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As usual prior, to the arrival of the Holy Month of Ramadan there was a great expectation for its arrival among the believers. The month came and believers did their best to devote themselves to the worship of Allah with the aim of getting themselves purified of all the sins that they may have committed knowingly or unknowingly throughout their life. After following a strict regimen imposed by Allah for about 29- or 30-days believers are once again back to the normal existence that they used to have during the rest of the year. We hope and pray that Allah accept our worship and sacrifices and that He admits us among His most sincere servants who return to Him often. May He help us to cultivate such good qualities in our selves that we really understand the purpose of existence and that we do our best in this very lifetime to achieve that purpose. Ameen

As we said in the Eid Sermon Hazrat Masih Maood(as) spelled out for us the true meaning of islam as it should be understood by all those who want to be successful in achieving the purpose of our life as Allah has explained that purpose. Members should try to read that sermon again and strive to understand what has been said in the best possible way. Unless we make personal effort to better understand the true purpose of our life that true purpose will escape us. As true Ahmadi Muslims who value the teachings of Islam as explained by Hazrat Masih Maood(as) we should not be in the least negligent of his teachings. In fact we should devote time and effort to

learning what Hazrat Masih Maood(as) has said so that we may have a better understanding of Islam.

Today I would like to share with you what Hazrat Masih Maood(as) has said about himself and why we should heed what he said. When we know more about who he is we might feel inclined to take his advices more to heart. May Allah help us to be such persons who really take to heart the advices of Hazrat Masih Maood(as). He said:

“Read the Ahadith and you will learn that the one who is to appear in the latter days—when the Quraish will have lost their sovereignty and the Muslims will be divided and distraught—will be a cultivator. God Almighty has informed me that I am that person. The Ahadith clearly state that in the latter days a supporter of the faith and of the Muslims will appear and that he will be a cultivator. The Holy Prophet(saw) has directed that every Muslim should accept him and should help him. **[A’ina-e-Kamalat-e-Islam, Ruhani Khaza’in, vol. 5, p. 303]**

This is a reference to someone who is mentioned in a hadith in Muslim. From this declaration we understand that Allah said to Hazrat Masih Maood(as) that in his person is fulfilled the prophecy about that person.

He said further about the blessings of accepting him:

“He who accepts me accepts afresh all the Prophet(peace be upon them) and their miracles, and he who does not accept me will lose his earlier faith also, for he possesses only tales and no personal experience. I reflect the image of God. He who comes to me and accepts me will see afresh the God concerning Whom other people have only tales to tell. I believe in the God Whom those who deny me do not recognize. I state truly that what they believe in are the idols of their imagination and not God. That is why those idols cannot help them, cannot give them any strength, cannot bring about a pure transformation in them, and cannot show them any supporting signs. **[Nuzul-ul-Masih, Ruhani Khaza’in, vol. 18, pp. 462-463]**

If one is sincere and follows diligently the teachings of Hazrat Masih Maood (as) one will eventually experience true signs from Allah which will fill one’s heart with certainty about the existence of Allah. There is a path that we should take and Hazrat Masih Maood(as) has spelled out this path quite clearly. Incha Allah if translation of this text is available in the near future I will present that text to the members.

In another extract about he further said:

“I am the light for this age of darkness. He who follows me will be saved from those pits and ditches which Satan has prepared for those who walk in darkness. God has sent me so that I should guide the world affably and peacefully towards the true God and that I should re-establish the moral conditions among the Muslims. For the satisfaction of the seekers after truth, He has bestowed heavenly signs upon me and has shown wonderful works in my support and has disclosed to me hidden matters and secrets of the future, which, according to the holy books of God Almighty, are the true test of a person's truthfulness, and God has bestowed holy knowledge and spiritual insight upon me. Consequently, the souls which do not cherish the truth and are content with darkness are hostile to me, but I desire to serve mankind with sympathy as far as it may be possible for me. [*Masih Hindustan Mein*, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol.15, p.13]

“There are two types of people in the world. The first type are those who desire to claim for themselves virtue and laudable attributes without any justification whatsoever, as if they covet the very mantle of the Divine Majesty. They desire to wear the mantle of the Majesty of God Almighty. Such people are accursed.

