

FRIDAY SERMON

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Incha Allah we will continue reading from Malfuzaat Volume 4 of Hazrat Masih Maood(as) from where we left off last week. When we stopped last week Hazrat Masih Maood(as) was speaking about how the prophecy of the coming of Elijah as mentioned in the book Malachi of the ancient testament was fulfilled in the person of Hazrat John, namely Hazrat Yahya (as) as explained by Hazrat Isa(as). He then said:

“Now reflect on the fact that if the prophecy regarding the coming of Elijah(as) is true but his appearance in the form of a spiritual manifestation through John(as) is deemed false, those Muslims who oppose me ought to tell us that in view of the prophecy recorded in the book of Prophet Malachi(as), what proof is there to support the prophethood of Jesus(as)? **Certainly, there would be nothing to establish his prophethood.**

The **second difficulty** that arises is that when Jesus (as) was known for raising people from the dead, why could he not have brought Elijah(as) back to life? This proves two other points as well. **Firstly**, it is not the custom and way of Allah the Exalted to return the dead to this world and revive them. **Secondly**, this also demonstrates that the Messiah did not bring anyone back from the dead. So, contemplate deeply! If the coming of Elijah was not meant to be in the form of **a spiritual manifestation, the prophethood of the Messiah** cannot be established. Moreover, this will also be a cause for objection against Islam and the Holy Quran.

So, what is the **need for the Messiah(as) at this time**? If other reasons and requirements are put aside, the mere fact that the Muslim ummah and the Mosaic dispensation bear a resemblance is extremely significant in itself. The Messiah, peace be upon him, appeared in the fourteenth century after Moses, peace be upon him. Now, I present a precedent of a spiritual manifestation from the past. So those who say that no, it is the Messiah himself who will return again physically, should also present an example too. In the case that they cannot present such an example—and indeed they cannot—then why do they say that which constitutes an innovation in the Faith? Abstain from self-invented beliefs because they will lead a person to ruin. This is the reason that divine wrath fell upon the Jews, because they rejected a Messenger of God Almighty. The calamity that confronted them was that they took what was a metaphor in the literal sense and as a result they became a

people that incurred the wrath of God. A similar case is present now. It saddens me to see the current state of the Muslims.

A previous example of the Jews is already present. The Muslims recite the prayer: (*And those who have not gone astray*) five times in their daily Prayers and they all agree that these words refer to the Jews. I am at a loss to understand, therefore, as to why they oppose me. When a verdict has already been made in a similar case at the time of one Prophet, why do they demand that the Messiah should descend from heaven in contradiction to his own previous verdict. It was the Messiah himself who gave a verdict on the case of Elijah and clearly established that 'second comings' are in the form of spiritual manifestations, and he stated that Elijah had come in the form of John. However, despite this precedent, the Muslims of today will not be satisfied until they force the Messiah down from heaven in the physical sense.

However, I proclaim that you and all your supporters can come together and supplicate for the Messiah to descend from heaven and then you will see whether he descends or not. I truly proclaim that even if you hit your heads for an entire lifetime and if during the course of these supplications, your noses are reduced to nothing, he will still not descend from heaven, because the one who was destined to appear has come.

I proclaim once again, that if Jesus(as) was destined to descend from heaven, it is now, more than ever, that he ought to have come because in your view an imposter and a liar is claiming for himself the position of the Messiah. If it is actually true that the Messiah is to descend from heaven, Allah the Exalted should have sent him down now so that the world is not misguided. For a large community of people has already accepted me as the Messiah so if the real Messiah does not come now, then when will he appear? Is it possible for God Almighty to support liars and imposters? **If ever He has, then do present an example and do tell us also that what touchstone remains then to judge the truth of the righteous?**

You should closely observe who stands on truth as far as this aforementioned case is concerned. Rationality and the light of insight stand by my side. Furthermore, the Holy Prophet (saw) also stands with me because on the night of the spiritual ascension (*mi'raj*) he saw Jesus as among those who had already died.

Moreover, the companions of the Holy Prophet(saw) also unanimously agree, by way of consensus (*ijma*), that the Messiah has died. The Holy Quran also supports me and in addition to this, through heavenly forms of succour Allah the Exalted has proven my claim to be true. Thousands of earthly and heavenly signs have been manifested which demonstrate my truthfulness. So, in the presence of such ample testimony and argumentation, **how can I accept that what these other people say is correct**, especially when the clear and categorical revelation of God states that I am the Messiah. Should I accept these Muslim clergy or should I believe in the revelation of God? **I truthfully proclaim that I cannot forsake the revelation of God Almighty in any circumstances even if the whole world becomes my enemy and not a single person remains with me.**

How can I reject the fresh revelation of God Almighty? This is all the more impossible when I observe that God's shining support is with me always. If these people brush away

the Holy Quran, the Holy Prophet (saw) and the verdict of the Messiah, they are free to do so. God Almighty will question and call them to account Himself.

