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Today I will read only one extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah concerning the Holy Prophet Mohammad (saw). We have read several of these extracts in the two previous sermons and they all give an idea of the love, obedience and understanding that the Promised Messiah had of the status of the *Khatamul Ambiah*, the seal of the prophets, Mohammad (saw). Such an understanding, of course, escapes those who just have a literal understanding of the status of the Holy Prophet (saw). After this extract, I will read to you large extracts from the booklet “The Will” which is a gist of the teachings of the Promised Messiah. He said:

“To believe in God's Messenger is a condition precedent to believing in the Unity of God. One cannot be separated from the other. A person who claims to believe in the Unity of God without following the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him], possesses only a dry bone which has no marrow and is holding a dark lamp which gives no light. Anyone who thinks that a person who believes in God as One, without associate and does not believe in the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] will yet achieve salvation, has a **leprous** heart and is blind and has no notion what Unity of God means. Satan is better than him in his profession in the Unity of God, inasmuch as Satan, though he is disobedient, yet he believes that God is present, and such a person has no faith in God. [**Haqiqat-ul-Wahi, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 22, p. 122**]

In this extract, Hazrat Masih Maood (as) makes it quite clear that we cannot dissociate belief in the Holy Prophet from belief in the Unicity of Allah. Those who claim otherwise have severely been condemned in this extract.

Now I will start reading from the booklet “The Will” which Hazrat Masih Maood (as) wrote in December 1905 because he understood that his end was fast approaching. In this booklet most people know that Hazrat Masih Maood (as) spoke about the second manifestation which is understood to be khilafat within mainstream jamaat Ahmadiyya; there is very precious advice that the Promised Messiah gives to all those who declare

themselves to be his followers. I advise our members to listen carefully and later on to do their best to reread these extracts and to manifest these teachings in their daily life. He said:

“And you, too, should partake of the Holy Spirit by compassion and by purifying your souls. Because without the Holy Spirit true *Taqwa* cannot be attained. And, totally shedding all base desires of the self, choose for the sake of winning the pleasure of God that path compared to which no path can be narrower and straighter. Don't fall in love with the pleasures of the world, for they take you away from God. Choose a life of austerity for the sake of God. The pain which pleases God is better than the pleasure which makes Him angry. And the defeat which pleases God is better than the victory which invites the wrath of Allah. Renounce the love which brings you nearer to the wrath of Allah. If by purifying your hearts you come to Him, He will help you whichever path you tread and no enemy shall ever be able to harm you. You can never ever win the pleasure of Allah unless you, relinquishing your desires, abandoning your pleasures, sacrificing your honour, disowning your wealth, discarding your life, bear such hardships in His way as make you suffer the pangs of death. But once you suffer such hardships, you will sit in the lap of God like a beloved child. And you will be made heirs of the truthful who have preceded you. The door of every blessing will be opened to you. But there are few who belong to this category. God addressed me and said that *Taqwa* is a tree that should be planted in the heart. The very water which nourishes *Taqwa* irrigates the whole garden. *Taqwa* is a root without which everything is meaningless; and if it remains intact then nothing is lost. What benefit is there for a man in indulging himself in the useless activity of claiming with his tongue that he seeks God while he has no sure footing with his Lord. Look, I say to you truly and sincerely that ruined is he whose faith is tainted by even a hint of worldliness. Hell is very close to that soul all of whose intentions are not for God—rather some of them are for God and others are for the world. Thus, if you have an iota of worldly adulteration in your intentions, all your worship is in vain. In such a case, you do not follow God. Rather you follow Satan. Never ever expect that when you are in such a condition God will help you. Rather in this condition you are a worm of the earth and soon you will perish just as worms of the earth do. And God shall not be in you. Rather He will be happy to destroy you. But if you, in reality, die by killing your baser selves, then you shall appear

in God and God shall be with you. And the house in which you live will be blessed and God's mercy will descend on the walls which are the walls of your house. And that city shall be blessed where such a person lives. If your life and your death, your every action and movement, and your kindness, and your anger are for God only and if, in any trouble or difficulty you do not put God to the test nor sever your relationship with Him—rather, under these trials, you step forward towards God— then I truly say to you that you will become a chosen people of God. You, too, are human as I am human and that very God Who is mine is yours. So don't lay waste your noble capacities. Look! if you fully incline towards God, then be reminded—and I say it in accordance with the will and pleasure of God—that, you shall become His chosen people. Let the Greatness of God take root in your hearts; and acknowledge His Unity not just with your tongues but also with your actions, so that God, too, practically shows His Mercy and Kindness to you. Refrain from malice and treat human beings with true compassion. Adopt each and every path of righteousness for who knows from which of these paths you will be accepted?

