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Members will recall that up till now in our Friday sermons we have spoken about Volume 1-3 and 10 of the English translation of the Malfuzaat of Hazrat Masih Maood(as). Today we will start with Volume 4 which was published last year. As you may also recall these texts are questions asked and answers given by Hazrat Masih Maood(as) and also some of his short or long speeches. For our education the contents of these Malfuzaat are spiritually very beneficial. We will try to cover as much as we can of the 300 hundred pages of this Collection. But I will pick and choose what we will be sharing with our members because some texts may not be of direct interest. However, if you wish you can read the entire volume on alislam.org. May Allah help each one among us to value these instructions and explanations and may we all do our best to be enlightened by them. Incha Allah. Ameen

In this volume we have entries from September 1901 to December 1901. The first entry is a dream of Hazrat Masih Maood(as) dated 3rd September 1901. He said:

“Today I saw a dream that Allah Almighty was holding court and there was a large gathering in which swords were being discussed. I addressed Allah the Exalted and said: **“The best and sharpest sword is Your sword that is with me.”** After this, I woke up and then I did not sleep, because it is written that when one sees a dream bearing glad tidings, one should remain awake for as long as possible. The sword is **symbolic for the campaign** that I am waging against my opponents at the present time—a **heavenly campaign.**”

During the course of his life there are several instances of this kind of dream or visions. Of course, he understood clearly that what he saw was only to be interpreted as he has done in this instance.

In the next entry Hazrat Masih Maood(as) speaks about the difference between a Prophet and a philosopher. He said:

“The difference between the philosopher and a Prophet is that a **philosopher** will say that **there ought to be a God**, while a Prophet says that **there is a God**. A philosopher will say that there are arguments which substantiate the necessity of God, whereas a Prophet says that I have spoken to God myself and He has sent me; I have come from Him after having seen Him.”

In the next entry we read:

“There was mention of Nabi Bakhsh of Batala who had claimed to be a Reformer and intended to put out a newspaper. On this, Hazrat Masih Maood(as) said:

“ Some people see the success of Prophets and Messengers of Allah and surmise that perhaps their success is due to their rhetoric, power of speech, eloquence and articulacy; so let us do the same and form our own community. However, these people are mistaken. The success of Prophets is rooted in their relationship with God. From the time of Adam as to the present day, never has anyone **been victorious except with righteousness**. The **key to victory is in the hand of God**. Only such a one can be victorious who is most possessed of righteousness. If the plant of righteousness is established, **it can move heaven and earth**.”
(Diary of Promised Messiah)

The Promised Messiah (as) said: “Alas for the Muslims. While they have accepted that the Muslims of the latter days would be like the evil Jews of the past, they do not accept that the Messiah of the latter days would be from among the Muslims. In other words, they believe that no good remains in the community of Muhammad (saw), only evil.”

Someone mentioned that Nabi Bakhsh of Batala states that Maulvi Abdul- Karim Sahib (a close companion of the Promised Messiah(as) exaggerates in his sermons about Mirza Sahib, and it is due to this that Mirza Sahib has begun to entertain that he occupies a high status. On this, the Promised Messiah (as) said: “During the time of *Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya*, where was Maulvi Abdul-Karim Sahib? Therein, Allah states:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ

Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me: then will Allah love you. (3:32)

Then, Allah Almighty states:

You are to Me like My Unity and My Uniqueness. (Tazkira)

Allah states: “Your opponent shall be cast into hell.’ There are other examples as well. What could Maulvi Abdul-Karim Sahib possibly say that is greater than God’s words? The speech of Prophets contains lesser words, but greater meaning. My prayers which have been accepted thus far number no less than 5,000 in any case.”

In another entry the Promised Messiah(as) said:

“Satan schemed to finish Adam (as) and uproot him. Then Satan sought respite from God and he was given respite:

‘Till the day of the appointed time.’

Due to the respite given him, no Prophet killed him. It is in this era that he was destined to be slain at the hand of the Promised Messiah. Until now, he crept about as thieves do, but now the time for his destruction has come. Until now, the virtuous were few and the evildoers were more. But now, Satan will perish and the pious will flourish. The evildoers

will be left disgraced like the most ignoble of classes and will remain only as a specimen of what once was.”

