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We will continue our reading of selected extracts from the Malfuzaat Volume 10 of Hazrat Masih Maood (as). Hazrat Masih Maood (as) said:

“The subject of polygamy was under discussion. The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“The Shariah of God has permitted it because the need exists. If a man is able but his wife is unable to bear children, why should he remain childless and make himself barren too? Effort is made to preserve the breed even of a thoroughbred horse. Why should the progeny of a human being be jeopardized?

Christian priests characterize a second wife as adultery. What do they have to say about the earlier Prophets? It is said that Solomon (as) had several hundreds of wives, and so did David (as) [have many wives]. If the intent is pure and the objective is righteousness, even having ten or twenty wives is not a sin. If, God forbid, more than one marriage is all adultery, as per the Christians, then their God was also born from the progeny of David (as). In that case, it is a great recipe, and a very blessed practice.

Christian priests are drawn to useless things and do not look at the real issue. It is written in the Gospels that if someone has faith even as small as a mustard seed, and orders a mountain to move from here to there, it shall move. Christians need to furnish proof of their faith or else they are all faithless. Muslims have always had people who showed Signs.”

At a meeting with a government official, the Promised Messiah (as) said:

“May God bring the days of spiritual meetings. A physical meeting is nothing, nor does lip service mean anything. It is the heart that is needed.”

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“The extent to which a person adopts justice is the extent to which his conscience becomes illumined.”

‘Those who reject this Prophet reject all Prophets.’

‘Religion has come from heaven and it always receives its irrigation from heaven.
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In an entry dated 12th April, we read:

“A person’s letter was presented to the Promised Messiah (as). He had written about someone that he does not observe *Salat* [obligatory Prayers] or keep the Fast, and asked whether such an individual should be called a disbeliever or not. Could he be considered an Ahmadi or not?

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“This person should be counselled to take care of his own self and mend his own ways. Everyone has his own separate interaction with God Almighty. Who has appointed you to be the supervisor that you should evaluate the deeds of other people and issue the verdict about their faith or disbelief? It does not behove a believer to be uselessly inquisitive about others.”

It was mentioned that a person was building his house at a dangerous location and was unable to complete the construction due to lack of funds.

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“It is regrettable that some people do not seek advice beforehand. Consultation is a very blessed practice.

Thereupon, Hazrat Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen said: “God Almighty Himself directs His Prophet in the Holy Quran that he should seek advice. Therefore, how much greater is the significance of this directive for others? These days, people either do not ask for advice or, if they do so, they do not accept it.”

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“So, then people get punished for this also. Others, who learn from these mistakes, can benefit from the experiences of such people.”

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“The *nawabs* and the rich of this age are engrossed in luxurious living. There is no attention towards religion at all. They are preoccupied in the pursuit of luxury and comfort of every kind, but are totally heedless of religion. Others also, upon attaining to some high post or getting appointed to a high office, become heedless and they no longer care for the welfare of humanity.

It is commonly observed throughout the world that when a person achieves some high rank, he becomes arrogant, whereas he could actually do a lot of good work and be of benefit to humanity during his tenure. God Almighty says in the Holy Quran:

لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ

If you render thanks to Me, I will, surely, bestow even more favours on you, but if you are ungrateful, *then know that* My punishment is severe indeed; meaning that when a man is blessed with the favours of God Almighty, he should render thanks to Allah for them and think of how to be of benefit to the people, and if someone does not do this and instead starts to behave tyrannically, then God Almighty takes those favours away and sends down His wrath.

The lords and rajas of these days are simpletons and, in any case, engrossed in personal luxury and comfort. Other people should be mindful of the welfare of people, and should not neglect the matters that can benefit their countrymen. One should not allow high office to make him forget God and to become arrogant. On the contrary, one should work with kindness and compassion. Anyone who has an office of authority should be gentle and courteous in his dealings with all people, whether they be rich or poor. It will not only bode well for others but for himself as well.”

