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Last week I said that we will insha Allah read the last part of the booklet “The Will” (*Al Wasiyyat*) today. We were reading last week the appendix that Hazrat Masih Maood (as) wrote in January 1906. We have already read 13 out of the 20 points about which the Promised Messiah (as) spoke. He said further:

“14. It shall be permissible for the support and help of this *Anjuman*, to have its branches in far off lands which shall function under its directives and such branches shall be subsidiary to it [the *Anjuman* at Qadian]. If such subsidiary *Anjumans* are in countries from where it is difficult to bring the bodies of the deceased, it shall be permissible for the local *Anjumans* to bury them in their respective countries.

And in order to have Divine reward, such a person should bequeath one tenth of his/her property before his/her death. The local *Anjuman* of a country shall be entitled to own the funds raised by bequests made in that country. It shall be preferable that such funds are spent for the religious needs of that country. However, it shall be permissible that, in view of certain requirements, such funds are sent to the *Anjuman*, the headquarters of which are at Qadian.

15. It is mandatory that the headquarters of this *Anjuman* always remain at Qadian, because God has blessed this place. For this purpose, it shall be permissible for the *Anjuman* to erect buildings in anticipation of future needs.

16. There should always be at least two such members of the *Anjuman* as are well versed in the knowledge of the Holy Qur'an and *Hadith* and who have acquired the knowledge of Arabic and are also learned in Ahmadiyya literature.

17. If, God forbid, there is a person who makes a will in accordance with the booklet ‘The Will’, and happens to suffer from leprosy and his/her physical condition is such that it is not suitable for his/her dead body to be brought to this graveyard, then in view of the known precautionary measures, it shall not be proper for him/her to be brought to this graveyard. However, if such a person has been able to carry out his/her obligations under the will, then such a person shall have the same station as is reserved for one who is buried here—God willing.

18. If there is a person who has no property, moveable or immovable, but it is established that he/she is virtuous, saintly, God-fearing, a genuine believer and has no trace of hypocrisy and worldliness, nor is he/she found wanting in implicit obedience, then he/she, too, by my permission, or after me, with the consensus of the *Anjuman*, may be buried in this graveyard.

19. If a person is rejected by a special Divine Revelation, he/she shall not be buried in this graveyard, even though he/she offers to pay the bequeathed contribution.

20. God has made an exception in my case and the case of my wife and children. All other men and women must comply with these conditions; and whoever objects will be a hypocrite.”

Then the Promised Messiah (as) wrote:

“These are the obligatory conditions which have been detailed above. In future, only that person who complies with these conditions shall be buried in this *Maqbara Bahishti*. It is possible that there may be persons, who are swayed by doubt and suspicion and make me a target of objections in this matter, and regard this arrangement as based on selfish motives or judge it as a *Bid‘at*. But remember, these are the Works of God Almighty, and He does what He wills.

Indeed, He has willed that by this scheme He shall distinguish between a hypocrite and a believer. And I too feel that those who, having been informed of this Divine scheme, become anxious, immediately and without hesitation, to subscribe one tenth of their property in the way of Allah—nay, they even show greater fervour—and set the seal on their faithfulness. Allah says: "Do the people think that I [Allah] should be pleased only by their verbal claim: ‘We have believed’ and that they should not be tried just yet. Whereas this trial is no trial. The companions of the Holy Prophet (saw) were tried when they were required to sacrifice their lives.

Accordingly, they laid down their lives in the path of God. Then how far away from the truth is the thought as to why everyone is not allowed to be buried in this graveyard. Were this the case, why then did God Almighty prescribe trials in each age? In every age, He has been pleased to distinguish the impure from the pure. He has, therefore, done the same now. In the days of the Holy Prophet (saw), God prescribed some minor trials, too. For example, it was the practice that no one would seek any kind of advice from the Holy Prophet (saw) without offering *Nadhrana* (anything given as a gift to a holy person, specially the Holy Prophet (saw)). Thus, in this too was a trial for the hypocrites. I feel that in present day trials too, the faithful ones of the highest order who have in fact given precedence to faith over worldliness will stand distinguished from others and it shall be proved that they have fulfilled their pledge of *Bai‘at* and established their *bona fides*. No doubt this institution [of *Wasiyyat*] will be very hard on the hypocrites, for it will expose them and after they die, be they men or women, they will certainly not be buried in this graveyard. But those who excel in this matter will be counted among the righteous and forever and always shall they be the recipients of Divine blessings.