The second type are those who disdain any kind of eulogy or praise. If they are left to themselves, they would prefer to pass their lives in anonymity, but God Almighty, for His own designs and on account of His wisdom, praises and glorifies them. That is as it should be, for the rationale behind the appointment of those whom He commissions is to proclaim His own praise and glory in the world. Were He to say that so and so whom He has raised is useless, cowardly, without merit, mean, ignoble and devoid of all good qualities, then would any Divine attribute be manifested through such a person? God's setting forth of their glory, their high status and their good qualities is for the purpose of proclaiming His own glory and greatness. Such people are totally free of their egos and unmindful of praise or blame. That is why many years ago, when I had no opponent, nor were there so many people with me, nor was I known in the world, God Almighty spoke about me in *Brahin-e-Ahmadiyyah*, in the following terms:

“Allah praises thee from His Throne. We praise thee and call down blessings on thee. You are the best people who have been created for the service of mankind and as a matter of pride for the believers. O Ahmad, mercy flows from thy lips. You are under Our care. God will raise thy name and will perfect His bounty unto thee in this world and in the hereafter. O My Ahmad, you are My purpose and are with Me. I have planted your honour with My own hand. O Ahmad, your name will come to an end, but My name will not come to an end. You have been blessed O Ahmad, and the

blessing that God has bestowed on thee was deserved by thee. You have a wonderful status and your reward is near. I shall make thee Imam of the people. You are honoured in My presence. I have chosen you for Myself. The earth and the heaven are with you as they are with Me and your secret is My secret. You are to Me like My Unity and My Uniqueness. Holy is Allah, Blessed and High, who has augmented your honour. Peace be on you. You have been blessed. I have exalted you over all the people of your time. We have honoured the progeny of Adam(as) and have exalted some of them above others. He approached near to Us and then descended towards mankind and it became, as it were, a case of two bows with one string. My mercy covers thee in this world and the next. I have poured My love upon you, so that you are nurtured under My care. Allah praises you and walks towards you. He created Adam(as) and honoured him. The Champion of Allah in the mantles of the Prophet, peace be upon him. You are with Me and I am with you. For you I have created the night and the day. Do as you wish, I have forgiven you. You have a standing with me of which people have no knowledge. Allah will protect you, even if people should not protect you. You are the Messiah whose time will not be wasted. A pearl like you is never wasted. You are the honoured Messiah and I am with you and with your helpers. You are My high name and you are to Me like My Unity and My Uniqueness and you are to Me like those whom I love. On you are blessings and peace. Peace is the word from the Merciful Lord. You are the manifestation of the Ever-Living. You are from me like a new beginning. He does not speak out of his own desire; it is a revelation vouchsafed to him.”

These are words of praise and honour with which Allah addressed Hazrat Ahmad(as) before he was given any mission. One can only marvel at these great words. Unfortunately, there are not many among us who have read this although they have been translated into English from Arabic since a long time.

Commenting on these words the Promised Messiah(as) said:

“In my own heart, I feel certain that all Prophets , peace be upon them were by their nature averse to being praised, except what God Almighty Himself might pronounce in their favour. I call God Almighty to witness that what I have set out above are His words and not mine. This is because the honour and glory of God Almighty and the honour and greatness and glory of Muhammad(saw), the Messenger of Allah, have been rubbed into dust, and [the status of] Jesus(as) and Hussain(ra) has been so exaggerated and magnified that the Throne of God is atremble [with rage].

Now when billions of people have gone astray through their praise and glorification of Jesus(as), and countless have been ruined due to exaggerated praise of Hussain(ra), God's wisdom and honour now demands that they should be deprived of all those robes of honour in which they had been improperly clad and that these should be restored to God Almighty and to Muhammad(saw), the Messenger of Allah.

The use of these phrases with regard to me is for the purpose of manifesting the honour of God Almighty Himself, as well as the greatness of the Holy Prophet(saw). I state on oath that my heart is inspired by real and true eagerness that all praise and glorification and all excellent qualities should be attributed to the Holy Prophet(saw). All my joy and the true purpose of my advent is that the Unity of God Almighty and the honour of the Holy Prophet(saw) should be firmly established in the world. I fully realize that all terms of praise and glorification that God Almighty has employed for me are in fact meant for the Holy Prophet (saw) because I am his servant and all my light is acquired from his torch of Prophethood and I have nothing that is solely my own. For this reason, I believe firmly that if after the Holy Prophet(saw) someone claims to be an appointed one in his own right and to have a direct relationship with God Almighty without the benefit of the grace of the Holy Prophet(saw), such a person is rejected by God and in disgrace. God Almighty has proclaimed once and for all that no one can enter through the door that leads to God except by following the Holy Prophet(saw). **[Malfuzat, vol. 3, pp. 284-287]**

So, all our members should try to know more about Hazrat Masih Maood(as) before entertaining the thought that we and all other Muslims are all the same. Jamaat Ahmadiyya was created to give new life to the values of Islam. We should do our best to hold dear to these values in order to have true success in our life. Ameen!