Sheikh Fazal Karim, who had the honour of performing Hajj [the Pilgrimage] this year, was in Darul-Amaan [Qadian] for a few days. He met the Promised Messiah (as) before *Zuhr* Prayer and narrated, in full, the details of the excruciating hardships that the pilgrims had to endure that year. He said that soon after exiting the British territory and entering Turkish territory, they encountered such hardships that it can be said with certainty that they are likely to end up stopping the Hajj altogether, at least for Indian residents. He mentioned the unbearable restrictions of quarantine in the Turkish territory, the extreme greed and avarice of the doctors and officials there, their total disregard for thousands of lives for their personal benefit, and destruction of food and clothing in the disinfection by steam procedures or the theft of their money. Indian pilgrims found it difficult to get something even by paying three times

more than what the Egyptian pilgrims would pay. Though the Sultan had provided wells every two miles, workers and administrators there would not give even a glass of water without charging for it. Despite the provision of guards and police post by the Sultan, there was total lawlessness to the extent that one could not stay alive even if he deviated a few yards from the main road. The harsh treatment directed particularly towards Indians, physical beating for minor issues, having no recourse nor redress, use of derogatory words like *kazzab* [a great liar] and *battal* [deceiver] etc., are such adversities that it made it a terrible ordeal.

After listening to this entire account, the Promised Messiah (as) said:

“I advise you that all these matters of hardship should not result in any wavering or weakness in the strength of your faith. This is a trial from God Almighty. It should not tarnish the holy beliefs. Because of these difficulties, the reverence of that holy site should not diminish in your hearts. There was a time worse than this when the same holy site was in the control of the impure idolaters. They had made it a house for idols. All these hardships and adversities are the stages towards the auspicious times and life to come.

Look, before the advent of the Holy Prophet (saw), the condition of the world had become precarious. Disbelief, idolatry, strife, and impiety had grown beyond limits. It was after that darkness that a light had appeared in the world. Similarly, we should hope that Allah the Exalted will bring forth some means of improvement after these difficulties too, and God creates some means of reformation. In fact, there had been another similar perilous and critical time for the same holy and sacred site which was pointed out to the Holy Prophet (saw) by God Almighty:

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ

Have you not seen how your Lord dealt with the People of the Elephant? (105:2)

Thus, it is now the third such occurrence. Allah the Exalted will certainly turn His attention to it. And His turning to it will, indeed, be in the form of wrath.”

A person by the name of Sayyed Abdul Majeed Khan from Kabul was in Qadian for the past few days. He submitted to the Promised Messiah (as) that he wished to stay close to him and study the Faith.

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“Now your age is not suitable to focus on learning. You should work hard and earn a living and be righteous in the way of God. The ultimate objective of all sound

knowledge is to put them into practice. If one does not act after acquiring knowledge, then he commits a grave sin and his accountability will also be harsh. To become a *maulawi* and yet commit sin—this flag the fury and wrath of God. Those who follow the ways of the humble and are ordinary Muslims will be judged leniently. Therefore, strive to improve your practical condition.”

In an entry dated 21st April 1908, it is recorded:

“Tobacco, opium and alcohol, etc. were under discussion and it was observed that it becomes difficult to abstain from them once one becomes addicted to them. It is written in the books, particularly with regard to alcohol that, even after one abandons the habit, like other relapsing diseases, one suffers such a fearsome and severe relapse sometimes that one becomes crazy and, in the end, takes a drink even though the person may regret it after coming to his senses.

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“That is a fit of sinfulness. Otherwise, there is nothing impossible before Allah the Exalted. Sins cannot stand where there is the might of faith. Look at the life of the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them all. Once the verse mentioning prohibition was revealed, they quit so resolutely that they remained in this state of abstinence till their death. There were no such relapses into drinking nor did it overwhelm or enamour anyone to such a degree as to force him [to drink again].

The day the verse of prohibition was revealed, alcohol spilled into the streets of the town ankle high. All this was the result of the holy spiritual influence and impact of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, that the faith of the Companions (ra) grew so strong that even alcohol, which they used to consume in place of water, was eliminated in such a way that—like idolatry—it could not make any comeback. Allah the Exalted had kept the Holy Prophet (saw) so very safe from the very beginning that although all his family, friends, and countrymen were absorbed in the consumption of this evil substance and although he spent forty years of his life among these people, yet he was not influenced by anyone. This was as if Allah the Exalted had made him immaculate from the very first day of creation. This is a special sign of his righteous predisposition and protection from sin.” (p. 300)

May Allah help each one among us to better understand and better practice Islam in our daily life. *Ameen*.