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It is incumbent upon all members of the Jamaat created by the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (as) to abide by his teachings which are but the teachings of the Holy Quran as explained by the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). Unfortunately, most members of the Jamaat do not show a great interest in reading and understanding what the Promised Messiah has said and hence their actions and their behaviour fall short of the standard set by the Promised Messiah. However, individually each person is responsible vis à vis Allah and will be questioned as to his deeds, especially actions that he did on purpose. Individual responsibility will never supplant the obedience to the caliph or Amir's doctrine. Every person must examine the way they behave. The excuse that they were obeying X or Y is never valid. If in obedience to the Amir or even the caliph, they do wrong they will be questioned for that. This is a point that must be borne in mind if one understands why we are here and what we need to do. Each one should think about the *raison d'être* of our existence often so that we do not fall into the trap of thinking that we are doing good whereas in fact we are doing things that are against the teachings of Allah or the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) or the clear teachings of the Promised Messiah (as). If an Amir or a caliph tells you to act against the teachings of the Holy Quran, you have the right to ask him why he says so whereas it is the Holy Quran that we should obey. If someone feels fear in their heart to talk with those in authority, that person's fear is misplaced because it is incumbent upon them to develop such a courage so that they fear only Allah. If an Ahmadi today cannot do this, it shows that the fear of Allah does not at all overpower their

heart. They are weak persons who are easily overwhelmed by a mere man like him. Such a person is guilty of Shirk (association with Allah) because they have given to someone else the importance that should be given to Allah alone. It is such people who should fear how their end will be. Those who strive in their daily life to give Allah the due reverence that is His, need not be afraid and they need not be sad at all. Allah is their Lord and Guide and He is sufficient for them in all circumstances. At least this is what we have learned from the Holy Quran and this is what has been confirmed through several revelations that Allah has vouchsafed to His humble servant. In brief, what I want to say is that we should take the time to try to know the teachings of the Promised Messiah and we should do our best to live these teachings in our daily life. If we lead our life in negligence we will eventually regret all the misspent time and then it would be too late to make amends.

Now we will read some excerpts from the Promised Messiah's writings. He says:

“It must be kept in mind that the Holy Quran has laid the scripture' and the prophets under obligation introducing their teachings as something intellectual, though they were in the form of stories. I tell you the truth that nobody can attain to salvation through these stories unless he studies the Holy Quran, for, it is no other Book except the Holy Quran about which it is said *innahoo la-qaulun faslun wa ma howa bil-hazl*. It is a Scale, Protector, a Light and Cure and Mercy. Those who study the Holy Quran and take it as stories, do not really study the Holy Quran (they do not understand it), rather they degrade it. Why are my opponents so strongly opposed to me? Simply because I want to show Holy Quran according to the command of God-as a light, Wisdom and a means of God-realization. On the other hand, they want

to show it as no more than ordinary stories. I cannot tolerate this. God, through His Grace, has made it clear to me that the Holy Quran is a living Book and full of light. Why should I mind the opposition? I am repeatedly advising those who are with me that this Dispensation has been started by God to reveal the fact and to make them conspicuous, for, without this, there can be no Light in the practical life. I should like the Beauty of Islam to be shown to the world through practical truth. It is for this that God has commissioned me. You should study the Holy Quran much and do so as if you study a philosophy and not just as you study some stories. {Malfoozaat, Vol. III, p. 155)

Hence we understand from this that we need to study, understand and inculcate the teachings of Islam in our own selves so that others might see that we have something special, a light, a distinction that has been given to us by Allah because of our practicing of His teachings. Jamaat Ahmadiyya has been created for this purpose. How unfortunate it is that despite all its declarations, under present leadership Jamaat Ahmadiyya continues to flout the teachings of the Holy Quran. They take the money that they are amassing to be a sign that Allah is granting them success. They take their numbers to be a sign of their success whereas the Promised Messiah has made it quite clear to them that their success will be evident when they have cleaned their heart of all malice. That is tougher than telling people to contribute to such and such funds and they will have heaven in return. There is nothing further from the truth as explained to us by the Promised Messiah. He says further:

