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*Alhamdo Lillah*, All Praise belongs to Allah who has granted us the opportunity to fast during the Holy month of Ramadan and has blessed us with a beautiful Eid. By His Grace, we are among those Muslims who believe that we are not to be active Muslims only in the month of Ramadan. We have learned and we do our best to be good Muslims throughout our life. This mindset demands from us that we take care that we do not allow ourselves to plunge back into a life of carelessness and negligence after we have lived one whole month in focusing our attention on Allah and what He demands from us. May Allah grant us that we never lose the overall direction that our life should take even if at times we might be somewhat negligent in our duties.

Today we will be reading some more extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah with the hope that we join the group of those Muslims who truly believe in the Promised Messiah's teachings through their words and deeds and who do not just pay lip service to his teachings through grand posters and forget to put them into practice. Let us remind ourselves of some of our basic teachings. The Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad said:

“My Jamaat who has recognized me should not let the signs of God become stale. To keep them fresh adds to the powers of certainty. And for that reason, our Jamaat should not hide these Signs. Those who have seen them should relate to those who have not seen them; that will save them from evil deeds and refresh their faith. The Signs should be narrated to the people in a very beautiful manner.

You should remember that those who do not ponder over proofs supplied by God are blind and they cannot see the truth. They do not have the ears. They are like animals, even worse than animals. God is not their Guardian. He is the Guardian of the true believers and the *Muttaqi*: *Howa yatawallas-saliheen* (He is the Guardian of the righteous people)

He is not the Guardian of the people who have gone far away from the path of God and have thus likened themselves to the animals. Tell me, have you seen

the people crying over the goats being slaughtered. And, those who have gone even beyond the goats, who would care for their life. ·

Look at the animals. They are made to work and they are slaughtered. A person who cuts himself off from God cannot be given any guarantee.

· *Qul ma ya'bao bikum Rabbi lau la doa-o-kum*

(i.e., if you do not call upon God, what does my God care for you.)

You should remember that those who worship God for the sake of this world or do not care for Him, God also does not care for them. (Malfoozat Vol. II, p. 113)

Speaking about the Holy Quran He said:

“Had we not possessed the Holy Quran and only the Hadith collections had been there to base our faith and belief on them, we would not have been able to face the people of other faiths and we would have been very much ashamed of it. When I pondered over the word 'Quran', it dawned on me that this blessed word was very prophetic. The prophecy is that the only book worth reading is the Holy Quran, and a time will come when other books will also be there but still this will be the only book worth reading and it is only through this book that the honour of Islam will be retrieved and falsehood will be eradicated; all other books will deserve to be put aside. The word '*Furqan*' also denotes the same thing. That is a book that makes distinction between the truth and falsehood.

No book of Hadith or any other book is of the same standard of excellence as the Holy Quran is. That being the case, you should leave all other books and study the Holy Quran day and night. Faithless is the person who does not pay heed to the Holy Quran while he continues pouring on other books. The members of my Jamaat should study the Holy Quran intensively and they should ponder over it very sincerely; they should abandon being engrossed with the Hadith collections. It is very sad that people do not pay as much heed to the Holy Quran as they do of the Hadith.

Now, you should take the weapon of the Holy Quran in your hand; victory will be yours. No darkness can face this Light”. (Malfoozat Vol. II p. 122)

If we really want to deepen our knowledge of the Holy Quran, we should pray to Allah to illuminate our heart with the knowledge that it contains and we should read with a view to deepen understanding and not just read casually. In addition, we should try to purify our heart and remove from it everything that is bad because Allah says that only those who are pure will have access to the knowledge contained in the Holy Quran. *Laa Yamassahou illal motahhareen.*

Speaking about Surah Al Fatiha He said:

“One of the meanings of Fatiha is to conquer. It proves a believer to be a believer and a non-believer to be a non-believer. That is, it makes a distinction between the two. It opens the heart and grants an understanding. That is why Surah Fatiha should be recited very often and one should ponder over this prayer very deeply. It behoves a man to become like a complete beggar and like the one having dire needs. Just as a beggar humbles himself and attracts the mercy by either posing to be in great need or by his change of tone, one should be utterly humble and then ask God for the fulfilment of his needs. Unless a man humbles himself during the prayer and unless he makes the Salat a means of his supplications, the Salat cannot be enjoyed to its full extent. (*Malfoozat* Vol. II, p. 145)

My comments on this extract is that what is being said here is quite important for each one amongst us and that is why we keep coming back to making supplications in prayer. I personally think that we should make it our life mission to pray in such a way that Allah accepts our prayers. To do this we need to be quite focused on Allah and we need to pray with full humility and we should persevere as well.