Finally, let it be remembered that the days of calamities are close at hand and a severe earthquake that will turn the earth upside down is imminent. Hence, before Divine chastisement strikes, those who prove that they are not of this world and have renounced it, and who further demonstrate how well they carried out my command, they alone are the true believers in the sight of God. And their names shall be listed in His book as of those who are the first and foremost. And truly and sincerely do I say that the time is near when a hypocrite who out of his love for this world, has evaded

this commandment, will at the time of chastisement let out an anguished cry and say, 'Would that I had given all that I possessed—all my movable and immovable possessions—in the way of God and escaped this chastisement'. Remember, after witnessing this punishment faith will be of no avail and alms and charity will be in vain. Look, I warn you of an imminent Divine chastisement. Hasten to stock up on your [spiritual] provisions that will serve you. As for me, I have no intention of taking possession of your wealth. Rather you shall give your wealth to the *Anjuman* for the propagation of the Faith and shall be rewarded with a life in Heaven. There are many who, for their love of the world, shall evade my command but shall soon be taken away from this world—then at the last hour they shall exclaim:

'This is what the Gracious God had promised and the Messengers spoke the truth.' (The Holy Qur'an, Yasin 36:53). [Translators]

Peace be on one who follows the Guidance

The humble one, the author,

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

The **Promised Messiah** from God Almighty.

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My aim in giving our members a summary of what Hazrat Masih Maood (as) said in this booklet is to remind myself and our members, especially the younger members, to stay aware of what Hazrat Masih Maood (as) said regarding the need to make sacrifices for the advancement of the cause of Islam. Our objective is only to inform and educate where possible. Each one who is an adult among us is responsible for his actions and for this he will have to answer to Allah. If we say we believe in the Promised Messiah (as), we should all do our best to implement his instructions to the best of our ability. May Allah help each one amongst us to do so.

We may have personal objections about the way the mainstream Jamaat goes about collecting several types of Chanda, but we should know that in the Holy Quran there are many beautiful verses which speak about this matter. I will read a few verses and you may look for the others by yourselves. Allah says:

"Who is it that will lend Allah a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? And Allah receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return." (2:246)

"O ye who believe! Spend out of what We have bestowed on you before the day comes wherein there shall be no buying and selling, nor friendship, nor intercession, and it is those who disbelieve that do wrong to themselves." (2:255)

"The similitude of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like the similitude of a grain of corn which grows seven ears, in each ear a hundred grains. And

Allah multiplies it further for whomsoever He pleases and Allah is Bountiful, All-Knowing."

"They who spend their wealth for the cause of Allah, then follow not up what they have spent with taunt or injury; for them is their reward with their Lord, and they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve." (2:262-3)

"And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allah and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain suffices. And Allah sees what you do." (2:266)

"If you give alms openly, it is well *and good*; but if you conceal them and give them to the poor, it is better for you; and He will remove from you *many* of your sins. And Allah is aware of what you do." (2:172)

Allah says to the Holy Prophet (saw):

"It is not thy responsibility to make them follow the right path; but Allah guides whomsoever He pleases. And whatever of wealth you spend, it is for yourselves, while you spend not but to seek the favour of Allah. And whatever of wealth you spend, it shall be paid back to you in full and you shall not be wronged." (2:273)

"Those who spend their wealth by night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; on them *shall come* no fear, nor shall they grieve." (2:275)

Now I will read some hadiths:

"The Holy Prophet (saw) once asked:

"Who among you loves the property of his heir more than his own? The companions submitted: 'O Messenger of Allah (saw) there is none among us who loves his heir's property more than his own'.

He said 'Then your real property is that which you send before you; and that which you retain belongs to your heir.'" (Sahih Bukhari Kitabur Riqaq).

"Abu Huraira reported Allah's messenger as stating that Allah the Almighty says: "Spend with an open heart, Allah will spend upon thee." (Sahih Muslim Kitabu Zakat.)

"Whoever spends anything in the cause of Allah, is rewarded seven hundred times more."(Tirmidhi).

There are many more hadiths which one can explore through one's own reading. May Allah help us all to be true Muslims in His Sight. Ameen.