

FRIDAY SERMON

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Today, we will finish our reading of the explanations about his mission that Hazrat Masih Maood(as) gave to an English visitor, namely Mr. Dixon who visited Qadian in November of 1901. The text is quite long but it is very interesting and it touches on many topics quite briefly. Let us hope and pray that what we are reading has been of benefit to everyone. Incha Allah.

Hazrat Masih Maood(as) continued:

“Therefore, the magnificent means by which shining certainty and insightful faith in God Almighty can be attained is none other than for one to remain in the company of such people who furnish living testimony in favour of the existence of God Almighty—those who have heard from Him directly that He is an Omnipotent God, the Knower of the Unseen and the Possessor of all perfect attributes.

In the beginning, when a person sits in the company of such people, their words seem rather peculiar and strange, and very little penetrates the heart, even though the heart is naturally inclined to them. The reason for this is because a war ensues between the person’s inner filth and impurities and the divine insights presented before them. The words of a Truthful one seeks to remove and burn to ashes the dust and impurity that covers a person’s heart, so that it develops the power of certainty. For example, when someone is given a laxative, upon entering the stomach, it causes a grumble and expels all the harmful and impure elements with force. In the same manner, a Truthful one desires to dispel false conjectures and wishes to grant a deeper understanding of true knowledge and sound doctrine. These words seem unpleasant and impractical at first to the heart which has languished a long time in some other world, but ultimately the truth prevails.

The forces which lead a person to falsehood die while the forces of truth begin to grow and develop. Hence, I have brought this light and I desire to foster the power of certainty. This strength cannot be developed with mere words and statements. In fact, this is cultivated by those signs which are manifested at the hands of the Truthful by the dominating power of Allah Almighty.

It is not my way to move on to another discussion until I have made one topic clear in the mind of my listener, and until that person determines for sure that he has understood me, or until he raises an objection.”

The Promised Messiah(as) said: “Asking questions also gives rise to knowledge. It is well known that:

السُّؤَالُ نِصْفُ الْعِلْمِ

A good question is half of knowledge.

So, I consider it a blessing even if someone’s heart is moved to ask a question regarding a matter relating to the truth.

Indeed, bear in mind that true cognisance of the Divine can be attained by a seeker who persistently treads this path. This is not exclusive to anyone. It is true, however, that those who are negligent and do not seek this with pure intentions are left wholly deprived. God Almighty in any case, desires to colour a person with the hue of divine understanding. For God has created man in His own image. This is why He states:

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا

And as for those who strive in Our path, We will surely guide them in Our ways. (29:70)

Those who have deified the son of a woman—or a human being as one could say—have not recognized God, nor have they reflected over the essence of man.

What is it to be human? Man is the collective form of all of God’s creatures in their entirety. All of the creatures in this world, be it a lamb or goat, or anything else, are all individual forms of the sum total of man’s faculties. For example, when a writer plans to write a book, they produce miscellaneous notes. Then the writer puts them in order and formulates them into a book. Similarly, all of God’s creatures are blueprints of the human faculties. In other words, this practical state of affairs demonstrates that human beings are vested with the most superior faculties.

As such, the Christian faith denigrates the human faculties and puts forth a dangerous obstruction in the way of their perfection and development, because it deifies a man and makes his blood the basis of salvation.

So, what I wanted to convey to you is that **I tell people the true means by which they can be saved from sin. I show them the way by which they can develop true faith in God Almighty. This is the objective with which I have come to the world.**

It is my heartfelt desire for you to understand this and comprehend this fact with deep reflection, so that wherever you go and whenever you sit with your friends to narrate the wondrous tales of your travels, you also tell them about the things that I have said to you now.”

Mr Dickson said: “I have understood your objective most clearly and I assure you that wherever I go, I shall narrate this to the people of Europe”

His Holiness (as) responded: “As soon as I saw your face, I knew that you were a fair-minded person. It was my heartfelt desire for you to stay with us for a few days so that I could have had a full opportunity to explain my beliefs to you, and so that you too could have had the opportunity to reflect and ask questions repeatedly. I trust that your contemplative disposition nonetheless will surely derive some benefit from what I have said. The hallmark of a person’s high moral standing is that he is always ready to accept the truth. Often a person does not depart from things, despite knowing they are clearly wrong, only because he is blindly following his parents. However, those who truly possess good morals and moral courage do not care about these things at all; their only desire is to embrace what is right.

