

Friday Sermon

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After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on "Be God-fearing":

Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah, today marks 9 years since our Jamaat - Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam has been officially registered with the authorities - at national level. Moreover, in two days time - on 12th of March, Mauritius also will celebrate its 49th year of independence (1968-2017). As a result, 9 years (and even more, since the end of 2000) have passed like a wind of spiritual revolution which has testified in our favour again and again of the grace of Allah which has spread in great quantity upon us, on the Jamaat which Allah has raised up to do His work throughout all the world. *Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah*. We thank Allah for that immense favour He has granted us - me personally, as His humble servant and messenger, and everyone in the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam because each one of you has a very important work to do in the plan of Allah. But for this, all of you throughout the world, without exception, you must make immense efforts and great sacrifices so that the decrees of Allah are realized and that together we see the victories that Allah has promised us. By the grace of Allah, with the days and years that are passing by, we are witnessing by the immense grace of Allah how Allah is opening for us this door so that we succeed in winning this victory And that we please Him in our effort to submit to His will, come what may.

One thing that normally seems difficult to achieve, can be achieved with ease if there is a will. The will arises from interest (one has in it, to achieve it), which also means that if there is no will, then accordingly, an easy thing too can become difficult (to realize). Why is it that something that we can do for this present world (*Duniya*), we cannot do the same (this effort towards/ for) our *Deen* (religion)? We accept to make sacrifices for the cause of the temporal world. We accept to wake up early and we gladly walk a long way to take the bus to work, but (unfortunately) we find it a burden, something hard to come to the mosque, and yet the mosque can be found very close to our house (next door). If we analyze these two options in terms of ease, we will find it easier for us to come to the mosque rather than to go to work. But we do it (that is, go to work) because we find therein our (material) interest. And coming to the mosque would be easier for us but the fact remains that we do not care about that because we do not realize its importance.

In a Hadith, our noble prophet (pbuh) said that if the hypocrites knew how many benefits there would be in carrying out the prayers of Esha and Fajr in the mosque, then they would have certainly marked their presence even if they had to crawl (toward the mosque) to accomplish them.

So the main thing in all this is to develop love for Allah Almighty because this will create the interest for the *Deen* (religion - Islam) and the *Aakhirah* (hereafter) in us and this in turn will bring about the will (in us) to practice the *Deen*.

After that, we will find nothing difficult or ridiculous or illogical in the *Deen*. We will consider this way of living as the way advocated and appreciated by our True Beloved, our Allah the Almighty. The development/ creation and progress of love for Allah The Exalted does not come at once. We must strive to acquire it. We will succeed in having it through our commitment to practicing the *Deen*. We must make the necessary efforts to make the *Zikrullah* (Remembrance of Allah) in the form of the *tasbeehaat* (glorifications of God), *Darood Shareef* (The invocation of blessings on the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)) and Istigfaar (seeking forgiveness - from Allah). We must make it a must to accomplish all these every day. We must also dedicate a specific time to do the *Telawat-e-Quran* (reading the Holy Qur'an).

One of the things/ effective solutions (to succeed in doing this) is to frequent the *Deendaar* (pious people, those deeply immersed in the *Deen*); Do not frequent those who have no connection with Allah, those who are only attached with the pleasures of this lowly world, as they are tied with this (temporary) world. They think they will live here forever, even if they have a foot in the tomb (*Qabar*) and a foot on earth, but despite that they continue to make efforts to increase their worldly possessions. Nevertheless they know very well that tomorrow the bell of death will sound for them, and they will have to leave everything.

The deceased person then will not take anything with him. He will leave everything behind in this world, and will only take his (good) deeds.

These kinds of people do not think about their death that will surprise them one day. They do not reflect on what will happen to them after death and they continue to harm their neighbours/ people like themselves. They do all kinds of wickedness and tricks in order to acquire the goods of this lowly world in great quantity and then as soon as they succeed in having these wealth, they manifest in them arrogance and treat poor people, people at the bottom of the ladder (of society) with disgust and they do not realize that all they possess, it is Allah who granted it to them and indeed nothing really belongs to them because all this will come back to Allah the Exalted. All their life on earth then becomes a waste as they make no spiritual progress.

So a believer is someone who makes a lot of efforts to make His *Rab* (Master, Allah) happy with him and forgive his weaknesses, his sins, and faults. So that's the advice I give you. Stay with the *Deendaar*, for it is the most effective way to acquire the love of Allah the Almighty. After a certain time, this practice will return to our system because then we will not feel comfortable as long as we do not practice the *Deen*. This is the point where we can finally say that our hearts are beginning to be connected with Allah the Exalted. Keep a close watch on the connections/ friendships/ relations/ frequentations you make, as well as those of your children. You must take many precautions because this too is very important lest you frequent a *faasiq*. A *faasiq* is someone who commits a major sin.

In the same way, someone who persists in committing a minor sin also becomes a *faasiq*. Someone denigrates himself when he commits a sin and makes himself unworthy. He shows himself as someone shameless. That is why the testimony of this kind of person is not acceptable. It is very sad that someone is honourable in the eyes of people but is (verily) not honourable in the eyes of Allah the Exalted.

True honour is the honour that is perceived from the eyes of Allah. This is indeed an honour that will remain forever (which will endure) and it is a true honour. Therefore, someone who is truly honourable is not one whom people take him triumphantly over their shoulders, but he is a *Muttaqi* (one who has the fear of Allah, who is pious) or one who is sincere and very serious in the *Deen*. Someone serious in the *Deen* is someone who assumes his duties towards his Creator and his brothers and sisters (humans like him) according to the principles taught by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). All that a person seeks in this world through his efforts, he can acquire it in an effective way by being *Muttaqi* (being a person who has the fear of Allah). For verily, Allah has promised a very pleasant life to him who practices His *Deen*. He has given him the assurance that He will solve his problems and give him everything he needs in unexpected ways. Nothing is

impossible or difficult for Allah the Almighty. He has the ability to do whatever is difficult to become easy, the impossible become possible. He has the ability to do what is unfavourable to become favourable. All that we need is found in the hand of Allah the Almighty. There is only one way to acquire all that. It is only by becoming *Muttaqi*. After that, everything will become right again.

Glory to Him Who has control over everything. Verily, everything is found only in His hand. O Allah, honour us by keeping us in Your submission. And do not make us unhappy by Your disobedience. *Ameen*.