



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 "The Value of Ramadan":

Special Mention:

1. *Alhamdulillah Summa Alhamdulillah*, today 26 May 2017, our Mosque in Mayotte has become officially operational and our members has made their first Jummah (Jumma Sermon & Prayers) in the new Masjid: **Hazrat Ummul Mumineen Fazli Amena Mosque**. And yesterday 25 May 2017, our members assembled for a special meeting and for the occasion a collective lunch was served. *Alhamdulillah Summa Alhamdulillah*, our members in Mayotte are really active (in their practice of *Deen* & the construction of the Mosque). The evil schemers ripped away a piece of iron sheet, but then afterwards Allah decreed that many iron sheets should be elevated in the place of the ripped one and now our members have successfully obtained their Mosque. The Mosque has been built with iron sheets but this construction make us recall the epoch of the Noble Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) whereby mosques used to be made out of wood and covered by date branches and leaves, but *Iman* (faith) was solid as concrete.
2. Today by the grace of Allah marks the 9th year since Allah raised me officially as His Khalifa/ Caliph (Khalifatullah) and the Imam-e-Inquilab. In the night of 26 May 2008, after Maghrib & Esha prayers, Allah sent down His revelations upon me and

made me stand up to proclaim myself as the Khalifatullah of this era. Therefore, the 26th day of May is a historic date and month in the annals of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, and like you all know, 26 May is also the date and month when our beloved Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) died. May Allah always preserve him in the freshness of Paradise and bestow upon him His eternal love and mercy. *Ameen.*

3. And today also, 26 May 2017, marks 5 years since the launching of our Youtube Channel **“Sahih al Islam”**. *Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah.*

Announcements:

1. By the grace of Allah, Mukarram Amir Dr. Thahir Saheb and the other members along with him have made a great work in the North of Kerala. They took the initiative to distribute our pamphlets with all people in the North where they are. *Alhamdulillah*, they were successful in their efforts.
2. And there is also our brother K.P Shamsuddin Saheb who took the initiative to distribute our pamphlets (on the importance of the Coming of a Khalifatullah in this era) in Mosques. He took the risk to go alone in this *Tabligh* quest, but Allah was with him. *Alhamdulillah.*
3. Also, Mukarram Amir Jamaluddin Saheb, in the south of Kerala was invited in a conference to represent the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam on the theme: **“Triple Talaq”**. There was high personalities present. He exposed my writings and sermons on the subject – based on the Quran – before the audience and the majority of the people present appreciated the discourse, except for certain Muslims who were negative to it especially when they came to know about the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam and our view on *Talaq* (Divorce), because *Talaq* according to them can be pronounced thrice, all at the same time (even through email or phone messages). But *Alhamdulillah*, when the Amir Saheb presented our views to the public, the people (especially the non-Muslims) appreciated it a lot, and the Amir Saheb seized the opportunity also to read to them my biography as a humble servant and messenger of Allah.
4. **And as the Spiritual Leader of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, my Jamaat and I we strongly condemn the terrorist attacks which happened in Manchester in the United Kingdom earlier this week. I have already talked lengthily on this subject in a speech which, *Insha-Allah* shall be posted on the website soon in the local language, in audio (as well as a translation also).**

THE VALUE OF RAMADAN

Ramadan is a great favour which Allah has bestowed upon us, Muslims. We shall perceive this favour only when we shall value it like it deserves, otherwise many Ramadans shall come and go without us maximising fully their benefits. The hadiths which I shall put before you show the virtues of Ramadan. Narrated by Abu Masud al-Gifari (ra) in a Hadith whereby Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said: *“If my Ummah (community) knew the value, the honour and the importance of the month of Ramadan properly, they would desire the entire of the year to be Ramadan.”*

In another Hadith narrated by Salman (ra): *“On the last day of Shabaan, the Noble Prophet (pbuh) delivered a sermon; he said: ‘O people there comes over you now a great month, a most blessed month in which lies a night more greater in virtue than a thousand months. It is a month in which Allah has made Fasting (Roza/ Sawm) compulsory by day, and has made Sunnah the Nafil night prayers (e.g. Tahajjud prayers as mentioned by Allah in the Quran, and the Tarawee which represents an excellent innovation which Hazrat Umar (ra) implemented for he wanted to reunite all Muslims as one congregation following one Imam and not to be divided – and besides, this is the true spirit of unity which must remain alive whereby all Muslims must come together as one, under (the leadership of) one Imam, especially the Imam whom Allah has raised for you, an Imam-e-Inquilaab, a Khalifatullah, for there should be no division and different sects, but on the contrary, it should be like in the true intention of Hazrat Umar (ra) to reunite all people who were scattered and praying alone, to put them together in one congregation, under one Imam). Whosoever intends drawing near to Allah by performing any virtuous deed, for such a person shall be the reward like the one who had performed a Fardh (Obligatory act) in any other time. And whoever performs a Fardh, shall be blessed with the reward of seventy Faraa-idh (Obligatory acts) in any other time.*

This is indeed the month of patience, and the reward for true patience is Jannah (Paradise). It is the month of sympathy with one’s fellowmen. It is the month wherein a true believer’s rizq (sustenance) is increased. Whosoever feeds another who fasted, in order to break the fast at sunset, for the feeder there shall be forgiveness of sins and freedom from the fire of Jahannam (hellfire), and for such a feeder shall be the same reward as the one who fasted (who he fed) without that person’s reward being decreased in the least.”

