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Praise be to Allah that Covid restrictions have been lifted and people are able to move about by observing precautionary measures. May Allah end all the remaining restrictions as soon as possible and may we all be able to meet and talk as much as we did before. However, we remind all brothers and sisters that we should be strict in the observance of social distancing and we can also avoid shaking hands and make use of sanitizers as often as is practicable. Although some amongst us have been vaccinated, we should not labour under the delusion that the vaccine will keep us safe. We should take all our precautionary measures and trust in Allah and continue to pray that He keeps us all safe and that He delivers the world of this misery as soon as possible.

Now, we will continue sharing with our brothers and sisters extracts from the writings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) which will increase our faith and our practice incha Allah. He says:

“The human heart is like *Hajr-e-Aswad* [the Black Stone] and a man’s bosom is like *Baitullah* [the House of Allah]. The thoughts of that which is beside Allah are the idols installed in the *ka’bah* of his heart.

The idols of the Holy city of Mecca were obliterated when our Holy Prophet (saw), accompanied by ten thousand saints, arrived in Mecca and Mecca surrendered... To defeat and obliterate the idols that are beside Allah, it is necessary that they should be invaded in the same manner... A Jihad is needed for clearing this house of its idols and I teach you the way of this Jihad, and assure you that if you follow it you will succeed in breaking those idols. This way is not devised by me. God has appointed me to disclose it to you. What is that way? It is that you should follow me and obey me. This is not a new call. To clear Mecca of idols, the Holy Prophet (saw) also announced:

Say, ‘**If you love Allah, follow me; then will Allah love you**’. (3:32)

In the same way, if you will follow me you will be able to break the idols that are inside you and you will be able to purify your bosoms which are filled with idols of many kinds. No hard disciplines are needed for the purification of the self. The Companions of the Holy Prophet (saw) did not subject themselves to any hard disciplines nor to any purposeless repetition of formulas.

What they possessed was something very different: they were wholly committed to obedience of the Holy Prophet (saw). The light that was in him passed through the duct of obedience and fell upon the hearts of his Companions (ra) and wiped out all thoughts of everything beside Allah. Their bosoms were filled with light in place of

darkness. Remember well that the same is the situation today. You cannot be purified until the light which comes through the Divine duct falls upon your hearts. The human bosom is the place of descent of Divine light; that is why it is called the House of Allah. The grand design is that the idols that fill it should be broken and Allah alone should dwell in it. [**Malfuzaat, vol. 1, pp. 187-188**]

Here, I would like to make some brief comments. An Ahmadi Muslim should be determined that he will embark on the jihad (struggle) to purify his heart of all its idols. Once this decision is taken, the struggle starts and it is never easy but one should never be discouraged however difficult the path is. Getting rid of all the idols that invade our heart is a never-ending task. It asks for a sustained determination, plenty of prayers, regular reading of the Holy Quran and meditation of its verses and a deep desire to manifest the beautiful moral qualities of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) in one's life. And we should be committed to do this every hour and everyday that Allah graces us with life. But it becomes easy for him or her to whom Allah makes it easy. So, we should continuously be seeking His Help to achieve this life purpose. May he help us all by His Grace.

In another extract, the Promised Messiah (as) tells us:

“Just consider whether, during the last thirteen hundred years, anyone has experienced a time which is so similar to the time of the Holy Prophet (saw). Our Jamaat, which has been established in this age, resembles in many respects the Companions (ra) of the Holy Prophet (saw).

Our people witness miracles and signs such as the Companions (ra) witnessed and gain light and certainty from fresh heavenly signs and support as the Companions (ra) did. They endure, in the cause of Allah, the mockery and derision and reproaches of people, and bear persecution and boycotts, just as the Companions (ra) endured. They lead pure lives helped by clear heavenly signs and supports and wise teachings, as did the Companions (ra). There are many among them who weep during their Prayers as the Companions (ra) wept—so profusely that their places of prostration were dampened. Many of them see true dreams and are honoured with Divine revelations, as was the case with the Companions (ra). Many of them spend their hard-earned money in promoting the activities of the Jamaat, purely for the sake of winning the pleasure of God Almighty, as did the Companions (ra). Many among them keep death in mind and are gentle of heart and tread the path of true righteousness, as was the practice of the Companions (ra). They are the party of God who are supported by God Himself and whose hearts He is purifying daily and whose bosoms He is filling with the wisdom of faith and whom He is drawing towards Himself through heavenly signs, as He did with the Companions (ra). In short, this *Jamaat* exhibits all those signs which are implied in the verse: “Others from among them.” (62:4) The Word of God Almighty was bound to be fulfilled”. [**Ayyam-us-Sulh, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 14, pp. 306-307**]

