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Today I will, insha Allah, continue sharing with our friends further extracts from the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) about the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw). Speaking about how the revival of faith in Tauhid was brought about by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), the Promised Messiah said:

“The Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] came into the world to bestow hearing on the deaf, who had continued in that condition for hundreds of years. Who is blind and who is deaf? The one who does not accept the Unity of God and who does not accept this Prophet who revived the Unity of God on the earth. The same Prophet who converted the wild ones into men and then converted them into men possessing true moral qualities, then dyed them in the **Divine colour** of those who establish **their relationship with God**; the same Prophet, the sun of righteousness, at whose feet thousands of those who had died of paganism and atheism and evil living were revived and came to life and a sample of the Judgement Day was exhibited. It was not mere talk like that of **Jesus**. The Prophet who appeared in **Mecca** and dispelled the darkness of paganism and that of the worship of man, was the **true light of the world**, who found the world in darkness and bestowed such light upon it that he converted a dark night into day.

What was the world before his advent and what did it become after it? This is not a question that is difficult to answer. If we are faithful our conscience will tug at us to persuade us to believe that before **that great personage** the greatness of God had been forgotten by the people of every country and it had been assigned to **avatars, stones, stars, trees, animals, and mortal men**, and despised creation was seated in the place of that **Lord of Glory and Holiness**. It is true that if these men and animals and trees and stars were in fact God, **Jesus** being one of them, then this Prophet was not needed, but if they were not God, the **claim that our lord** Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] **made on the hill of Mecca** has a grand light attending upon it. What was that claim? It was that God, having found the world in the deep darkness of associating partners with God, had sent him to dispel that darkness. It was not only a claim, but a claim fully established by the Holy Prophet (saw).

“If the superiority of any Prophet can be established by such works as proclaim true sympathy with mankind exceeding that of all other Prophets, then, O ye people, arise and bear witness that in this respect Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] **has**

no equal in the world.... Blind worshippers of creatures have not recognized that great Prophet (saw) who set forth thousands of examples of true sympathy with mankind.....”

Here I would like to comment that Hazrat Masih Maood (as) tells us that there was no one in history who could rival the sympathy that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) had for mankind. In fact, those who are “blind worshippers of creatures” cannot recognize the true grandeur of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw). How unfortunate it is that in his own followers many today practice a real hatred for those who have a different opinion than they have although they claim that they are followers of the Promised Messiah (as) and followers of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw). The Promised Messiah (as) said further:

“I perceive, however, that the time has arrived when this Holy Messenger (saw) would be recognized. If you wish you might **record my statement** that henceforth the **worship of the dead** will decline daily till it disappears altogether. Will man set himself up against God? Will a despised drop frustrate the designs of God? Will the projects of mortal man disgrace Divine commandments? **O ye who can hear, listen, and O ye who can reflect, consider and remember that truth will be proclaimed and he who is the true light will shine forth.** [*Majmu‘a Ishtiharat, Vol. 2, pp. 305-307*]

“It is my personal experience that to obey the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] with a sincere heart and to love him, ultimately makes a person beloved of God. God creates in his heart a burning for His Own love and such a one, withdrawing his heart from everything else, leans towards God and his affection and desire remain only for God Almighty. Thereupon a special manifestation of Divine love falls upon him and, bestowing upon him the full colour of love and devotion, pulls him towards itself with great force. He then overcomes his passions and from every direction extraordinary works of God Almighty appear as signs in his support and to help him. [*Haqiqat-ul-Wahi, Ruhani Khaza’in, Vol. 22, pp. 67-68*]

This is what Hazrat Masih Maood (as) tells us. Yet mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat wants people to believe that such favours are the exclusive preserve of Ahmadiyya caliphs only. Masih Maood (as) said further:

“It is my personal experience that through invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him], Divine grace in the shape of wonderful light proceeds in the direction of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] and is absorbed into his breast and then issuing therefrom numberless streams of it reach everyone deserving them according to his capacity. Certainly, no grace can reach anyone without the agency of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. Invoking blessings on the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] brings

into movement his throne from which these streams of light issue. He who desires to obtain the grace of God Almighty should invoke blessings on him persistently, so that divine grace might be moved.” [al-Hakam, 28 Feb. 1903, p. 7]

He further said:

“One night this humble one invoked blessing on the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] to such a degree that my heart and soul were filled with its fragrance. That night I saw in my dream that angels were carrying water skins full of light into my house and one of them said to me: These are the blessings that you invoked upon Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]”. [Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Ruhani Khaza'in Vol. 1, p. 598, sub-footnote 3]

“We should not let a doubt enter our minds how a mere follower can partake of the names, attributes, and praises of that accepted Messenger [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. It is true that in reality even a Prophet cannot share equally in the holy excellences of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. Indeed, even all the angels cannot claim equality in that respect, let alone that anyone else should share in his excellences.

But O seeker after truth, may God guide you aright, listen carefully to this. With the object that the blessings of that accepted Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] should be displayed forever and that the perfect rays of his light should confound and refute his opponents, God Almighty has made the following arrangement by His wisdom and mercy. Some individuals out of the followers of Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] who obey him with thorough humility and falling prostrate on the threshold of humbleness are completely lost to their ego, being found by God like a clear mirror, exhibit the blessings of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] in their humble selves. Whatever praise is bestowed upon them by God and whatever signs and blessings are manifested by them, the true source of all their praise and the perfect fountainhead of all those blessings is the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. In reality and in their perfection, those praises are worthy only of him and he is their perfect exemplar, but as the follower of the way of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] becomes through his perfect obedience like a reflection of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him], the divine lights which are focused on and manifested in the holy being of the Holy Prophet are also manifested and reflected in his followers. The appearance in the shadow of the whole form and manner of the reality is a matter that is not hidden from anyone. This shadow is not established in itself and no superiority is in reality present in it. All that appears in it is a picture of the real one which is manifested in the reflection. Do not, therefore,

consider it a loss that the inner lights of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] reach those who are perfectly obedient to him out of his followers.

Two great matters result from this reflection of lights, which, like permanent grace, manifests itself in some members of the following of Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allah be on him]. One is that the extreme perfection of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] is thereby displayed; for a torch from which other torches can be lit and are ever lit, is better than a torch from which no other torch can be lit. Secondly, the perfection of the Muslims and their superiority over the followers of other religions is established by this permanent grace and the proof of the reality of the religion of Islam are furnished afresh and reliance is not had only upon the past. This is the manner in which the lights of the truth of the Holy Qur'an shine forth like the sun, and the proof of Islam is established conclusively as against its opponents, and the disgrace, humiliation and frustration of the enemies of Islam is made manifest.

They observe in Islam those blessings and light the like of which they cannot find in the ministers and pundits of their own religion. *Consider this well, O true seeker, May Allah help you in your search....*

How great is the station of the *Khatam-ul-Anbiya'* [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] and how excellent is the bright effectiveness of this sun of righteousness that obedience to him makes someone a perfect believer and someone else a recognizer of God and bestows upon a third one the rank of a Sign of Allah and a Proof of Allah and bestows upon him Divine praise." **[Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Ruhani Khaza'in Vol. 1, pp. 268-271, sub-footnote 1]**

So, I say it again: the door to spiritual blessings is never closed and remains open throughout the world for the true followers of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw). Each one amongst us should do our best to receive a share of these Favours from Allah directly. If someone says that these favours are intermediated through a caliph, that person is wrong. Do not listen to him. Do your best to purify yourself to such an extent that the character and high moral qualities of the Holy Prophet (saw) are reflected in you. The best way open to us for the achievement of this objective is to recite Darood with great sincerity in our heart. Unless we practice this recitation, we will never be able to purify our self. May Allah help each one among us to become a true reflection of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw). Ameen!