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We are still reading from Malfuzaat Volume 10 of Hazrat Masih Maood (as). We continue with the second day of the 1907 Jalsa Salana speech. Hazrat Masih Maood (as) is talking about dreams and revelations. He said:

“Some people overlook such important tasks which are the true objective of a believer, and pursue other things. For example, if one sees a [true] dream or a few [divine] words spill from his tongue, he thinks that he has now become a saint. This is the point at which man gets deceived. Even the impious, the impure, and the immoral can witness dreams that may even come true. To take pride in such a thing is accursed. Suppose one had some dreams and they came true—what does that accomplish?

Can one survive if he is given a few drops of water when he is extremely thirsty? Of course not. Rather, his thirst will be further intensified. In the same way, these dreams amount to nothing until one has been endowed with a full measure of cognition of God both in its quality and quantity. The condition of a man is noble and satisfactory when he is righteous and pure in practical conduct. His conduct should testify to it. When the blessings of God and powerful miracles accompany him and support him every moment, it is then that God is with him and he is with God.

Satan manages to find an opportunity to mislead people at every occasion. Because I present my *wahi* and *ilham* [revelations and inspirations] over and over again, it occurred to some people to do the same. This is a trial that has come upon them. Satan helped them on this path towards their destruction and they began to experience Satanic revelation and *hadithsun-nafs* [whisperings of the self-]. Chiragh Din, Ilahi Bakhsh,

Faqir Mirza, and many others were destroyed on this path and there are many who are marching down the same road.

Members of my Jamaat should turn their minds away from such things. On the Day of Judgement, God Almighty will not ask them about how many revelations they had or how many dreams they had. One will be questioned about what righteous deeds they have done. *Ilham* and *wahi* are the actions of God; they are not the work of man. One cannot base his pride on the actions of Allah.

Only a foolish and ignorant person would consider an act of God to be his personal achievement and exult in it. Look at the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, when he would sometimes stand so long in worship at night that his feet would swell up. His companion asked why he was working so hard when he was free of sins? He replied “***Afalaa akouno abdan shakoura***”

One should never despair. Sins can be overwhelming and salvation may seem impossible, but one should not get flustered. Some say that they are very sinful and are overpowered by the carnal self, and how could they become pious. They should understand that a believer never despairs. It is only Satan, and none else, who loses hope in the mercy of God. A believer should not be a coward. No matter how overwhelmed he is by sin, God has bestowed upon him such power that he can overcome sin under any circumstance. God Almighty has endowed man with such sin-decimating power which is innate within his nature.

Look at water. No matter how hot it is—even when it is so hot that it can burn anything it is poured on—it is still capable of extinguishing a fire if poured on one. This is so because God has endowed it with the quality that it will extinguish fire. Similarly, a human being, regardless of how engrossed he is in sin and how deep he is in illicit acts, has the power to extinguish the fire of sins. If man did not have this quality, then he could not have been held accountable, and even the advent of Prophets and

Messengers would have been unnecessary. The fact is that human nature is innately righteous. Food and water are available for the hunger and thirst of the body, and air is available because it is needed for man to breathe. When all the means of sustenance needed for the body have been provided, why wouldn't the things needed by the soul be provided? God Almighty is *Rahim* [Merciful], *Ghafur* [Forgiver], and *Sattar* [Concealer of weaknesses]. He has also provided all the means for spiritual defence.

Man should search for the spiritual water; he will certainly find it. He should search for spiritual bread; it will certainly be granted. As there is a law of nature for physical needs, there is also a law of nature for spiritual needs, **but seeking is the prerequisite**. One who seeks, shall certainly find. God Almighty will certainly be pleased with one who strives to establish a bond with Him.

This was to be the last age – one that was to be full of darkness. It was the promise of God Almighty about this age that the sun would rise in this age. *Maulawis* [Muslim clerics] should consider the miserable plight of *taqwa* [righteousness] in this age. A person killed a child for only four rupees worth of jewelry. One should ask these *maulawis*, who issue the fatwas [religious verdicts] of apostasy against us, what is their reason for considering us worse than everyone—Hindus, Christians, etc.? Don't we proclaim the *Kalimah* [creed of Islam]?

The truth is that these *maulawis* are slaves to their own selfish motives. It was well put when a person once said to me, "It was not so hard to silence these *maulawis*—had you called them all and given them a couple of rupees each, they would have become silent and none of them would have opposed you."