There are plenty of published examples proving the validity of this statement. Maybe some other time we might speak about them insha Allah. The Promised Messiah says in another extract:

“God, Who is hidden from the eyes but is shining brighter than anything else, and of Whose Majesty even the angels are afraid of, does not like insolence and cunning. He has mercy upon those who fear Him, so be fearful of Him and say everything after deliberation. You are His Jamaat whom He has chosen to set an example of goodness. He who does not discard vice, whose lips do not shun falsehood and whose heart does not exclude impure thoughts, will be cut off from this Jamaat. O Servants of God! cleanse your hearts and wash your inner self. You can please everyone with hypocrisy and double dealing, but you will only earn the wrath of God by this habit. Have mercy upon yourselves and safeguard your progeny against ruin. It is not possible that God should be pleased with you while in your hearts there is someone who is dearer to you than Him. Spend yourselves in His way, and be devoted to Him, and become wholly His if you desire that you should see Him in this very life. [**Raz-e-Haqiqat, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 14, pp. 156-157**]

Purpose for the Establishment of the Jama'at

“The purpose of God Almighty in setting up this Jamaat is that the true understanding of God, which has disappeared from the world, and true righteousness and purity, which are not to be found in this age, might be re-established. Arrogance is rife throughout the world. The divines are caught in the pride and vanity of their learning. You find that the condition of the mendicants belies their objectives. They are wholly unconcerned with self-improvement, and all the disciplines which they have devised are error and innovation. They are only words and form and have no spiritual reality. Their exercises and devotion have a different form altogether like meaningless repetitions which cannot be traced back to the Holy Prophet (saw). I find that they pay no attention to inner purification, nor can their artificial disciplines purify their hearts, nor can they acquire the light of true understanding through them. This age has become empty of true righteousness and purity. The way of the Holy Prophet (saw), which is the means of purification, has been discarded. Now God Almighty desires that the time of Prophethood should be revived in this age and the same righteousness and purity should be reestablished. Thus, the purpose of God Almighty in setting up this Jamaat is that through it the lost understanding might be re-established in the world. [**Taqirein, pp. 21-22**]

“O ye people, fear God and make true peace with Him and put on the garments of righteousness. Let every mischief depart from you. God has unlimited wondrous powers. He has limitless mercy and grace. He it is Who can dry up a terrible flood in an instant. He it is Who can cast away fatal calamities with a single stroke of His hand. But these wonderful powers of His are manifested only to those who become wholly

His. Only those witness these extraordinary manifestations who, for His sake, bring about a holy change in themselves and fall down prostrate at His threshold; who become pure like the drop of water which develops into a pearl; and who, being melted by the heat of love and sincerity and devotion, begin to flow towards Him. He takes care of them in misfortunes and delivers them in a wonderful manner from the conspiracies and designs of their enemies and safeguards them against situations of ignominy. He becomes their guardian and their ally and helps them in their difficulties when no human being can render them any help and His hosts descend in their support. How grateful should we be that our God is Beneficent and Powerful! Will you then desert such a Dear One? Will you transgress His limits for the sake of your unholy selves? It is better for us to die seeking His pleasure than to continue living impure lives. [**Ayyam-us-Sulh, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 14, pp. 341-342**]

“O my friends! O my dear people! O ye the flourishing branches of the tree of my being, who enjoy the mercy of God Almighty for having entered into the covenant of *Bai'at* with me, and are devoting your lives, your comfort and your properties to this cause!

Though I am aware that you will deem it your good fortune to do whatever I say to the best of your abilities, I do not desire to lay down anything by myself as an obligation upon you, so that your service should not be the result of my directive, but should proceed out of your own free will. Who is my friend and who is dear to me? Who is it that recognizes me? Only he who believes that I am one commissioned by God and accepts me as such people ought to be accepted. The world cannot accept me because I am not of the world, but those whose nature has been invested with a portion of the other world accept me and will continue to accept me. He who turns away from me turns away from Him Who has sent me, and he who establishes a relationship with me, establishes a relationship with Him from Whom I have come. I hold a lamp in my hand. He who comes to me will surely partake of its light, but he who turns away, out of suspicion and ill-will, will be cast into the darkness. I am the citadel of security for this age. He who enters in it will become secure against thieves, robbers and wild beasts. But he who seeks to remain away from my walls will be confronted with death from every side and even his dead body will not be in peace. Who is it who enters my citadel? Only he who discards evil and adopts piety, and gives up crookedness and treads the path of righteousness, and frees himself from the bondage of Satan and becomes an obedient servant of God Almighty. Everyone who does so, is in me and I am in him. [**Fat-he-Islam, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 3, pp. 34-35**]

May Allah help us all so that all these teachings may be reflected in us all. Ameen.