Thereupon we said, *“O Messenger of Allah, not all of us possess the means whereby we can give a fasting person to break his fast.”*

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) replied: *“Allah grants the same reward to the one who gives a fasting person to break the fast a mere date, or a drink of water, or a sip of milk (for Iftar, to break his fast). This is a month, the first of which brings Allah’s mercy (i.e. the first part), the middle of which brings His forgiveness and the last of which brings freedom from the fire of Jahannum. Whosoever lessens the burden of his servants in this month, Allah will forgive him and free him from the hellfire.”*

“And in this month four things you should continue to perform in great number, two of which shall be to please your Lord (Allah), while the other two shall be those without which you cannot do. Those which shall be to please your Lord, are that you should in great quantity bear witness that there is no deity to worship except Allah (i.e. recite “Laa Ilaaha Illallah”) and make much Istighfaar (i.e. repentance, seek the forgiveness of Allah). And as for those without which you cannot do, you should beg of Allah, entrance into Paradise and ask refuge in Him from hellfire.”

“And whoever gave a person who fasted water to drink, Allah shall grant that giver to drink from my fountain, such a drink where after that a person shall never again feel thirsty until he enters Paradise.” (Baihaqi, Ibn Hibban).

A faster should take 6 precautions when he observes his fast. Abu Ubaidah (ra) reports: *“I have heard the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) say: “Fasting is a shield for the one who does not violate it.”* (Ibn Majah, Nisai, Hakim).

In the same way that a shield protects someone, fasting also protects man (human being) from his sworn enemy, i.e. Satan. In the other Hadiths, we learn that fasting protects from the punishment of Almighty Allah in the hereafter and it is also a protection against hellfire. Once someone asked the Messenger of Allah (pbuh): *“What annuls the fast?”* He (pbuh) replied: *“Lying, backbiting, fighting and vain disputes.”*

Therefore, when you analyse these words of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), he (pbuh) said that lying, backbiting (i.e. saying bad words on others in their back), fighting, or vain disputes annul the fast just like food and drink breaks the fast. Thus, when this happens, that person loses all the blessings and rewards of fasting. All the sacrifices that he made, by waking up early in the morning and following the prescriptions of Allah and His Messenger (pbuh), at the end of the day, because of indulging in forbidden things, he loses all. This is really a grievous sin, especially in that blessed month (i.e. the month of Ramadan).

Therefore, there are six precautions which we should take when we observe the fast:

1. That person (i.e. the faster) should protect his sight/ eyes by not looking at forbidden things. Our beloved prophet (pbuh) has said : *“A look is like an arrow which comes from Satan.”* The one who for the fear of Allah protects his sight against evil (i.e. he does not look at forbidden things/ beings), even in his talks with friends, be it through phone, mobile or email; you should be very careful, lest Allah rip away from you the mustard seed of *Iman* (faith) which was in your heart, and especially when Allah has chosen you to do His *Deen* works (i.e. the works of religion – Islam). You should behave well and not act like a hooligan. You should maintain a distance with all that are forbidden and preserve your dignity and status bestowed upon you by Allah. The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) has said: *“If you show such divinely-given dignity and status, then Allah shall give you such power/ force in your faith that you shall be able to taste and feel the sweetness of faith from the bottom of your heart.”*
2. A person must protect his tongue from all forbidden things such as lying, vain talks, backbiting, disputes, foul words, etc. In the book of Hadiths of Bukhari we read that fasting is a shield for a faster. That is why, those who observe the fast should avoid all vain talks, mockeries, disputes etc. If someone readies himself to fight (dispute) with us, we should simply say: *“I am fasting”*. In other words, we should not start a dispute on our own and if the other one seeks to start a dispute, we should not fall into this trap.

In the time of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), there used to be two women who observed the fast and they reached a point that hunger was so poignant that they were on the verge of dying. The Sahaba (ra) went to see them and these women were given each a bowl to vomit therein. After vomiting, there were blood and pieces of flesh which came out from them. The Sahaba (ra) were astonished and the Holy Prophet (pbuh) told them: *“These two women fasted from what Allah has made licit for them however, they broke their fast with what Allah has made illicit upon them when they sat with one another to backbite others.”*

It is clear from that Hadith that backbiting makes fasting unbearable. That is why those two women nearly died. In fact, all evil deeds render fasting difficult (to accomplish/ to sustain). Experience show that fasting is not difficult for those servants (of Allah) who are sincere and devoted (i.e. the *Muttaqiin* – those who are righteous, who have the fear of Allah in their hearts). For them, fasting is never an ordeal whereas for the sinful ones, fasting is ever an ordeal.

This sermon does not end here, but I need to stop here for today due to lack of time and the members have to return back to work. I pray that Allah gives me the opportunity to continue on the same subject of my sermon neek week (next Friday), *Insha-Allah*. If I continue, it shall be too long, especially when the six precautions while fasting need to be explained, and I have mentioned just two of them. *Insha-Allah*, I shall continue on the same subject next Friday.

I wish all of you – all my disciples worldwide and all Muslims – Ramadan Mubarak. May Allah make you blessed (*Mubarak*) in the blessed month which is awaiting us with open arms. In return we should also open wide our arms and hug this extraordinary and special guest sent by Allah for us. It is truly a treasure which Allah has bestowed upon us, and it is now for us to use this treasure in the best way which exists, and verily the best way is to follow the *Sunnah* (practice) of our noble prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). *Insha-Allah, Ameen*.