Rejoice and be happy that the field of achieving nearness to God is vacant. Every nation is in love with the world and to what pleases God the world pays no attention. Now is the time for those who wish to enter this door that they, mustering all their strength, show their mettle and win the much coveted prize from God. Don't think that God will let you go to waste. You are the seed which the Hand of God has sown in the earth. God says that this seed will grow and flower and its branches will spread in all directions and it will become a huge tree. So, blessed is one who believes in what God says and does not fear the trials which he suffers in His path. For, the coming of trials is essential so that God may try you to see who is true in his declaration of *Bai'at* and who is false. Whoever falters in the face of a trial would do no harm to God whatsoever and ill-luck would only land him in hell. Were he not born, it would have been better for him. But all those who remain steadfast till the end—they will be shaken with quakes of calamities, and battered with storms of misfortune, ridiculed and mocked by people, and hated and reviled by the world—shall at last come out victorious. And doors of Blessings shall be thrown open for them. God addressed me and said that I should inform my *Jama'at* that those who believe and their belief is not adulterated with worldly considerations and is free from hypocrisy and cowardice and is not found

wanting at any stage of obedience, such people are the favorites of God. And God says that indeed these are the ones whose station is that of Truth.

Listen, O you who can: What is it that God desires from you? All He desires is only that you become solely His and do not associate any partners with Him, neither in the heavens nor on the earth. Our God is that God Who is alive even now as He was alive before. He speaks even now as He used to speak before. And even now He hears as He heard before. It is a false notion that in these times He only hears but does not speak. On the contrary, He hears and also speaks. All His Attributes are eternal and everlasting. None of His Attributes is in abeyance, nor will it ever be. He alone is the One without any associate; He has no son, nor has He any wife. He alone is Peerless and there is no one like Him. And He is the One Who is unique in that none of His Attributes are exclusively possessed by anyone beside Him. He has no equal. He does not share His attributes with anyone. None of His powers is less than perfect. He is near, yet far and He is far, yet near. He can reveal Himself to *Ahl-e- Kashf* . He has no body, nor any shape. He is above all, but it cannot be said that there is anything beneath Him. He is on 'Arsh' (The Divine Throne), but it can't be said that He is not on the earth. He is the sum total of all Perfect Attributes and He is the Manifestation of every True Praise. He is the source of all that is Good and encompasses all Powers and He is the source of all forms of Beneficence. He is the One to Whom everything returns. He is the Lord of all the realms. He possesses every Perfection and is free from all defects, imperfections and weakness. It is His sole prerogative that all those who belong to the earth as well as all those who belong to the heavens should worship Him. Nothing is impossible for Him. All souls and their potentialities and all particles and their potentials are His and only His creation. Nothing comes into existence without Him. He reveals Himself through His Powers, His Omnipotence and His Signs. We can attain Him only through Him. He always reveals His Being to the righteous and shows them His Omnipotence—and this is the only means by which He is recognized and the path He favours is recognized. He sees without physical eyes and hears without physical ears and speaks without a physical tongue. Likewise, it is His work to bring a thing into existence from nothingness. For example, in dreams you see how He creates a whole world without matter and shows you every mortal and nonexistent being as having existence. Thus, are all His Powers. Ignorant is he who denies His Powers. Blind is he who has no

knowledge of His profound and inconceivable Powers. He can, and does everything that He intends to, except those which are at variance with His Glory or which are in conflict with His Promises. He is unique in His Being, in His Attributes, in His Actions and in His Powers. All doors to reach Him are closed except the one which the Noble Qur'an has opened. And all Prophethoods and all Books of the past are no longer required to be followed independently, because the Prophethood of Muhammad (saw) comprises and encompasses them all. And except for it [the Prophethood of Muhammad (saw)] all routes to God are closed. Each and every truth which leads to God is in it [the Holy Qur'an] alone. Neither will any truth come after this, nor is there any earlier truth which is not present in it. ....( the Will P7-14)

We will stop here today with the prayer that Allah help us understand and put into practice these teachings, proving by deeds and not just by words that we are the true inheritors of the Promised Messiah (as), *incha* Allah.