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Today I will insha Allah read to you some extracts from Hazrat Masih Maood's book "Al Wasiyyat" which has been translated as "The Will" in English and "Le Testament" in French. Most amongst us might not have read the book. But since it's the "will" of Hazrat Masih Maood (as), I think we should make it a duty to be aware of its contents. The Promised Messiah (as) finished writing this booklet on 20th December 1905 and he died on 26th May 1908. It is an important booklet because in it, Hazrat Masih Maood (as) explains how the Jamaat should be organized after his death and how all should work together in a spirit of cooperation and brotherhood after he is gone. However, it appears that his bequests were not fully complied with. So, we need to know what he said by reading the booklet in its original version. After *Bismalla*, and praise for Allah and Darood on the Holy Prophet (saw) and all his companions he said:

"Since God Almighty has informed me, through recurrent revelations, that the time of my demise is near, and since these revelations have been of such force as to shake me to the very core of my being—turning my heart cold to this life—I have deemed it appropriate to write a few words of admonition and advice for my friends and other such persons as may wish to derive benefit from my words.

To begin with, I commit to writing the Divine revelations which informed me of my imminent death and motivated me to undertake this task. The following is the revelation which was received in the Arabic language. Later the revelation in Urdu will also be mentioned.

قَرُبَ أَجْلُكَ الْمُقَدَّرُ. وَلَا نُبْقَى لَكَ مِنَ الْمُخْزِيَّاتِ ذِكْرًا.
قَلَّ مِيعَادُ رَبِّكَ. وَلَا نُبْقَى لَكَ مِنَ الْمُخْزِيَّاتِ شَيْئًا. وَإِنَّمَا
نُرِيْنَكَ بَعْضَ الَّذِي نَعِدُهُمْ أَوْ نَتَوَفَّيْنَكَ. تَمُوتُ وَأَنَا رَاضٍ

مِّنْكَ. جَاءَ وَقْتُكَ وَنُبْقَى لَكَ الْآيَاتِ بَاهِرَاتٍ. جَاءَ
وَقْتُكَ وَنُبْقَى لَكَ الْآيَاتِ بَيِّنَاتٍ. قَرُبَ مَا تُوعَدُونَ. وَأَمَّا
بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ. إِنَّهُ مَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَيَصْبِرْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ
أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ.

Translation:

“The appointed time of your death has come close and We shall leave no trace of anything the allusion to which might reflect adversely upon your honour. Very little is left of the term which God has ordained with respect to you. And We shall dispel and demolish and leave no trace of any objection intended to defame and humiliate you. We have the Power to show you a part of the fulfilment of Our prophecies about the opponents or cause you to die. You will die while I am pleased with you. We shall always cause the manifest signs to remain as a testimony to your truthfulness. The promise which was made is close. Proclaim the bounty of your Lord which has been bestowed on you. The one who adheres to *Taqwa* and is steadfast, God does not waste the reward of such righteous ones.”

He continues:

“It should be remembered here that when God Almighty says that He will not leave behind any such objections against me as might be the cause of my disgrace and defamation, the statement has two meanings: (1) first that He shall refute and wipe out all objections which are published with the intention of defaming me. (2) second that those who raise such objections and do not refrain from mischief, nor desist from vilification, We shall rid the world of their presence and wipe them off the face of the earth, with the result that with their destruction their objections would also be wiped out. After this God spoke to me in Urdu regarding my death and addressed me in the following words:

Translation:

"Very few days are left. On that day all will be saddened. This will happen, this will happen, this will take place. Your event will take place after all other events and natural wonders have been demonstrated."

The knowledge that I have been granted about the calamities is none other than that death will run rampant on all sides, that earthquakes of such severity will occur as will provide a foretaste of the Day of Judgement. The earth will be turned upside down and the lives of many will become agonizingly distressing.

Then, those who repent and forsake sin, to them Allah will show mercy. As all the Prophets(as) had prophesied about this age, it was inevitable that all this should have come to pass. But those who set their hearts aright and follow the ways favoured by God shall have no fear or grief.”

