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Hazrat Masih Maood (as) did his best to give his followers such life-giving teachings that if followed as he expected, everyone would live the life that should be lived. Unfortunately, most Ahmadis have picked and chosen what pleases them whereas they should have embraced these teachings with unflinching obedience. So, I will continue with the reading from the instructions that Hazrat Ahmad (as) has given us from the booklet *The Will*. Speaking about the plot of land identified as the *Bahishti Maqbara*, the heavenly graveyard he said among other things:

“And I pray that God may bless it and that He may make this very piece of land the *Bahishti Maqbarah*; and make it the resting place of such members of the *Jama‘at* as are pure of heart and who have in reality given precedence to Faith over the world and who have renounced the love of the world and have submitted themselves to God and have brought about in themselves a holy change and, like the companions of the Holy Prophet (saw), have set the example of faithfulness and truthfulness, *Amin*, O Lord of the worlds.

I pray again: O All-Powerful God of mine, make this piece of land fit for the graves of those of my *Jama‘at* who are pure of heart and who have in reality become Yours and in their deeds there is no adulteration of worldliness, *Amin*.

Again, for the third time do I pray: O my Mighty and Benevolent [God!] O Forgiving and Merciful God, do grant them alone a place for graves here who have true faith in this messenger of Yours and who have no trace of hypocrisy, of selfish motives and of doubt or suspicion in their hearts; and as faith and obedience deserve to be followed and observed, they follow and observe it for Your sake; and in their heart of hearts they have already sacrificed their lives for You and in Your path and You are pleased with them; and those whom You know to be totally lost in love for You; and those who have with Your Messenger a relationship of love and devotion based on loyalty, total respect and enlightened faith, *Amin*, O Lord of the worlds.” (Page 22-25)

When we read these extracts, we should shudder and wonder whether we have the characteristics that the Promised Messiah has written about or if we do not have them, whether we are doing our best to inculcate them. When we see with what levity people have been recruited to join this blessed scheme, one wonders where have gone the teachings and wishes of the Promised Messiah. He expected his followers to follow his teachings and at the same time join this noble scheme. Under no circumstances did he just expect people to join the scheme and behave as they wished. May those who have the capacity to take heed do so.

Speaking about the funds collected through this scheme he said:

“I am not worried how these funds will be collected, nor do I grieve over how such a *Jama‘at* will be raised who, inspired by their faith, shall perform such heroic feats. Rather I am worried that, after I am gone, those who will be entrusted with these funds, seeing their abundance, might stumble and fall in love with the world. So I pray that such honest people may always be found by the *Jama‘at* who work for God alone. However, it shall be lawful that those who have no means to support themselves should be given something from these funds by way of assistance.” (P28)

Jamaat Ahmadiyya mainstream prides itself that it is following the true teachings of the Promised Messiah (as) under the direction of a caliph. It is also well known that the fourth caliph even said that if the caliph makes a mistake, Allah will make it right. Here in Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mauritius, it is well known that, unfortunately, funds of the Jamaat were tampered with because some people were not honest enough to exercise proper care on them. Reluctantly, it seems, the caliph removed that person from office although he was not the only person responsible for the misuse of the funds. Before long that person was back in office, albeit in another capacity. So, where are those honest persons who were expected to supervise the assets of the Jamaat as was expected by the Promised Messiah? People have been lax with the jamaat’s funds and they have gone by scot-free. The Jamaat does not take any action unless it feels pressure and such actions are always mild. In addition, I have been told that no questions on such matters have been tolerated in the *Majlis Shoora* and those asking questions have been threatened with being reported to the caliph. The mainstream jamaat does everything to protect those whose bad reputation

will reflect badly upon it more or less like the Christian church. This is what is done to protect one of their own. Yet, for the small folks who happen to be present in a marriage ceremony of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Al Mouslemeen, they exert undue pressure to step down, which is a policy that has no validity in Islam or in the Jamaat at all. That is what happens when ignorant people start directing the affairs of men. They stumble and make others stumble. At the same time, we hear the caliph continue speaking about Justice in the world. Justice should start within jamaat Ahmadiyya where it is absent and then spread onto the world. Allah knows how long people will be guided by misguided ones. Fortunately, Allah has protected us from following such unjust practices by being separate from the mainstream jamaat. This was an a parte that had to be repeated. Now we revert to the book “The Will”.