The Promised Messiah said further:

“It is only the Faith that makes a move in the heart of the man that he should undergo hardships and bear with all sorts of difficult situations. Faith is a force which grants a man true valour and courage. We find the examples of this in the lives of the Companions of the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam - may God be pleased with all of them. When they joined the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, apparently, there was nothing to make them realize that they would be rewarded by doing so, for, the Holy Prophet was a weak and a helpless person at that time. On the surface of it they could only visualize that they would make all the peoples their enemies which would result in bringing

hardships to them and they would be burdened under them and finish them up. But there was another eye (view point) too which did not mind these hardships and to give away life for this cause was a great pleasure for it. This eye saw what the other eyes could not; what was hidden and far away from the physical eyes. That eye was the eye of the Faith and it was the force of the Faith which made all the hardships meaningless. Ultimately, it was the Faith that won the victory, and it showed miracles.

The person who is considered to be weak and helpless took them to unimaginable heights. The reward that was hidden from the eyes in the beginning, became so conspicuous that everybody could see it and realize that it was really the fruit of the Faith. It was because of the Faith that the Companions did not feel tired nor did they become slack; they performed wonderful acts through the Power of the Faith; and despite all this they said that they had not been able to do what they really felt that they should have done". (Malfoozaat Vol. II, p. 151)

"I once again place before you the example of the Companions of the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, may God be pleased with them. Having believed in the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, they showed it through their practical life that the God who is Unseen and who is invisible to the worshipper of falsehood has been seen by them with their own eyes. If that was not the case, then, tell me what was it that made them care for nothing else (except God and His Commandments); They left their people, their relatives and friends. They put the whole of their trust in God and having put their trust in Him and Him alone, they did the kind of things which are a matter of great surprise - especially to those who consider the pages of history. It was faith and nothing but faith that made them do these things. The plans of the opponents and their activities were great but nobody succeeded against the Companions of the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam. The opponents were large in number; they had more of means and they were like a well-knit group, but they did not possess faith. It was due to lack of faith that they were destroyed without achieving any success. But as for the Companions of the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, they won over everything through their faith. When they heard the voice of one person, who, though brought up as an unlettered person was well known for truthfulness, honesty and said that He had been sent

by God, joined him. Thereafter they followed him as if they had been charmed.

I say it again that it was faith which turned them into people like these. Remember, Faith in God is a very great thing. (Malfoozaat Vol. II, p. 154)

We also we need to develop our faith in Allah and rely on Him for the solution of all our problems. Allah never abandons those who rely on Him.

The Promised Messiah says further:

“It simply is not possible to achieve success without following the teachings of the Holy Quran. If somebody thinks otherwise, it is a mere imaginative thinking; the (worldly) people are seeking after success of this kind. You should keep the example of the Companions of the Holy Prophet sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, before you. Look at them; they followed the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, and gave preference to religion over worldly affairs. The result was that God fulfilled all the promises that He had made with them. At the initial stage, the opponents mocked at them that whereas they could not come out in the open freely, they were claiming to become the kings of the world. But having lost themselves in perfect obedience to the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, they were able to achieve what had not been their lot for many centuries. They loved the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, and they kept themselves busy in following them day and night.

They would not follow the unbelievers even in the matters of their customs. All the time that Islam was passing through these conditions, it was in its supremacy, the reason being that "If you have God with you, you have nothing to worry about."

The key to the successes and victories of the Muslims was also faith". (Malfoozat Vol. II, p. 157)

May Allah help us understand the teachings that we have received and may we all be able to pass them on to our future generations incha Allah.