

FRIDAY SERMON

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We continue to read from Malfuzaat Volume 10 of Hazrat Masih Maood(as). He said:

“The help of God Almighty is with those who continue to advance in piety at all times and do not halt at any stage. They are the ones who attain a good end. I have seen some people who had great ardour and zeal, and extreme affection but, subsequently— after advancing somewhat—they come to a complete standstill and ultimately their end does not prove to be good. Allah the Exalted has taught us this prayer in the Holy Quran:

“Reform my wife and children too.” While you are trying to bring about a pure change in your own selves and praying for it, you should also continue to pray for your wife and children because most trials befall man on account of his children and wife. The first trial that befell Adam was also due to his wife. Also, it appears from the Torah that the real reason behind *Bal'am* losing his faith in the confrontation with Moses (as), was that his wife had been lured by the king by showing her some ornaments, who then cajoled *Bal'am* to pray against Moses (as). Thus, many a time, one suffers hardships and trials because of them. Therefore, full attention should be paid to their reformation, and one should continually pray for them.”

In another entry dated 3rd March 1908 it is recorded:

“A person submitted that he had performed the *Bai'at* previously by letter and asked whether that alone was sufficient?

The Promised Messiah (as) replied that: There are thousands of people for whom travel to Qadian is arduous because they do not have the capability due to worldly difficulties and they have done *Bai'at* only through correspondence.

The purpose of doing *Bai'at* is to become cognizant of the essence of *Bai'at*. A person who does the *Bai'at* by sitting face to face and putting his hand in mine, but does not comprehend the real aim and objective or does not care about it—his *Bai'at* is of no benefit and has no value in the sight of God. But another person who does *Bai'at* while sitting a thousand miles away with sincerity of heart and having embraced the essence of *Bai'at* and its aim and objective, and then reforms his life accordingly by acting upon this declaration, such a person is a thousand times better than the one who does *Bai'at* face to face but does not act upon its essence.

Look at the example of Maulawi Abdul Latif, the Martyr. He was stoned to death because of this very *Bai'at*. For one full hour, he was pelted with stones continuously till his body became hidden in them, but he did not utter any sound of distress. He did not scream even once. Before this most cruel act, the king himself had asked him three times to recant from this matter, and promised that he would be forgiven if he repented, and even greater honour and rank would be bestowed upon him than before. But he was such that he gave God precedence and cared naught for any grief that was about to befall him for the sake of God. By remaining steadfast, he left behind a most excellent and living example of his perfect conviction. He was a great scholar, an eminent learned man and a recipient of Divine revelations. It is reported that when he was about to be taken away after his arrest, he was told that he could meet and see his wife and children, but he said that there was now no need for it. This is the true essence of *Bai'at*, and its aim and objective.

I receive letters from some people saying that someone was a mullah of a certain mosque, and because of doing your *Bai'at* people are displeased

with him and are opposing him; in short, he was in great distress due to having done the *Bai'at*.

And yet the fact is that very little harm can be done to anyone in this age and government of freedom and peace. At most, someone would have abused him with his tongue. What harm can such things do? But they consider it to be hardship, and complain that they have suffered this hardship on account of the *Bai'at*.

In short, some people cannot withstand even a little opposition. The fact is that they have not understood the true meaning of *Bai'at* at all.”

On 5th March 1908 Hazrat Masih Maood (as) spoke about Shri Krishan Ji Maharaj. Who exactly is being referred to here is not clear. But we may take it to be an important prophet among the Hindus of the past. So, the entry in the book of Malfuzaat is as follows:

“Molvi Abu Rahmat submitted to the Promised Messiah (as) that the religion of Krishan Ji Maharaj was apparently different from that of the general masses of Hindus of this time as is evident from his own pronouncements.

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“This is factual and correct that people of later times tend to forget the teachings of their elders with the passage of time and modify their true teachings a great deal without any right. With the lapse of time, their real teachings become hidden behind hundreds of curtains and the truth becomes concealed from the eyes of the world. The truth of the matter is indeed that, his religion was totally different from the religion of the Hindus of this time and was based on the true teaching of Oneness of God.

The Promised Messiah (as) then mentioned two of his own revelations.

