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For today, I have chosen several interesting extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah to share with you. The first one is about what Allah expects from us. He says:

“Hearken ye who have ears to hear: What is it that Allah requires of you? Only this that you should become His alone and set up no equal with Him, neither on this earth nor in heaven. Our God is the One Who is alive today as much as He ever was. Likewise, He speaks today as He did in the past; He hears as He used to hear. To think that He only listens but does not speak in this age is a vain belief. Indeed, He both hears and speaks. All His attributes are eternal and everlasting. None of His attributes were ever suspended, nor will they ever be. He is the same Unique Being Who has no associate. He has neither son nor wife, and He is the same Eternal Being Who is peerless, and there is none like unto Him..... There is no one similar to Him in His attributes; none of His powers ever wane. He is near, yet far; distant, yet close..... He is the Highest of the high, yet it cannot be said that there is anyone below Him (farther than He). He is in Heaven, but it cannot be said that He is not on earth. He combines in Himself all the most perfect attributes and manifests the virtues which are truly worthy of praise. He is the Fountainhead of all excellence. He is the All Powerful. Everything good originates from Him and to Him all things return. All possessions belong to Him, and in Him all excellences combine. He is free from blemish, without weakness. He is Unique in His right to be worshipped by all who dwell on the earth or belong to heaven. (Al Wasiyyat: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 20, pp. 309,310)

Speaking about Islam's distinction in showing people the path of salvation he says:

“I speak the truth and nothing but the truth. If souls are endowed with a sincere desire to search, and hearts become thirsty after knowledge, then mankind will yearn to discover that Path and that Way. But how can one have access to that Path and how can the veil be lifted? I assure all those who seek that it is Islam alone which gives the glad tidings of the Way. The other faiths have long since put an end to the institution of revelation from God. So rest assured that it is not God Who has brought revelation to a close. But it is man, who, to justify his deprivation, seeks shelter in this false excuse. Fully realize that as it is not possible to see without eyes or to hear without ears or to speak without tongues, so also it is not possible to set eyes on our Beloved God without the aid of the Holy Quran. I was young once. Now I am old. But I found none who, without having access to this pure fountainhead, the Quran, drank out of the cup of such manifest and clear guidance.” (Islami Usul ki Philosophy: Roohani Khaza'in Vol. 10, pp.442-443)

In a poem, the Promised Messiah expressed his thoughts about the universe thus:

*Lo! How manifest is the Light of God,
Who is the ultimate Source of all light;
The whole universe is turning into
a reflecting mirror;
for the eyes to perceive Him.
Last night while watching the moon,
I became so agitated.
In the beauty of the moon
were the traces of the beauty
of my Beloved.
Under the influence
of that consummate Beauty;
my heart is in a state of turmoil;*

*mention not to me the comeliness
of the Turk or the Tartar.
O my Beloved!
How wonderfully is Thy
creative power Manifested everywhere;
Whichever way I look I find
every road leading to Thy Presence.
In the fountain of the sun,
the tides of Thy power are witnessed;
Every star is twinkling with Thy Glory.
With Thy own hand Thou hast
sprinkled salt over smarting hearts;
Which results into agonized cries of the pining lovers.
No one can comprehend
the ultimate design of Thy Creation;
Who can disentangle
the web of this baffling riddle?
It is Thy charm which is
the essence of every beauty;
Every flower that blossoms forth
borrows its color from the splendor of Thy attributes.
The mellow intoxicating eyes of all
who are endowed with beauty;
Remind one of Thee every moment.
To Thy direction is turned
the pointing finger
of every curly lock.
With what mysterious qualities,
Thou hast endowed every particle;
Who can read through the voluminous,
accounts of these mysteries?*

(Surma Chashm Arya: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 2, p.52; from the poem: 'A Hymn to God').

Further explaining Tauhid he says:

“The Unity of God is a light which illuminates the heart only after the negation of all deities, whether they belong to the inner world or the outer world. It permeates every particle of man's being. How can this be acquired without the aid of God and His Messenger? The duty of man is only to bring death upon his ego and turn his back to devilish pride. He should not boast of

his having been reared in the cradle of knowledge but should consider himself as if he were merely an ignorant person, and occupy himself in supplications. Then the light of Unity will descend upon him from God and 8 will bestow new life upon him.” (Haqiqatul Wahi: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 22, p. 148)

Speaking about how Allah cares for those who are faithful to Him, he says:

“That God (presented by the Quran) is an extremely faithful God, Who works wonders for those who remain faithful to Him. The world is intent on destroying them (those faithful to Him), but He Who befriends them delivers them from every danger and bestows victory upon them in every field. How singularly fortunate is he who never breaks ties with Him.” (Kashti Nuh: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 19, p. 20)

“Indeed, All Powerful and All Mighty is the God Whose devotees will not go to waste: those who come to Him with love and loyalty. The enemy boasts that he will annihilate them with his evil and ill- intentioned vows to stamp them out. Fools, says God, will you dare fight me and annihilate the one who is dear to Me? Indeed, nothing can happen on this earth unless it is so decreed in heaven, and no earthly hand can be stretched beyond the tether determined for it in heavens. Hence the plotters of evil and cruel designs are most foolish who, during their abhorrent and shameless conspiracies, do not remember that Supreme Being without Whose express decree not a leaf is permitted to fall. Therefore, they remain unsuccessful and frustrated in their objectives: and the rightly guided are not harmed by their evil. Instead, the signs of God are widely manifested and people's understanding of God's ways is enhanced. That All Powerful and Mighty God Who remains unseen by the eyes manifests Himself indeed through His wondrous ways. (Kitabul Bariyya, Muqaddama: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 13, pp. 19-20)

Speaking about the Holy Prophet (saw), he says:

“From a study of the life of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, it will become manifest to every reader that the Holy Prophet of Islam had no duality in his character and possessed a pure and noble spirit. He was ever ready to lay down his life for God. He pinned no hopes on men and he entertained no fear of them. He reposed his entire trust in Allah. Having enslaved himself entirely to the will and pleasure of Allah, he cared not what hazards he would face and what suffering he would be subjected to at the hands of the idolaters as a result of declaring to the world the message of the Unity of God.” (Braheen Ahmadiyya: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 1, p. 111)

- “Is it not a most wonderful thing to have happened that in an age when all the great nations of the world possessed a plenitude of financial, military and intellectual means, a mere penniless orphan, who was powerless, helpless, unlettered and unaided, brought forth such resplendent teachings which, with their conclusive arguments and irrefutable proofs, dumb-founded every opponent? It also exposed the mistakes and faults of such scholars who in their conceit boasted of being great philosophers and men of wisdom. In spite of his being poor and helpless, he rose to great power and dethroned many a mighty king and in their place installed the poor. If this was not from Allah, what else was it? To conquer and excel the whole world in wisdom, in knowledge and in strength, can all this be accomplished without the help of Allah?” (Braheen Ahmadiyya: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol.1, p. 191)

“Take note how the Holy Prophet of Islam remained resolute and steadfast in his claim to prophethood from beginning to end in the face of thousands of dangers and a multitude of enemies and threatening opponents. For years on end he endured such hardships and sufferings as increased from day to day; enough to make one despair of success. It is inconceivable for a man with ulterior worldly motives to have shown such prolonged and steadfast

endurance. Not only that, by putting forth his claim to prophethood, he even lost the support he previously enjoyed. The price he had to pay for his one claim was to confront a hundred thousand contentions and invite a multitude of calamities to befall upon his head. He was exiled from his homeland; pursued with intent to murder; his home and belongings were destroyed. Several attempts were made on his life by poisoning. Those who were his well wishers began to harbour ill for him. Friends turned into foes. For an age which seemed an eternity he braved such hardships as are beyond a pretender and impostor to suffer through.” (Braheen Ahmadiyya: *Roohani Khaza'in*, Vol. 1, pp. 108-109)

Speaking about how he obtained Allah’s Grace he says:

“It would not have been possible for me to have attained this grace if I had not followed the footsteps of my lord and master, the pride of all the prophets, the best of mankind, Muhammad, the chosen one, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Whatever I have achieved, I have achieved by following him, and I know from verified reliable experience that no man can reach God and obtain a deeper understanding of His ways without following that Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Now, let me also make it known that the very first thing you are rewarded with, after having completely submitted yourself to the instructions and teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, is that you are granted a new heart which is always rightly inclined, that is to say, a heart which has turned cold upon the love of this material world, and instead it begins to yearn for an everlasting heavenly pleasure. Having achieved this desire this heart is now fit to receive that perfect and purest love, the love of God. Because of your complete obedience to him, all these blessings are bequeathed to you as his spiritual heritage. (*Haqeeqatul Wahi: Roohani Khaza'in*, Vol. 22, pp. 64-65)

Let us hope that each one of our members understands it well that they form part of our Jamaat to live the teachings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) in their daily life. This means that we should learn what we need to do and continue striving day in and day out. May Allah help each one amongst us to realize the true purpose of our life.