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Where we left last week, Hazrat Masih Maood (as) was speaking about the need to stay in his company so that doubts and objections about his mission may be dispelled completely. Then he continued:

“In short, the number of my adversaries and opponents have not grown as dangerous as those enemies who have emerged from the religion of Islam itself, against the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Safdar Ali and Imad-ud-Din, among others, have left no stone unturned in their opposition.

I can say in all honesty, and Allah the Exalted is my witness, that I have never been worried about animosity harboured against me, or of personal insult, or respect and honour. What I have always found truly unbearable and heartbreaking is that a man as perfect and pure as the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is dishonored. This Chief of the Truthful—the epitome of truth—is referred to as a liar. This is what has always caused me grief. And so, for this reason, I am forever engrossed in exposing the deceit of this nation that worships the dead, so that the world can clearly see the truth for themselves. Yesterday, I thought to myself that it is clear why the words *yaksirus saleeb* (he will break the cross) have appeared in the Hadith as one of the tasks of the Promised Messiah, but why have the *yaqtulul khinzeer* (he will kill the swine) been used? What became clear to me was that these words have appeared to eloquently complete the sense of this sentence. Since the natures of those who had forsaken Islam were corrupted, they were faced with such ill-fates as well, so much so that ultimately, they renounced Islam, and began to lead a life enthralled by their baser self. When an individual who remains in the company of those who possesses the quality of an antidote—in the manner one ought to—Allah the Exalted, by His mercy and grace, safeguards such a one from the sorts of poison mentioned earlier.

One may question the need of Prophets, peace be upon them, or heavenly scriptures. However, the need is quite clear. You see, there is a kind of light in one's eyes, but without the light of the sun, one cannot see. God has bestowed us with eyes, but along with this, He has created another form of light as well, because the light in one's eyes depends on an external source of light. Similarly, until one's intellect is supported with heavenly light and insight, it is of no use whatsoever. Foolish is the one who asserts that

he can attain anything with reason alone. Do not view with contempt the system established by God. There are many secrets and other matters which have been disclosed to me. If I were to expound these things, except for those specific people who remain in my company, all others would be perplexed.

When I see such people who have never remained in the holy company of a truthful man of God, I am astonished and cannot help but weep. I can confidently challenge those who make personal attacks against me to put forth even one allegation which has not been levelled against a Prophet of the past. Are the allegations levelled against Moses, peace be upon him, by the Aryas not graver than those raised against me? Look at the number of objections hurled upon the Messiah as by the Jews or Aryas. Just begin to count the number of allegations that have been raised against the holy personage of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Invariably, any dispensation established on the precepts of prophethood is bound to be the target of such allegations. However, ultimately, God Almighty clears His divinely appointed, beloved and pure servants from the charges of those who disbelieve, and demonstrates that they are absolutely innocent of the accusations levelled against them. In turn, it is established that the eye and heart of those who objected were deceived. Since a chosen one of God possesses superiority in terms of argumentation and proof, everything that he states is sound and firm, and such signs are manifested in his support which render critics powerless. It is for this reason that opponents will ignore the actual objective at hand and make personal attacks. And so, when the opponents find no way of escape, they begin to launch shallow attacks, and begin to put forth absurd forms of criticism, the better part of which comprise blatant forgery, while others are based on their own lack of understanding. Ultimately, our opponents observed that whatever I present is not only logical, but also supported with sound evidence and argumentation; they saw that the Holy Quran stood by my side; they saw that the Hadith was with me; they saw that reason and the law of nature also supported me; and more than anything else, they could see that thousands of heavenly signs were manifested in my support. They observed that even those signs which were prophesied by the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, were fulfilled in my support, and in addition to this, hundreds of other signs were manifested on my hand.

Now, these people have been surrounded from all sides. This era bears testimony to the fact that we are, at present, in need of a man appointed by God. The need of our present age and the circumstances that confront us today proclaim that this era is the age of the Promised Messiah. This is also supported by the visions, dreams and revelations of the

Muslim saints. It has been established that the Holy Quran supports me and my community continues to grow day by day.