He said further:

“Deeds are of two kinds: firstly, those which are done either with a desire for paradise, or a fear of hell, and those which are performed out of a natural inclination. There are two things which can be seen in Muslims as a natural inclination even now. Firstly, there is the prohibition of eating the flesh of swine. No matter how sinful a Muslim may be, he will always show indignation when it comes to eating the flesh of swine. Secondly, they deeply revere the two Holy places in Mecca and Medina. It is for this very reason that no nation can ever dare to attack the two Holy sites.”

There was mention of the fact that naturalists reject the existence of Satan. The Promised Messiah (as) said: “One ought not to overstep their own limit. It is those who believe in matters divine, those who leave their deeper nature and essence to God, who possess greater right to divine protection. Now, you see, we are told that there are four things which are not physically visible: **God, angels, souls and Satan. The deeper nature of these things cannot be fully comprehended.** Why then should one believe in God and souls, but reject the concept of angels and Satan? Denying these things would gradually lead to a denial of the Resurrection of Bodies, a denial of revelation, a denial of God—and this does happen. Many a time, a person will intend to do good, but then their passions will sweep them away, and despite possessing understanding and sense, they become helpless and fall into sin and transgression. What a constant struggle! God has sent man to this transitory abode with the most magnificent of faculties—one ought to employ them all.”

In an entry dated 10th September, Syed Abdullah Sahib, the Arab, asked: “When I am in Arabia, my homeland, should I offer the Prayer behind the people of my country or not?”

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“Do not offer the Prayer behind anyone except for those who have attested to my truthfulness.”

The Arab gentleman submitted: “These people have no knowledge of the position of His Holiness. The message has not been conveyed to them.”

The Promised Messiah (as) said:

“First convey the message to them and then they will either become among those who attest to my truthfulness, or among those who reject me.”

The Arab gentleman submitted: “The people of my country are very harsh in nature and my people in particular are Shias.”

The Promised Messiah (as) said: “You become devoted to God. Allah Almighty Himself becomes the Protector and Guardian of one who is sincere towards Him.”

From this conversation it becomes clear to us how we should do when confronted with a similar situation.

In another entry the Promised Messiah(as) said:

“At the present time the adherents of all religions are filled with passion. The Christians assert that now the Christian faith will spread throughout the world. The Brahmo Samaj claim that their religion will cover the earth. The Arya Samaj proclaim that their religion will dominate all others. All of them, however, speak untruth. God Almighty is with none of them. Now, it is the religion of Islam that shall spread throughout the world and all other religions will be worthless and insignificant before it.”

This statement by Hazrat Masih Maood(as) is very bold. Most people might think that such a future seems impossible under present circumstances. But the Promised Messiah(as) knew what he was talking about and we who have accepted him believe in what he said.

Next Hazrat Masih Maood (as) gives us an important advice. He said:

“When I am at a loss to understand something or if I am confronted with some difficulty, it is my way to put aside all of my thoughts, and engage myself in prayer and tearful supplications, and then the matter is resolve”

If we follow this advice and we learn to trust in Allah under all circumstances, no challenge in the world will break us. With the help of Allah, we will be able to navigate all life’s challenges with ease incha Allah. Supplicating to Allah is a must for each one among us. We should learn to supplicate. In Noah’s Ark, after briefly describing some of Allah’s attributes Hazrat Masih Maood(as) said:

“The God so described is the fundamental bedrock of my community. Believe in Him and give precedence to Him over your own souls and comforts and over all your relationships; show sincerity and loyalty in His cause by exhibiting courage in your practice. Worldly people do not prefer Him over their means, and their kith and kin, but you ought to, so that you may be counted in heaven as belonging to His community.

It has been the practice of God since the remotest ages to manifest signs of His mercy, but you can partake of it only when nothing separates you from Him, His will becomes your will, His desire becomes your desire, **and you remain prostrate at His threshold at all times and in all conditions**—whether of success or failure—so that He may do whatever He wills. If you do so, then God, who has for so long kept His countenance hidden, will manifest Himself in you. Is there anyone from among you who will implement this and seek His pleasure, without being dissatisfied by His will and decree? So, when you encounter misfortune, you should step forth even more eagerly, for this is the means of your success....”

May Allah enable each one among us to do so by Allah’s Grace. Ameen.