At the end of this booklet Hazrat Masih Maood (as) wrote a poem in Persian about the readiness that we should always show to embark on our journey to the other world. He said:

*“Beware! O ye who are so watchful and by nature pure*

*In your greed for this world, do not ruin your faith.*

*Do not tie your heart to this transitory abode,*

*For underneath, its pleasure lie hidden hundreds of woes.*

*If only you had the ears to hear;*

*You would catch the voice from the grave singing:*

*'O my would-be prey;*

*Do not agonize over the sordid affairs of this world'.*

*Everyone who is enamored of this wretched world,*

*Is a hostage to misery, trials and tribulations.*

*Delivered is he who is ever-mindful of his death*

*Who breaks free from this world and hastens to follow the right path.*

*Even before his death, he sets out on his journey to the Friend;*

*Taking leave of this world and all that it contains.*

*He is ever ready to leave for the hereafter;*

*Discarding all the things mundane.*

*Since the affairs of this life are so secret and arcane;*

*You'd better break yourself free from this abode.*

*My dear child! The Hell of which the Holy Qur'an speaks,*

*Is none other than this greed for the world.*

*Since in the end one must bid farewell to this world;*

*And, must sooner or later take this trip.*

*Why should a wise man tie his heart to a garden;*

*Whose flowers are a prey to the autumn winds?*

*It is but folly to tie one's heart to this hussy,*

*For she is an enemy of faith and truth and purity.*

*Of what use is this two-faced sweetheart,*

*Who kills you at times by peace and at times by war.*

*Why not fall in love with the Sweetheart;*

*Whose love delivers from heavy chains?*

*Go, think of your end, O rebellious one!*

*Listen to Sa'di, if you will not listen to me.*

*The hour of your death shall be the hour of rejoicing;*

*Provided you die in virtue." (P33-34)*

I have read the translation to you with the hope that you might reflect on it. In another extract from his book *Buraheen Ahmadiyya* Hazrat Masih Maood (as) spoke about some of the characteristics of people who are truly devoted to Allah. He said:

“The greatest sign of their sincerity is that they give precedence to their Real Beloved over everything else, and if they experience any tribulations from Him, they view them as bounties because of their overpowering personal love, and consider the torment to be a sweet drink. The sharp edge of a sword cannot bring about separation between them and their Beloved and no great calamity can restrain them from the remembrance of the Beloved. They regard Him as their very life and find all of their delight in His love. They deem His Being as the only being and consider His remembrance as the purpose of their lives. Him alone they cherish and from Him alone they attain comfort. They have only Him in the world and become wholly His; for Him alone they live and for Him alone they die. They are in the world but are outside the world; while possessing self, they are selfless. They have no concern with honour, reputation, life, or comfort; rather, they lose everything for the sake of the One and give up everything to find the One. They are consumed by an imperceptible fire and cannot explain why they are consumed. They are deaf and dumb to every admonition and exaltation, and are ready to endure every hardship and disgrace, and find their delight therein.

*Love is what makes one roll in the dust of disgrace;*

*Love is what makes one sit in the scorching fire.*

*No one offers his head or sacrifices his life for someone else;*

*Love alone makes one perform this task with utmost sincerity.”*

Speaking about the high moral qualities that people of God Possess the Promised Messiah said:

“Another [bounty] is high moral qualities like generosity, bravery, preferring others to themselves, high resolve, abundant compassion, forbearance, modesty, and friendship. Only by them are these morals displayed in their most beautiful and befitting manner. Because of following of the Holy Quran, they faithfully manifest these morals with

excellence and affability in every condition up to the end of their lives, and they suffer no mental constraint to prevent them from exhibiting these good morals as required.

The truth is that whatever good quality, whether intellectual or relating to conduct or morals, that can be manifested by man, cannot be manifested by human capabilities alone; rather, the real cause of its manifestation is Allah's grace. As these people receive Allah's grace more than anyone else, the Benevolent God bestows all good qualities upon them through His boundless beneficence. In other words, no one is truly good except God Almighty and all high moral qualities and all virtues are proven for Him alone. Then to the degree to which a person, discarding his self and his will, acquires nearness to the Being who is All Good, to that degree divine qualities are reflected in his soul. Thus, all the good qualities and truly civilized behaviour that a person acquires proceed from his nearness to God alone. This is how it should have been, for creatures are nothing in themselves. Thus, the reflection of divine moral qualities is manifested only in the hearts of those who follow the Holy Quran perfectly; and it can be demonstrated with valid investigation that pure behaviour, spiritual eagerness, and the upsurge of love with which high moral qualities are manifested by them, are not equalled anywhere in the world. Even though anyone can make a verbal claim and can talk tall by way of boasting, these are the only people who can pass safely through the narrow door of valid investigation". (*Buraheen Ahmadiyya* Vol4 P342-44)