

Speech of Hazrat Khalifatullah Munir Ahmad Azim (atba)



On the Occasion of the Special Get-Together Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, Kerala

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In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

After reciting the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, and Surah Al-Fatiha, the Khalifatullah (atba) then recited the verses 32-33 of Surah Al-Imran (Holy Quran, Chapter 3):

Qul 'in-kuntum tuhibbuu-nallaaha fattabi-'uunii yuhbib-kumullaahu wa yaghfir lakum zunuubakum: wallaahu Ghafuuruu Rahiim. Qul 'atii-'ullaaha war-Rusuul: fa-'in tawallaw fa 'innallaaha laa yuhibbul-kaafiriin.

Say: If you love Allah, then follow me, Allah will love you and forgive you your faults, and Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. Say: "Obey Allah and the Messenger." But if they turn away – then indeed, Allah does not like the disbelievers. (3: 32-33)

My dear brothers, sisters and children of the Kerala Jamaat, Assalamoualaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakaatuhu,

It is a pleasure for me to address you some words on the occasion of your special gettogether in our Nur'ul Islam Mosque in Mathra. I seize this opportunity to address you a few advices on matters of faith which are so essential in our times, and especially with the advent of a Khalifatullah among you.

You should always remember that proclaiming to have faith is easy to do, but to live it up till your last breath, and to take care of it lest it breaks is the grand trial for all of you who proclaim to be my disciples and to have believed in the Messenger of Allah, Khalifatullah of your age. I want to encourage you to keep fast to the sacred faith which Allah has bestowed upon you in this era, and come what may to not trade it for unfaith, hypocrisy or disbelief at any time after you have confirmed your faith in Allah and His Messenger of the time, when you have solemnly took the oath of allegiance (*Baiah*).

Like I just recited from the Holy Quran, Allah says:

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Remember it is not in vain that Allah has placed these instructions in the Holy Quran, and mentioned it many times in other parts of His sacred book (the Holy Quran), such a book which shall last till the Day of Judgement.

Remember that *Baiah* is not a game which one can play and when tired of it, gets rid of it. Matters of faith are more profound, more complex because it is your passport to salvation, your passport to Allah. Without the right baggage, a traveller cannot complete his journey successfully. He has to possess all amenities, the basic ones he needs for his journey to reach his destination and complete his wish to satisfaction. But in this case, my dear ones, the travellers are us, human beings, the servants of Allah, and from among us Allah has appointed this humble self as your guide so that I may act as a mediator and bring peace among you and carve you through His grace in the mould of true servants of Allah so that you may earn and merit the title of true believers in the Divine Manifestation of this age, true disciples of the Messenger of Allah of your time, and true members of the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam, be it in Kerala and other parts of the world.

Every advent of a Messenger of Allah advocates also that along with obedience to Allah, the people under the direct leadership of the Messenger of Allah and all those who have believed in him show respect and obedience to him, not because the Messenger of Allah is thirsty for attention and to have his orders obeyed but this is to assure discipline, and that all commandments of Allah are respected and applied to the letter.

Allah says: "Obey Allah and His Messenger". Had Allah not mentioned: "...and obey His Messenger", then it would have been difficult even for the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (saw) to change the mentalities of a barbarous people, in occurrence, the Arabs of pre-Islamic period and carve them into human beings, before finally moulding them into moral servants of Allah who are imbibed with both the love of Allah and that of His Messenger in their hearts. They would not have listened to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) and would have ignored his instructions and put him to lots of moral torture. Despite his best efforts, even the Rahmatul-lil-Aalameen (the Mercy for all the worlds) could not change the hearts and behaviour of many who acted like hypocrites, and then became disbelievers, and even among the believers, especially the weak of faith (i.e. those who have accepted Islam but have not yet attained the true faith with their heart and soul), this was also the state of affairs when they secretly blamed the Prophet of Allah for all the tragedies in their lives.

There are many examples of disobedience to the Prophet of Allah, Hazrat Muhammad (saw) and among them is the disobedience displayed at Uhud, and also the treason of the hypocrites when along with the leader of the hypocrites, Abdullah bin Ubayy, they turned against the prophet of Allah and retreated from the battlefield. They were not one or two hypocrites. They were three hundred! Moreover, during the same battle, instead of fighting for the cause of Allah, the believers' hearts were more on getting access to the booties of

war (i.e. material fortune) than fighting for the cause of Allah (i.e. spiritual fortune), and when nearing the peak of victory, it is disobedience to the Messenger of Allah (saw) which disarmed them and overthrew them, and thus came about their sad defeat when the enemies of Allah seized that opportunity to come back and surprise the Muslims by another attack. It was in that battle that our beloved prophet Muhammad (saw) nearly lost his life. He was wounded on the face and even lost one of his front teeth. Was that supposed to have happened? This is the question! Had the believers really been fighting for the cause of Allah, and had they listened and obeyed the Prophet of Allah (saw) victory would have definitely been for the Muslims, but alas they let their passions, and disobedience to Allah and His Messenger create a deafening wall of disunity that they lost the battle and in the process invite to the wounds of the one whom they proclaimed allegiance and whom they supposedly love with all their hearts.

Very often also, in other situations, the actions of the Muslims were such that Nabi Kareem (saw) would be red with anger, and admonishing the Muslims so that they may not repeat their mistakes and to give them a lesson, be it in morality, forgiveness and also to come what may preserve the unity among them because without unity, every good cause is a lost cause! Without the adrenaline of true faith in the heart and a real desire for unity, nothing can be achieved, and thus the oath of allegiance which the believers take on a Messenger of Allah becomes void when they keep on breaking those very same sacred promises.