I told him that I had counted on their *taqwa*. Little did I know that they would turn out to be such slaves of their base self. They used to declare from the pulpit that it mattered little who Moses or Jesus even was. Little did I know that, despite reading out and making these sermons, they would

get so infuriated about the death of Jesus as if Islam was entirely dependent on the life of Jesus.

But these people can do whatever they like. Now God Almighty has made the intention to destroy Satan. This is Satan's last battle and he will certainly be destroyed. He will certainly be killed. Satan has also taken refuge in the life of Jesus, but with proof of the death of Jesus, Satan will also be killed. Satan has taken his residence with the priests and their supporters, but the angels and the pious are gathering with the Messiah of God. Every effort is being put into the opposition of Islam.

In the first place, this age is such that the entire earth is becoming one city because of telegrams, mail, and railways. The news of every hour is available. People travel from here to there a lot, but India, in particular, is such a country where people of all kinds are found. There are those who deny the existence of God. Then there are those who are unrestrained and assert that one can do whatever one likes. There are the Brahmu who deny the scripture. There are worshippers of humans too and others who believe stones to be God. There are more than 100,000 who have become Christians. There are worshippers of the sun, water, and fire present too.

The earthquake had destroyed the big temple of fire worship. Now they are building it anew but they do not know that another earthquake is about to come. Freedom is of the kind that anyone can say anything with little regard for others.

In short, this is that time, particularly in India, that presents the same scene concerning which the prophecy had been made beforehand. Christians are publishing tens of thousands of books against Islam."

Speaking about the Arya Samaj he said:

"1. The Arya Samaj claim that a scripture is revealed to the world only after billions of years and each time it is a Vedas, and only come to India and the Sanskrit language is exclusive to them, as if Parmeshwar [God] does not know any other country or language. It is beyond comprehension

why Parmeshwar has become so enamoured by India, and— notwithstanding— why he has kept Hindus in such humiliation.

Presently, Christians boast kings, Muslims boast kings too, and Buddhists boast kings as well, but there is no kingdom of the Aryas anywhere. Who knows why Parmeshwar liked this so much? Maybe because *niyogis* [people who practice *niyoga*] live here who seek big and strong men to cohabit with their wives, while they themselves are alive, so as to beget handsome children through them, and it is also a prerequisite for the *bairaj data* [surrogate father] to be a Brahman [highest caste in Hinduism].

2. One cannot help but laugh at the profane doctrine of the Aryas, according to which one would live in *Mukti Khanah* [Paradise] after salvation only for a finite time and then would be expelled from it and made into a dog, a pig, or a cat, even without committing any other sin. According to the Aryas, Parmeshwar retains a small measure of man's sins in him as the seed which is used to trap him again. However, it is difficult to understand as to why such varied sentences are dispensed for that residual sin that some should be made a lion and some a goat, some a scorpion or a snake, and some a horse or an elephant, some a filthy worm and some a pristine human being—and then among the humans, some are made men and some are made women. What can possibly be the reason for this differentiation?

3. Then there is the strange doctrine of the Aryas that [in transmigration] different species are bestowed because of different sins. This necessarily implies that there should be as many sins as there are species. Since Veda is the only revealed scripture, all those sins should have been enumerated in the Veda. But when the commandments of Veda are looked at, their count cannot be more than a few hundred even according to the Aryas, while there are thousands of animals present in the jungles alone, many thousands of insects and worms are crawling in the earth; then there are the birds on trees and animals in the ocean that are beyond count. Where did so many species come from?

4. Aryas contend that the need for the expulsion of souls from Paradise would arise because their worship was only for a finite time and, therefore, the recompense for such finite worship should also be for a finite period of time. This doctrine is extremely perverted. Maybe the Aryas worship with this notion that it is only for a limited time. Islam does not subscribe to this. Our pledge with God Almighty is eternal. It is not our intent to worship God only for a specified time. Rather, we consider such intent to be *kufr* [disbelief]. We have put the yolk of eternal worship of God around our necks. If God causes us to die, it would not change our intent. We die with the expectant reward for this worship. We do not deem it to be limited.” (p. 117)

We will stop here for today. May Allah help us to understand these points made so that we may appreciate the teachings of Islam. *Incha Allah*.