Another strange fact is that when we present the story of Elijah and mention the objection raised by the Jews against the Messiah, when our opponents have nothing else to say, they respond by saying that these scriptures have been changed and altered.

I am happy to give them that, but what will they say about the enduring tradition and history of a nation (*that of the Jews*)? Does this have no significance? Why would they ignore this? If national history and ongoing tradition from generation to generation is worthy of being discarded so easily, then there would be no evidence to establish the existence of even the greatest, most magnificent kings of old— not even one. This demonstrates that we can never discard the enduring tradition and history of a nation, and the concept regarding the descent of Elijah(as) is one which both the Jews and Christians recognise. Even Jesus (as) himself believed in this prophecy. If this prophecy was nothing but a fabrication, then what was the need for him to provide an interpretation in this respect? He could have rejected the prophecy outright and said that what you present from the book of Malachi is absolutely false. But no, he accepted the prophecy and then provided an appropriate interpretation.

The Jews are so staunchly vociferous on this issue that I have a book written by a Jewish author who writes that if we are questioned by God on the Day of Judgement, we will open the book of Prophet Malachi(as) and put it before Him.

Therefore, the belief regarding the descent of Elijah(as) is a clear and categorical concept, and a verdict has already been given in this respect by the Messiah himself and in doing so, Jesus(as) has alluded to his own second coming as well. Yet alas!

The people do not understand despite knowing the truth. But how long will the people persist in their denial? Ultimately, this truth will be disclosed as clearly as the light of day. **Nations will incline towards us, just as they turned to the Messiah son of Mary.**

On 30th October 1901 when Hazrat Masih Maood(as) came for Maghrib prayer he said:

“Today, I have begun writing an exposition. There has been great exaggeration in respect of the Messiah, peace be upon him, and his greatness has been expressed so excessively, that God forbid, people have turned him into God. I honour him as I honour the other Prophets; I consider him to be a truthful Prophet of God, however, in order to do away with the excess and exaggeration, I have determined to present all of the accounts from his life together, which are recorded in Christian and Jewish literature. For until all of the details which categorically prove that he was a human being are presented, the imaginary things that have been put forth as an exaggeration of his rank, cannot be uprooted. God has instilled this zeal in my heart purely because I can see that this exaggeration has resulted in grave consequences. The Noble Messenger, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has been insulted and no consideration has been given to the majesty and omnipotence of God Almighty. Therefore, I believe that this work shall be most beneficial indeed.

Deeds are judged by intentions.

Since my intentions are pure, it should be clear that the accounts that I will record in this work will not be to dishonour the Messiah, but only to show his human side. In fact, I will record the objections that the Jews and freethinkers raise against the Messiah, but I will also provide a rebuttal to them myself.”

After Maghrib Prayer the promised Messiah(as) said:

“The book that I am writing will be a magnificent sign from God Almighty. For Allah the Exalted has given me the glad tidings:

I shall accept all your prayers except in the matter of your collaterals.

Therefore, I trust wholeheartedly and believe with certainty that my prayers are accepted more than anyone else in the world. This book will be a sign because no one will have the ability to refute it. This will be a powerful sign in the hands of my community. I seek to completely break the claim of the Arabs that they are unparalleled in literary prowess, eloquence and rhetoric. These people who write in newspapers and deem themselves experts in the language and masters of literature after writing a few lines, can take up their pens and compete, and then they will see. Their pens will be broken. If they possess any power and strength, they ought to compete with me, either individually or together as one. Thus, they will come to know and the secret will be disclosed to those among the ignorant who assert that I pay thousands of rupees to have my books written for me by Arabs.

Now we will come to know which Arab has the ability to write such an eloquent and articulate book, replete with such verities and divine insights. The books written by authors who claim to be masters of literature and composition may be likened to stones of various types—hard, brittle, black and white all gathered together. However, my work is a well-arranged exquisite and eloquent exposition comprising various parts from among the verities and divine insights of the Holy Quran. Therefore, the sweetness of that which is written with the help of the Holy Spirit and such words that are inspired by it are mixed with a grandeur and power that others are unable to contest. Therefore, this will be a most magnificent sign. (P47)

Understanding that Hazrat Isa (as) was a human being and he died as a human being is an important and true teaching of Jamaat Ahmadiyya. Each one among us should do our best to understand it in the light of the Holy Quran and the hadiths so that we might not entertain any doubt about it. May Allah help us to do so. Ameen.