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For today I have chosen some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) to remind all of us of our responsibilities and duties as his followers. While listening to these words of advice, one should make as if Hazrat Masih Maood (as) is addressing these words directly to oneself in order to derive the maximum benefits from them. I am trying my best to share with you these precious and wise, lifechanging and life-giving words with the hope that it will make an impact and you will know exactly how you should lead your life. The world is full of distractions and Satan is here to distract us from Allah. We need to lead an incessant fight against it if we are to truly realize the aims of our existence. We need to constantly pray and never tire of praying if we really want to succeed. May Allah help each one amongst us to have a truly living relationship with Him so that we become fearless of anything besides Him, incha Allah. Hazrat Masih Maood (as) 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*)

“The one who is not rid of doubt is not secure from punishment either. The one who is ill fated to be deprived of seeing God in this world will also have the pit of darkness as his fate in the Hereafter. God says: "But he who is blind in this world will be blind in the Hereafter." (Bani Israel 17:73) (*Kitabul Bariyya: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 13, p. 65*)

Such passages from the Promised Messiah's writings help us understand that we should be very careful and not live a life of negligence. We should rather try our best to understand Allah and to know Him in this very life because once we die we will not be able to make any kind of effort anymore. Efforts should be made whilst one is young because later in life, when you are nearing death, you might not still have the capacity to strive to do good. So be careful and do your best today because yesterday is gone and tomorrow might not come.

The Promised Messiah (as) says further:

“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*)

Speaking on *Tauhid* the Promised Messiah (as) says:

“The Unity of God is a light which illumines 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 will bestow new life upon him”. (*Haqiqatul Wahi: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 22, p. 148*).

Whatever the Promised Messiah tells us to do is not easy. But we should try to understand his teachings. Once we understand that, we need to reform ourselves in order to know Allah and achieve the purpose of our life. Then we try to embark on this path. But since we are weak and we confess our weaknesses, we should seek His Help in order to succeed and then we would know how our supplications should be. He says further:

“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*)

“God is the light of the heavens and the earth. Every light that is seen, be it high or low, whether it belongs to souls or pertains to bodies, or be it substantive or attributive, whether hidden or evident, be it subjective or

objective, it is a mere bounty of His Grace. This is a sign which indicates that the bounties of Allah encompass everything. He is the source of all Grace and is the ultimate cause of every light, the Fountainhead of all mercies. His Being is the support of the universe and is the refuge of all, high and low. He it is Who brought everything out of the darkness of nothingness and bestowed upon everything the mantle of being. No being other than He exists by itself or is eternal. All other beings are recipients of His grace. Earth and heaven, man and beast, stones and trees, souls and bodies, all are sustained by His Grace”. (*Braheen Ahmadiyya, footnote: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 1, pp.191-192*)

“The sublime light which was bestowed on man, i.e., the most perfect among them, was not shared by angels nor by stars; nor was it in the moon, nor in the sun, or in the oceans and the rivers. It was not to be found in rubies or emeralds, nor in sapphires, nor in pearls: It was not in any earthly or heavenly object. It was possessed only by the perfect man, manifested in the most consummate way in the person of our lord and master, Muhammad, the chosen one, the chief of all the prophets, leader of those who live (in the sight of Allah). So, that light was bestowed on that man and likewise, to a degree, on all who in their several ways were similar to him... Sublime grace was possessed in its most perfect and consummate manifestation by our lord and master, the unlettered Prophet, the truthful one, the one whose truth is testified to, Muhammad, the chosen one, peace be on him”. (*Ayena Kamalat e Islam: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 5, pp. 160-162*).

Our task in life is to seek this light and to manifest it. This should be our ultimate mission or else we may miss what is most important for us. The Promised Messiah said further:

“I look always with wonder at this Arab Prophet whose name is Muhammad, thousands of blessings and peace be upon him. How exalted his status was! One cannot perceive the ultimate limit of his station, and it is not within the scope of man to fully comprehend the depth and penetration of his ennobling qualities. Alas! Due recognition has not been paid to his lofty rank. That unity which had disappeared from the world was restored by this same valiant champion. He loved God most intensely, so also his soul was consumed in deep sympathy for mankind. That is why God, Who was fully aware of the hidden excellences of his heart, exalted him above all the Prophets and all the people of the past and the future, and fulfilled his

heart's desires in the span of his lifetime. (*Haqiqatul Wahi: Roohani Khaza'in*, Vol.22, pp. 118- 119)

“Our Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, combines in him the names of all the prophets, for in him are blended the noble qualities we find only singly in all the other prophets. Hence, he is Moses as well as Jesus; he is Adam, he is Abraham, he is Joseph and also, he is Jacob. God indicates that in the verse’ “So do thou follow their guidance.” (6:91): Meaning: O Prophet of God, merge in yourself the various teachings of all the prophets! This shows that the excellence of all the prophets was combined in the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. In fact, the very name Muhammad points towards this because it means "the one who is most highly praised." The highest praise can only be conceived if it is granted that the very best virtues and special qualities of all the prophets are blended in him”. (*Ayena Kamalat e Islam: Roohani Khaza'in*, Vol. 5, p. 343)

May Allah grant all of us the *tawfiq* to follow the guidance that we have received and may we all be among those who are truly guided, *incha* Allah.