according to the amount of pain and anguish he felt for his ummah, and pour down upon him the light of Thy mercy forever.”

Speaking about how people get educated gradually the Promised Messiah said:

“You should wake up at night and pray to God that He may guide you onto the path that leads to Him. The Companions of the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, also had a gradual training. What were they in the beginning? They were like seeds sown in the earth. Then the Holy Prophet sallallahu alaihi wa sallam watered and prayed for them. The seed was good and the soil was also good. The watering (by the Holy Prophet) produced very good fruit. Just what the Holy Prophet did they followed him and did the same. They never waited for the day or the night. You people should repent sincerely, wake up for *Tahajjud* prayer, pray and set your hearts right. You should do away with your shortcomings and make your words and actions in

complete conformity with the will of God. You should remember that he who will keep this advice in view all the time and will pray in a practical manner and put his needs before God, will be blessed by God and he will find a change (for the better) in his heart. Do not be despaired of God. (Malfoozat Vol. 1, p. 44)

Some people do not have firm belief in the hereafter. But when we read the Holy Quran we understand that we should have certainty in the hereafter. Addressing the blindness of people who cannot perceive a hereafter the Promised Messiah said:

“Blindness is of two kinds. One is physical blindness and the other relates to the heart. As for the physical blindness, it has no effect on the faith but the blindness of the heart does affect the faith. That is why it is very essential that one should constantly pray to God with great humility that He may grant him sincere spiritual realization and true insight and save him from the doubts that the Satan causes. There are many doubts that the Satan causes in the hearts. The most dangerous of them and which becomes a source of loss of this world as well as the next world-relates to the Next world, for, a greater part of virtuous deeds and truthfulness, is linked, along with other factors with the belief in the Next world. When a man takes the Next world to be no more than stories then there can be no doubt about it that he has become unacceptable and he is lost to both the worlds. (Malfoozat Vol. 1, p. 51)

Explaining that the pen is mightier than the sword he said:

“You should understand it well that the need of the time is not the wielding of the sword; it is the pen that has to be used. The doubts that our opponents have expressed about Islam and the assaults that different sciences have made, have drawn my attention to the fact that equipped with the weapon of the pen, I should enter the battlefield and show them the miraculous bravery of Islam and its powers. I could never have been capable of entering this field, but it is the grace of God that has helped me and it really is a great Mercy for me that He likes a humble man like me to become a manifestation of the honour of this religion. Once I counted the objections that the opponents have raised against Islam and I think the number was no less than three thousand, and this number must have increased by now. Let nobody think that Islam is so weak a religion that it can become the target of three

thousand objections. It is not so. These objections have been raised by the people who lack understanding and who are ignorant. I should like to tell you that as I counted these objections I also pondered over them and have come to the conclusion that there are unique truths hidden under the cover of these objections these truths could not be sighted by them (the opponents) because of their lack of insight and in fact it does happen in the wisdom of God that wherever an objector stumbles, there lies a great treasure of truths and spiritual secrets. I have been commissioned to uncover these treasures and to wipe away the dirt of objections from the glittering jewels. God is very jealous of it; He wishes that the honour of the Holy Quran must be made pure and sacred by removing every objection that the dirty minded people have slung on it. (Malfoozat Vol. 1, p. 57)

I continue to repeat that I give these extracts so that our members may be conversant with the life-giving words of the Promised Messiah and that they might be enlightened therewith. May Allah help each one amongst us to become true followers of Islam and may we each have a very solid relationship with Allah and may we all walk on the path shown by the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw).

In the end, I want to express our sorrow on the wanton killing and harm that happened in Quebec. In my humble view, we will hear more of such incidents around the world in the coming days and months. May Allah help the Muslims wherever they are and may He keep them safe from the attack of non-Muslims. May Allah grant all Muslims the wisdom to understand that their force lies in their unity and that they should work to bring about this unity of the ummah. Non-Muslim leaders are very adept at dividing Muslims to advance their own agenda. For the time being it appears that they are winning and that they have a supremacy in the world. But a time will come when *incha* Allah this situation will be reversed and Muslims will be setting the world's agenda because Allah says that they are here for the good of mankind and not to harm mankind. May Allah bring that day closer sooner.