Verily, Allah detests the deniers of true faith, for even after receiving the true guidance through His Messenger they take steps backward and abandon the cause of Allah for the benefit of their material comfort and desires. These kinds of people fear people (creatures) more than they should fear Allah (the Creator).

A true Muslim is he who is fearless of people and fearful of Allah, He is one who once he proclaims allegiance to Allah and His Messenger, he keeps loyal to that sacred trust and for the sake of Allah and His Messenger, he/she brings about peace among his brothers and sisters of the same faith as him/her. A true Muslim is meek of heart, and prefers to preserve the honour of his brother/sister rather than his own honour, just for the pleasure of Allah. A true Muslim is he who follows the commandments of Allah and the advices he gives to promote unity and peace for a solid congregation of believers worldwide. He is one who gives shelter to his brother for the sake of Allah and preaches to him the teachings of Allah and the Holy Prophet of Islam and to the best of his ability do such deeds to attract the pleasure of Allah on him, not Allah's anger and displeasure.

Man is weak, but true faith in Allah and His Messenger Hazrat Muhammad (saw), as well as in all other prophets of Allah, and especially the Messenger of Allah of his time gives him the necessary strength to deal with all kinds of difficult situations to spread the true faith (Islam) around him. True believers are those who are sincerely for the cause of Allah and who trust in Allah and His Messenger to guide them on the right path with the pleasure of Allah as their ultimate reward.

One cannot be a believer and a non-believer at the same time, for if so, this person is a hypocrite and has a dual purpose to cause disunity and problems to the party of Allah. He cannot place his feet in two boats lest he tumbles, falls and drown. He should know his goal in life. He should know his priority in life. Is his priority what people think about him or what Allah and His Messenger think about him? Is his priority the world or the next life which is eternal? Is his priority the material or the spiritual? A true believer is he who little by little through intense prayer and *Zikrullah* (remembrance of Allah) seek the help of Allah to combat his own vile passions and to imbibe in him such values which shall promote the esteem of Allah for him. When Allah is pleased with such a person, then Allah directs His Messenger to be pleased with such a person and Allah also through His angels enlightens the hearts of the believers to warm up to such a person because he is one of them, most precious to the world of Allah.

The Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam has thus been called by Allah to take on the responsibility to be the examples, models and reflections of the sweet teachings of Islam so that the world can reciprocate and mould themselves into true Muslims.

My dear disciples, this is my humble advice to you for this great day when you have come to meet together as one brotherhood so that united you can do many works for the pleasure of Allah. A good intention is the root of a good deed. Each person has his own opinion, but the greatest endeavour which is pleasurable in the eyes of Allah is he who for the sake of unity keeps solid relations with his other brothers in faith to keep the religion of Allah (Islam) solid and evergreen.

You are all my dear disciples, close to my heart, but the closest to Allah and this humble Messenger of Allah are those who make the efforts with the best intentions to promote goodwill in the Jamaat, in their surroundings and in the world as a whole. These people's mark shall be seen and felt for many years till the Day of Judgement just like the pure companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), and mind you, even among the companions of the Holy Prophet (saw) there were some differences of opinions and discussions, but they never let those petty differences impede on their faith in Allah and His Messenger (saw) and the progress of Islam.

This is my advice to you today, my first disciples as well as all those who have recently integrated the Jamaat UI Sahih AI Islam. The matters of faith are not easy. There shall be many obstacles in the way, but through *duah*, goodwill, a forgiving heart and the desire to see Islam, Jamaat UI Sahih AI Islam – the true representation of Islam spread throughout the

world, then you should accept to undergo all kinds of trial for the sake of Allah and verily when Allah is with you, everything is with you, but when Allah is not with you, nothing is with you. The Messenger of Allah, this humble self is among you for a limited time only. Once my mission is accomplished, Allah shall call me back to Him, and it shall fall upon you to carry on the legacy of the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam for many years ahead till Allah elevates another one of His Messenger with the *Ruh-ul-Qoudouss* for the reform of Islam and Humanity as a whole. This is indeed an on-going process for Allah shall always keep high the honour and legacy of His chosen Messengers.

Therefore, seize with both hands and with a purified heart the exceptional fortune which Allah has vouchsafed to you in this era. Through your acceptance, Allah has admitted you in His mercy, but mind you, He shall test you to see to which degree of patience you can stand for His sake and if you really hold true faith in your heart when you proclaim: *"I prefer to obey Allah and His Messenger than anything else in this world"*. Blessed are those who live up to their oath of allegiance and take steps forward to establish the supremacy of Islam (through the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam) in their own country and around the world.

May Allah bless you for all your good intentions, and remove all your difficulties, and all passions (*nafs*/ego) which restrict you from keeping the community of Allah united. All Messengers of Allah faced this problem with those who proclaimed to have believed in them, and therefore it is my prayer that Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam learn from the mistakes of the past and do not go on to commit the same mistakes, so that reinforced with unity and the will to work hard for the cause of Allah, we can march towards the promised victory with grateful and submitted hearts to Allah, our Protector, Saviour, and Eternal Companion. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.* May Allah bless this gathering with the presence of His angels and the good fortune of His proximity to all those among you who are truly sincere to the Divine Manifestation of this age. *Ameen, Summa Ameen, Ya Rabbul Aalameen.*