When all this became evident, my opponents altered their strategy. Since they realized that there was nothing for them to grasp onto by way of objection, they began to engage in personal attacks against me, perhaps in view of the fact that people are more quickly influenced in this manner. However, do these fools not know that the Christians raise similar sorts of objections? I once came across a small book written by the Aryas on Moses, peace be upon him. In it, they have raised many allegations. For example, they alleged that Moses as had a large number of children murdered, that he stripped the Egyptians of their wealth, that he broke his promise and lied, God-forbid. In short, there is no sin—as grave as one can imagine—which has not been attributed to him. This is because they wish to disgrace him.

I have already stated that when these people are unsuccessful in view of the criterion of prophethood—and never will they succeed on this front—they begin to raise objections of the nature that I have just mentioned. The book about the Messiah, peace be upon him, which was read out here some time ago, has gone to the greatest of extremes. Similarly, the newspaper of freethinkers, which is delivered here as well, also leaves no stone unturned in mockery. It is a matter of principle that when the flames of truth and rectitude do not let an opponent rest in peace, they begin to deceive the unintelligent in the manner I have just described and in their own fancy, they succeed to an extent as well. This is why people are converting to Christianity in such large numbers. Until one possesses such knowledge as grants one comfort and tranquility, and elevates one to the station of certainty, one remains in constant threat of falling into such dangers and delusions.

Worldly relationships are of two categories. Firstly, there are physical relations, as in the case of a mother, father, brother, sister, etc. Secondly, there are spiritual and religious relations. If this second category of relations is nurtured to a level of excellence, they supersede all other relationships. And spiritual relations attain to a level of excellence when a person remains in the company of one who is divinely appointed. One can observe that the relationship which the community known as the companions held with the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was of the highest degree, and that is why they had no care whatsoever for their homeland, or their wealth and property; that is why they were able to leave behind relatives and those whom they held dear; this was to such extent that they lay down their heads to be butchered in the way of God, as if they were goats and sheep. How did the companions find the strength and fortitude to bear the trials and tribulations which were being inflicted upon them? The

secret is that they had developed a very deep relationship with the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. They understood the truth brought by the Holy Prophet (saw); and as a result, the world and everything in it meant nothing to them whatsoever in comparison to their desire to meet God Almighty. Remember that when the truth influences one fully, it becomes a light which in every darkness guides the one who adopts it and safeguards one in difficult times.

Personal attacks that stem from malice and jealousy are made only by the ignoble and ignorant when they find themselves unable to contest the truth. Such allegations only influence those who fail to grasp the deeper essence of truth, and whose hearts have not been enlightened by the truth.

It is definitely true that a person languishes in a withering state, as it were, until they come to grasp the truth. As a person goes on to understand the truth more clearly, they become more and more invigorated and refreshed, and they are drawn into the light. Finally, when one grasps the truth completely, darkness can come nowhere near such a one. Darkness spawns darkness, and inner light attracts more light. It is for this reason that darkness has been likened to Satan, whereas light has an affinity with the Holy Spirit. As such, when the light of divine insight and certainty of faith fills a place, it drives out darkness.

It is for this reason that I tell you to put aside your worldly business for some time and visit me here. The state of our country grows perilous. The plague is spreading with great force. Sometimes a single round of this epidemic will last for sixty or even seventy years at a time, and destroy entire cities. Maulvi Sahib has just received a letter which indicates that certain villages have been emptied completely. Do not surmise that you will be relieved in a mere year or two. This epidemic departs only after it has left its mark; and it is not far from us, there are five surrounding districts that have already been engulfed by this illness.

Do not be fearless. Engage yourselves in seeking forgiveness from God and engross yourselves in prayers; bring about a pure and positive change in your life. This is no time for heedlessness. The inner self will deceive one into thinking that one has a long life to live yet. But consider death to be near. The being of God exists. One who misplaces the rights that are owed to God, and gives them to others by way of transgression, will die in disgrace.” (p. 158)

May Allah help each one among us to care for these precious words of advice and may we all mould our life according to them. Incha Allah. Ameen.