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Eid-UL-Adha Sermon

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*After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace and **Eid Mubarak**, Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his Eid sermon on "**Ibrahim (as) - Remarkable Example of Fidelity**":*



Eid-ul-Adha commemorates the great sacrifice of Hazrat Ibrahim (as) and Hazrat Ismail (as). It is indeed Hazrat Ibrahim (as) who accomplished all rights of fidelity. He could not have become an intimate creature and servant of Allah, were it not for the sincerity, cleanliness and purity he displayed, and it would have been difficult for him to arrive at such stage (in the eyes of Allah/ in the realm of spirituality).

To fulfil all rights of fidelity, Hazrat Ibrahim (as) had to make such efforts to purify his heart and remove all '*Ghairullah*' (all that is not Allah) and filled it with the love of

Allah and act according to the will of Allah. Hazrat Ibrahim (as) had persevered in this path and showed himself ever firm, to such an extent that he once dreamt that he was sacrificing his son. So, concerning his dream, he could have given it several interpretations, but his faith in Allah was so firm that he decided to go through with the literal sacrifice of his young son, with his own hand.

Ponder over this. Imagine the state of a person if his son suddenly dies due to some illness. That person can reach such stage where he starts to have all kinds of doubts on Allah, and thus he opens his mouth to utter countless complaints and objections against Allah.

So, Hazrat Ibrahim (as) crushed the love he had for his son and above all preferred to show his love for Allah (swt). This kind of person, Allah does not let him lose anything and he becomes the friend of Allah.

When you read the Holy Quran, you see how much love he had for Allah (swt) and Allah (swt) in return gave him lots of revelations and granted him, in his progeny, prophets. Both his sons Ismail (as) and Ishaq (as) were prophets and through them (i.e. their bloodline), many more prophets came. In the example of Hazrat Ibrahim (as), there is a lesson for all humanity; a lesson of sincerity and faithfulness. That is why Ibrahim (as) has been qualified as the one who showed faithfulness (fidelity) and sincerity.

Therefore, in order to show sincerity towards Allah (swt), as well as truth and fidelity, this asks for a death of all the worldly pleasures and you need to be ready to undergo humiliations, difficulties for the cause of Allah and also to crush all idols which had entered the heart. These idols cause you to devote your everything to them and thus it becomes imperative (for you) to crush them. Idolatry does not only mean praying a photo, statue, sun, moon etc. It is true that you are not standing before them to pray, but there are many forms of idolatry which enter your hearts and which make your love for Allah take a back seat. Today, Muslims in general, and the Ahmadis in particular are not taking heed of what Allah has said. They take into consideration what their idol/s (i.e. their Mullahs or Caliph) have said. How then can the love of Allah enter such hearts? On the contrary you see a manifestation of hatred for the servants of Allah and a display of love for their idol/s.

Today you are celebrating the Eid-ul-Adha. This festival is not just about sacrificing an animal and eating its meat. One needs to ponder over this great Eid, for it is because of Hazrat Ibrahim (as), through his mighty sacrifice that Allah (swt) has today blessed this *Ummah* with such a great **EID**. Allah knew the heart of Hazrat Ibrahim (as). He knew that his love for Him (Allah) exceeded that of his love for his wife and son. And despite his old age and his request/ supplication to Allah to give him a child, even though Allah gave him a son, but He tried him with that same child, by giving him a vision and instruction to sacrifice him. And thus, despite the fact that Allah has given him such a son in old age, he passed his trial/ test with flying colours by believing in his dream/ vision and complying with what Allah has shown him therein. He preferred losing (sacrificing) his son rather than losing the love of Allah (swt), and he agreed to undergo all kinds of difficulties for the sake of preserving his faith in the unity of Allah. Therefore, see how Allah honoured him thereafter with great titles. Allah says:

“Ibrahimallazi Waffa” – *It is Ibrahim who showed a remarkable example of fidelity.* (An-Najm 53: 38).

It is not without efforts that he had acquired all this. All through his life he remained sincere, faithful, and filled with *Taqwa* (fear for Allah). Moreover, it is with a clean and pure heart that he received this title.

Therefore, to receive the blessings and favours of Allah, purity of heart is indeed very important. By purity of heart I mean that there should not be the least presence of *Shirk* in our heart, there should be no idol which/ who builds its home in our heart. If you let these remain in your heart, then those idols shall invade your hearts and shall manifest in you.

In the year 2000 at the beginning of the divine manifestation, Allah (swt) revealed to me: *Purify your heart like a mirror.*

(That is) Such mirror which you have cleaned, on which there is no trace of dust or dirt and where you can see your face clearly. Likewise, you need to purify your heart well like for a mirror. When Allah (swt) looks upon your heart, there should no trace of dirt, there should be no trace of hypocrisy in any part thereof. When such a heart is clean, therein is the manifestation of Allah and all darkness leave to give way to light. But if the heart still have traces of idols, then this heart shall remain clouded with such darkness/ dirt/ dust/ idols; the manifestation of Allah

shall be absent from it and therefore you shall be left with no belief in the Divine Manifestation.

It is then that hatred shall spread in that kind of heart. The solution to prevent this from happening is to make lots of *duahs*. Allah (swt) knows which heart holds idols and if He wants, Allah can remove all these idols, but for that, you need to be sincere and faithful to Allah. And the supplications which you are addressing Allah, for them to be accepted, you need to display sincerity and truthfulness like Hazrat Ibrahim (as) showed his sincerity and like Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) who showed the best example. When a person follows this example (of sincerity and faithfulness), he becomes a blessed person, even if people humiliate him and create lots of problems for him. It is then that Allah comes and washes away all those traces of humiliation from him and gives him his provisions which are *Halal* (licit), and where Allah opens the door of His grace and favours for him and he becomes heir to the blessings of Allah.

Allah (swt) becomes his *Wali* (Guardian / Protector / One Who takes all responsibility). It is Allah Who knows the situations of all hearts. The one who wins the true love of Allah, Allah becomes his Protector.

So, when you read the Holy Quran, Allah says:

Qul sadaqallaah: fattabi-'uu Millata 'Ibrahiima haniifaa; wa maa kaana minal-mushrikiin.

Say: Allah speaks the truth. Follow then the religion of Ibrahim, (who was) ever turned (to Allah), and was not among the idolaters. (Al-Imran 3: 96).

I pray that each one of us ponder over the exceptional submission and sacrifices displayed by Hazrat Ibrahim (as). And reflect upon how Allah accepted all these from him and rewarded him. He did all this only for the cause/ pleasure of Allah and Allah did not let him lose anything (he cherished). Children also must reflect upon the total submission of Hazrat Ismail (as) and how Allah has honoured him also for all times.

So, all sacrifices which are sincerely accomplished in the way of Allah shall never be in vain. I pray to Allah that He grants me and us all together this true spirit of sacrifice and that whenever we make a sacrifice, Allah accepts this from us. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*