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Today insha Allah we will continue to read from the second Volume of Malfuzaat of the Promised Messiah (as). He speaks of very simple matters which are addressed to his followers who were with him at that time. Hence these words are equally of importance for us. One might even say that they are of greater importance to us because we do not have the Promised Messiah's (as) companionship. So, on one occasion he said:

“It is necessary for a Muslim, in this day and age, when Islam is overwhelmed by affliction, to play a part in dispelling this disorder. The greatest form of worship in these times is for each and every Muslim to partake in dispelling this disorder. At this time, everyone ought to strive sincerely through their speech, knowledge and every faculty with which they have been endowed, to remove from the world with sincere effort, all the evil and insolence that is currently prevalent.

What good is the comfort and pleasure that one receives in this world? If it is in this world that a person receives their reward then what has been attained? Prefer the reward of the hereafter, which has no limit. Each and every one of you ought to possess a passion for the Unity and Oneness of God, just as God Himself is passionate for His own Unity. Just reflect, where in the world will you find a person who has been wronged more than our Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him? There is no filth, abuse or invective that has not been hurled at him. Is this a time when the Muslims should sit silently? At this time, if no one stands up to bear witness to the truth and to silence the ones who speak falsehood, and if one deems it acceptable for disbelievers to go on shamelessly casting aspersions against our Prophet and continue misguiding the people, then remember that such a Muslim shall undoubtedly be called to account severely. You ought to employ whatever knowledge and experience you have to serve in this cause and save the people from this misfortune. It is established in the Hadith that even if you do not strike the Antichrist, it will die anyway. There is a famous adage:

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*Every pinnacle sees a decline.*

These afflictions began to arise in the thirteenth century, and now the time of their end is near. It is the responsibility of each and every one of you to strive insofar as possible and show people the light.”

He continued:

“In the sight of Allah the Exalted, a saint and a man of blessings is one who develops such passion. God desires for His glory to be manifested. In the Prayer, one repeats: *Subhaanallahi wa behamdehi* (Holy is my Lord by His Praise) *Subhanallah hil azim*

*(Holy is my Lord the Great)*. This is also an expression of the desire that God's glory should shine forth and that His greatness be manifested in a manner that has no parallel. In the Prayer, when a person glorifies Allah and extols His Holiness, the same sentiment is expressed; and through these words, God encourages man to realise that he ought to demonstrate through his works and efforts—with a natural fervour—that nothing which goes against the greatness of God can dominate him. This is an exalted form of worship. Those people whose passion is aligned with the will of God are the ones who are known as divinely supported and it is they who receive blessings. Those who do not possess a fervour for the greatness, glory and holiness of God, the Prayers that they offer are disingenuous and their prostrations are futile. Until a person possesses a fervour for the sake of God, these prostrations are nothing more than futile incantations, by which they desire to attain paradise.

Bear in mind that anything physical in nature that is empty of spirit cannot prove beneficial. For example, just as the meat of sacrifices does not reach God, your bows and prostrations do not reach Him either, until they are performed with a true spirit. God desires the essence. God loves those who possess ardor for His honour and greatness. People of this nature tread a fine path on which others do not have the strength to follow them. Until the essence is present, a human being cannot progress. It is as though God has sworn to not grant a person any pleasure until they possess a zeal for His sake. Every human being possesses desire, but a person cannot become a believer until they give precedence to the greatness of God over all of their desires. The Arabic word *wali* means a near one or a friend. Therefore, a person is referred to as a *wali* (or a saint) when they desire what their Friend, i.e. God, desires. Allah the Exalted states:

*And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me.*

An individual ought to possess a zeal for the sake of God and if they do, they shall outstrip their fellow man and become among those who enjoy the nearness of God. One must not be like a dead corpse—when something is put in from one side of the mouth, it comes out of the other. In the same manner, when someone is in a wretched state, nothing good can go inside. Remember that no worship or charity is accepted until one possesses a sincere fervour for the sake of Allah Almighty—a fervour that is free from traces of selfishness or personal motive. It ought to be such that even a person himself is unable to explain why they possess this fervour. There is a dire need for such people, but nothing is possible without the will of God.”