The first is this:

“O Krishan, Ruddar Gopal, your praise is recorded in the Gita.”

And then, concerning the second revelation, the Promised Messiah (as) said that once I received a revelation:

Aaryon ka baadsha aaya

The King of the Aryas has come.

The Promised Messiah (as) mentioned another of his dreams:

“Once I saw Krishan Ji [in a dream]. He had a dark complexion, a fine nose, and a broad forehead. He stood up and placed his nose against my nose and his forehead against my forehead to fix them together.”

The Promised Messiah (as) narrated another incident as follows:

“Someone related his dream before Khawaja Baqi Billah and said that he saw a blazing fire with Raja Ramchandrar Ji standing at its edge and Krishan Ji right in its middle. One among the audience interpreted the dream by saying that both are in the fire because both are disbelievers; one is a disbeliever of a lesser degree so he is standing at the edge whereas the other is the utmost disbeliever, so he is right in the centre of the fire. Mirza Jan-e-Janan, who was a disciple of Khawaja Sahib, submitted that he disagreed with this interpretation. Khawaja Sahib asked him how he would interpret it. Mirza Jan-e-Janan said that the fire represented the fire of love for Allah; not the fire of Hell. Ramchandrar Ji is a *salik* [seeker] and has not achieved the perfection in love. Therefore, he was seen standing at the edge, while Krishan Ji is *majzub* [consumed]. He attained perfection in achieving the love of Allah that consumes everything besides Allah. Therefore, he was seen right in its middle.

The Promised Messiah (as) also narrated another incident related to the same subject as follows:

“Once a saintly person who was experienced in seeing visions came to Ajodhia. Upon arriving he had laid down in a mosque when he saw a vision wherein Krishan Ji came to him and gave him a gift of seven rupees seeking God’s blessings. The saint was a Muslim, so he refused to accept

the money saying, ‘You people are idol worshippers and we do not eat your food.’ Krishan Ji said, ‘Do you judge my status and faith by the standards of present-day Hindus? I am not one of them in the least. On the contrary, my religion is the Oneness of God and I am very close to you people.’

Besides this, Ibn Arabi writes in his book that it is mentioned in one hadith that there was a Prophet in India whose complexion was dark and whose name was Kahin.

Mujaddid Alf Sani Sirhindi (ra) has stated that he recognized some graves in India to be those of the Prophets.

It is thus clearly established from all these incidents and testimonies, as well as from the Holy Quran, that there have been Prophets in India as well. Thus, it is said in the Holy Quran that:

وَإِنْ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ

There is no people to whom a Warner has not been sent (35:25)

Hazrat Krishan, too, was one of those Prophets who were ordained by God Almighty and came from Allah the Exalted to guide the creation of God and establish *Tauhid* [the Oneness of God]. This clearly shows that Prophets have come among every nation. It is quite another thing that we may not know their names.

“Of them are some whom We have mentioned to thee, and of them there are some whom We have not mentioned to thee” (40:79)

Owing to the lapse of a lengthy period of time, people forget their teachings and start attributing totally different things to them. Now, take a look at the helpless state of Jesus (as). He acknowledges his own death and considers himself to be a humble servant [of God] who ate and drank like an ordinary human being and was susceptible to human needs and disavows his Divinity. But here we have the Christians thrusting upon him

the claim that he is God. The same is the case with Hazrat Imam Husain (ra).

Quite some time ago a person had written that all the Prophets, saints, godly people, and people of all ranks shall have salvation only through the intercession of Hazrat Imam Husain (ra). Look, they had already done away with the Companions of the Holy Prophet (saw). Only the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was left. So now they have done away with him also, that even he would not have salvation, God forbid, without Imam Husain (ra), and even he would not have any recourse besides the intercession of Imam Husain (ra). Look at the extent of their exaggeration!

In short, this is what is done to the pure teachings of Prophets after their passing from this world. What is the Holy Quran—it is *Hakam* [the Arbiter]! It has laid bare the reality of all previous scriptures.” (P190)

We will stop here for today. May Allah help each one among us to understand the true meaning of our *bai'at* and may we all accomplish its expectations throughout our life. Ameen.