“It should be remembered that the Meccans did not only disbelieve (the Holy Prophet, sallallahu alaihi wa sallam), mere denial of a Prophet on the basis of simple-mindedness does not bring down the wrath of God on the people in the world. It is only when the people who belie, cross all the bounds of

gentility and humanity and become shameless and foul-mouthed and they do not limit themselves to raising objections but go to the extent of teasing and machinations, that jealousy of God is roused and He destroys these cruel and unjust people for the sake of him whom He has commissioned to reform the world. That is what happened in the days of Noah. That is what happened in the days of Lot. These kinds of punishments are always meted out to people because of the mischief that is perpetrated against the prophets of God and their followers. Otherwise, so far as mere denial is concerned, it is never punished in this world. God deals with these people in another world (the next world). Punishments descend on the people because of their acts of teasing and troubling those who are commissioned by God, and because of taking the denial to the extent of mocking at them. If somebody says in a gentle manner that they have not understood such and such points and that is why "I do not fall in line with you and do not believe," it would not make that person deserving of the punishment of God, for this is their simple mindedness and lack of knowledge. I tell you the truth that if the people of Noah had objected to his prophethood in a gentle manner, they would not have been punished by God. The punishment of all the peoples is the result of their own deeds. God has said even this much that those who come to listen to the Holy Quran should be taken to a place of security, even though they may be opponents and disbelievers. It is because there is no compulsion in Islam, as the Holy Quran says: *Laa-ikraha fiddin* (There is no compulsion in the matter of religion). (*Malfoozat Vol. III, p.162.*)

Speaking about why we should be patient he said:

“They (the opponents) abuse me but I do not mind their abuses nor do I express any sorrow for this act of theirs. It is because I know that they have

become helpless and cannot oppose me successfully. They express their helplessness through hurling abuses on me, issuing Fatwa of Kufr against me and dragging me to the court with false cases and telling lies. Let them oppose me with all their powers (of all kinds) and let them see whom the decision (of God) favours. If I pay attention to their abuses, I shall not be able to do the work that God has assigned to me.

Now just as I do not pay any attention to their abuses, I advise my Community also that they should listen to the abuses and tolerate them and they should never retort with abuses, for, by doing so the blessing will be lost. They should show forbearance and patience and display good morals. You should remember it well that wisdom and excitement can in no case go together (they are very much opposed to each other). When one is excited and full of anger, wisdom takes leave and goes away. But he who shows patience and forbearance is granted a light which brightens up the powers of wisdom and then, this light begets more light. Since excitement makes the head and heart dark, this darkness produces more of darkness. (*Malfoozat Vol. III, p.181*).

He said further:

“A true Muslim is he who devotes the whole of himself (all aspects of his life) for the pleasure of God and hands himself over to Him. His beliefs and his actions, his target and his ambitions are all directed towards the achievement of His pleasure. All the good deeds that he performs are a matter of pleasure for him and he feels a sort of sweetness by doing them; he finds no difficulty in those good and virtuous deeds. These good deeds of his turn every difficulty into comfort. A true Muslim loves God the Almighty taking Him to be his beloved and his Master who is all benevolence. It is for this reason that he puts down his head at His doorstep. If a true Muslim is

told that he would get no reward for these good deeds of his-and also that there is no Paradise and no Hell, nor is there any comfort or pleasure, he would never abandon his good deeds and he would never do away with his love for God, for, he does not worship God nor he obeys Him in the hope of any rewards from Him. He does all these things because he thinks that his very existence is aimed at the recognition of God and His love and obedience, and that there is no other aim of his life than this. When he uses his powers in doing good and appropriate deeds, he sees God before his eyes-he does not mind paradise or hell. If I am told that I would be severely punished for my love for God and my obedience to Him I would bear all the hardships and I would take the pains of the punishment as a great pleasure and I would never-leave loving or obeying Him. Even one step away from obedience to God is tantamount to a thousand rather innumerable deaths and collection of all the difficulties and hardships. It is as if a king were to announce that a mother who would give no suck to her baby would be rewarded; no mother would abandon giving suck to her baby in the hope of the reward from the king. Likewise a true Muslim, whatever the promises of reward and comforts for him, would never go even one step away from obedience to God; he would deem it a total destruction for himself. (Malfoozat Vol. III, p.182)

I advise you to think about these words and to be inspired by them. May Allah grant us what is good in this world and in the next. *Ameen.*