There are two faculties which are especially powerful in childhood. Firstly, as a child, one absorbs everything; secondly one’s memory is strong. A child never asks for evidence as to why something is so. However, true bravery is to become ready at once to forsake such things which a person, as if, drinks with their mother’s milk when it becomes clear that they are devoid of the quality and nature that is the hallmark of truth and divine insight. The king of all faculties is . Those who lack this faculty, they are necessarily deprived of everything else. Man has not been sent to the world to gather a store of falsehood; instead, he ought to recognise and follow the truth. Since there is falsehood in the world as well, and it is not surprising that the slaves of falsehood desire to portray it to the world as though it were even more brilliant than the truth, a wise person must not be deceived. **A person must scrutinise the truth fully and then accept it.**

In my view, all the religions of the world appear to me as though they were in one arena, and every religion seeks to prove that it is true. However, I say that one ought to see which of them possess spirituality and which of them are accompanied by signs of divine succour, and which religion wields the power to destroy the worm of sin. I say to you on the basis of my own experience that true cognisance of God Almighty, which by its heat, destroys the worm of sin, can only be attained in Islam. It can never be possible to kill this worm with the blood of man.

In fact, blood will only attract more insects. Therefore, blood is definitely not a means for the forgiveness of sin. The fundamental basis for salvation and purity is what I have explained to you and the entire world ought to search for this alone.”

By the time that the Promised Messiah(as) had concluded his address, they had arrived at the bridge at the river, which is approximately 4 miles from Qadian. Upon reaching this juncture, Mr. Dickson took leave of Hazrat Masih Maood(as) and departed for Batala. Hazrat Masih Maood(as) then turned back.”

On the way back from his walk, the Promised Messiah(as) addressed Nawab Sahib (a companion) and said: “I hear that every so often, you preach to the men and women of your family. This is excellent. One should always be concerned about conveying the message of

God to the people of one's household in any way possible. It is related in a hadith that the leader of a tribe will be questioned just as a Prophet sent to his nation. Hence, one should not miss any opportunity that arises. No one knows how long he will live. When the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was commanded **وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ** (*And warn thy nearest kinsmen*), he conveyed the message of God to his relatives individually. Similarly, on many occasions, I have preached to the men and women of our family as well; even now I deliver addresses on occasion to my household.

For the women, I had thought to relate all the fundamental religious topics as questions and answers in an easy manner, but I am not able to find the time. If someone else were to do so, this would benefit the women immensely.”

On the subject of Polygamy in Islam Hazrat Masih Maood(as) said: “Even though a lady naturally dislikes having to accept a co-wife, but the principle on which Islam has laid the foundation of polygamy is righteousness. At times a couple cannot have children and the thought of preserving one's lineage is an inherent tendency in humans. There is nothing wrong with marrying again. On certain occasions the first wife falls victim to a serious illness. There are many other reasons of this nature as well. So, when women come to know and learn of the commandments of God Almighty, and the need for a second marriage arrives, they often assist their husbands in this regard.”

The Promised Messiah(as) said: “Last night I had a dream, which was the night of 17th November, followed by the morning of 18th November. In the dream I saw an officer come with a warrant and he wound a rope of some kind around my hand. I say to him: “What is this? I find this delightful and pleasant.” I felt an indescribable pleasure from this. Then I was immediately handed a notice and someone said this had come from the Chief Court. The notice was penned in beautiful script and appeared to have been written by my late brother, Mirza Ghulam Qadir. When I read the notice, it said: ‘The Chief Court has acquitted him.’” Then, Hazrat Masih Maood(as) said: “Several days prior I received the revelation:

رَشَنَ الْخَبَرُ

○*This is sudden news.*

The word *rashan* means a guest who arrives without prior notice.”(P102)

We will stop here for today. Incha Allah we will continue next time. We have done our best to present Hazrat Masih Maood(as) teachings as he presented it to a non-Ahmadi. It was quite brief and quite thorough as well. May we all learn from this conversation. May Allah help us to value our spiritual heritage and may we all do our best and to improve upon it by Allah's Grace.Ameen!