Addressing me God Almighty said:

"You are a warner on my behalf. I have sent you so that the guilty ones be separated from the righteous," And He said: "A warner came unto the world but the world accepted him not, yet God will accept him and demonstrate his truthfulness with mighty onslaughts." And "I shall bless thee, so much so that kings shall seek blessings from thy garments."

He said further:

“God's Word informs me that many calamities will occur and many disasters will descend on the earth—some during my lifetime and some after I have gone. And He will promote and advance this *Jama‘at* to the full. A part of it will happen at my hands, and some after me.

This is the Way of God. And ever since He created man on earth, He has always been demonstrating this Divine practice. He helps His Prophets (as) and Messengers (as) and grants them success and predominance, as He says: ‘God has ordained that He and His Prophets shall prevail.’ [Author].(The Holy Qur’an, Al-Mujadalah 58:22)

And by predominance is meant that as Messengers (as) and Prophets (as) desire that God’s *Hujjat* (**Literally Argument. Here it means Will, Purpose of God**) is established in the world and no one is able to oppose it, so, in turn, does God demonstrate with powerful signs their truthfulness as well as the truth they wish to spread in the world. He lets them sow the seed of it [the truth], but He does not let it come to full fruition at their hands. Rather He causes them to die at such time as apparently forebodes a kind of failure and thereby provides an opportunity for the opponents to laugh at, ridicule, taunt, and reproach the Prophets (as). And after they have had their fill of ridicule and reproach, He reveals yet another dimension of His Might and creates such means by which the objectives which had to some extent remained incomplete are fully realized.

Thus, He manifests two kinds of Power. (1) First, He shows the Hand of His Power at the hands of His Prophets (as) themselves. (2) Second, when with the death of a Prophet (as), difficulties and problems arise and the enemy feels stronger and thinks that things are in disarray and is convinced that now this *Jama'at* will become extinct and even members of the *Jama'at*, too, are in a quandary and their backs are broken, and some of the unfortunate ones choose paths that lead to apostasy, then it is that God for the second time shows His Mighty Power and supports and takes care of the shaken *Jama'at*. Thus, one who remains steadfast till the end witnesses this miracle of God....”

Then the Promised Messiah (as) explains how Allah saved Islam after the death of the Holy Prophet (saw) and how He took care of the Jews after the death of Hazrat Musa (as). He then said:

“So dear friends! since it is the *Sunnatullah*, from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two Manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His *Sunnah* of old. So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its coming is better for you because it is everlasting, the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement. And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you which shall always stay with you just as promised by God in *Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya*. And this promise is not for my person. Rather the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: I shall make this *Jama'at* who are your followers, prevail over others will the Day of Judgment. Thus, it is inevitable that you see the day of my departure, so that after that day the day comes which is the day of ever-lasting promise. Our God is He Who keeps His Promise and is Faithful and is the Truthful God. He shall show you all that He has promised. Though these days are the last days of this world and there are many a disaster waiting to happen, yet it is necessary that this world continues to exist until all those things about which God has prophesied come to pass. I came from God as a Manifestation of Divine Providence and I am a personification of His Power. And after I am gone there will be some other persons who will be the manifestation of the second Power [of God]. So, while waiting for the second Manifestation of His Power, you all together keep yourselves busy praying. And let a *Jama'at* of righteous people, one and all, in every country keep themselves busy in prayers so that the second Manifestation may descend from the Heaven and show you that your God is such Mighty God. Consider your death to be close at hand for you never know when that hour will strike.

Let the righteous persons of the *Jama'at* who have pure souls accept *Bai'at* in my name. [In a footnote he adds : Such persons will be selected by consensus of the believers. Hence if forty believers agree that a person is competent to accept *Bai'at* in my name, he will be entitled to accept *Bai'at*. And such a person ought to make himself an example for others.] God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it Europe or Asia, and who have virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith. This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to the world. You, too, therefore should pursue this end, but with kindness, moral probity and fervent prayers. And till that time when someone inspired by God with the Holy Spirit is raised by Him, all of you should work in harmony with one another.

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 straiter. 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 hardship, 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.” (ends page 10)

We will end here for today. Incha Allah we will continue next week. May Allah help us so that we might always be among this select group of people of who practice *taqwa* as just described. Incha Allah.