He said further:

“Those who have been engaged in such service to religion ought to remember that they have done no favour upon God. There comes a time when every crop must be cut for harvesting. In the same manner, now the time has come for corruption to be dispelled. The worship of the Trinity has reached its highest limit and the Truthful One has been slandered and insulted to the greatest possible extent. The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has not been valued even to the extent of a bee or a

wasp. People fear wasps and are even apprehensive of ants, but no one has hesitated in speaking ill of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Such people fall true to the following statement of God Almighty:

كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا

*They rejected our signs.*

They have lashed out against the Holy Prophet (saw) as much as they could and have openly spewed out vulgarities and invectives against him. Now the time has truly come for God to recompense them. In such an era, Allah the Exalted always raises a man. As God Almighty states:

وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّةِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا

*And thou wilt never find a change in the way of Allah.*

God raises a man who possesses an immense passion for His greatness and glory.

That man is supported by a hidden, divine succour. In actuality, everything is done by God Almighty Himself, but His raising a man for this purpose is in accordance with His custom. Now the time has come. In the Holy Quran, God advised the Christians to not exceed the limits in their religion, but they did not act upon this exhortation and having first been misguided themselves, they have now begun to misguide others as well. If one studies the ‘scriptures of nature,’ it becomes evident that when a thing exceeds the limits, preparations begin in the heavens. The fact that the time for preparation has now arrived is the very sign of the coming of that man. A chief sign of the appearance of a true Prophet, Messenger or Reformer is that he appears at the proper time and in an era of need; he appears in a time when people swear on oath that the time has now come for something to be done in heaven. But remember that God Almighty does everything Himself. If all the members of my community—myself included—were to retreat into seclusion, the task at hand would still be accomplished and the Antichrist will fall. As Allah the Exalted states:

تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامُ نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ

*These days We cause to alternate among men that they may be admonished.*

The ascendancy of the Antichrist at this time proves that the time for its downfall has now come; its height demonstrates that now it shall see a low; its flourishing is a sign of its imminent destruction. Indeed! The cool breeze has now begun. The works of God follow their course gradually and softly. Even if I had no argument in my support, the Muslims still ought to have wandered frantically in search of the Messiah and asked why he has not yet appeared. Indeed, he has come to break the cross. The Muslims should not have engaged him in disputes with themselves, for his purpose was to break the cross; this is what the present time calls for and this is why he was named the ‘Promised Messiah’. If the Muslim clergy had the well-being of mankind in view, they surely would not have acted in this manner. They would have realized that nothing is to be

accomplished by issuing edicts against me. When God says that a certain thing should be, who has the power to say that it should not be? In a way, my opponents are actually my servants and helpers, because they convey my message to the east and to the west.” (Malfuzaat, p.147-152)

The Catholic church is reeling these days under plenty of scandals involving people who are at the upper echelon of the hierarchy. The doctrine of Christianity which has dominated Europe for more than a millennium is no longer attractive to most of European Christians living these days although Christianity might be in the ascendant in Africa and South America. The pope has several times expressed his exasperation for his inability to reform the administration of the church at the highest level. Slowly the power of the church has been eroding in many countries even the big ones. I once read an article where someone said that if somebody were to invent a new religion in America, he could easily win over all the frustrated Christians who are leaving the church there. In some ways, we may say that the Promised Messiah has indeed broken the doctrines of the Christians and now there seems to be an implosion within the church and there is as well plenty of exasperation among the ordinary people. We should do our best to participate in the Jihad of standing up for the true teachings of Islam by passionately following them every day. Each one can examine himself and wonder what he or she is doing to show that he or she is indeed loyal to the teachings. May Allah keep our heart open to the wisdom of the teachings of Islam and may we all have a sense of pride that we are amongst those people who love Allah and stand up for His cause. May Allah ignite such a passion in each one among us. Ameen.