

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

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 "Invocations (Part 1)":

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي
تَعَلَّمُوا يَرْشُدُونَ

Wa 'izha sa'alaka 'ibadi 'anni fa'inni qaribun 'uyibu dawatad da'i 'izha da'aani falyastayibu li walyuminu bi la' al-lahum yarshuduun.

And when My servants ask you, concerning Me – indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me (by obedience) and believe in Me that they may be (rightly) guided. (Al-Baqara 2: 187).

Today is the 8th of Muharram of the year 1439 AH. We Muslims, should be grateful that Allah (swt) has given us our Islamic year/ calendar and it is verily mentioned in the Quran and Hadiths that this (i.e. Muharram) is indeed a blessed month. Allah mentions in the Holy Quran that there are four sacred months for the Muslims and that peace should be preserved during these months. There should be no fight/ battle/ war, vain and endless disputes/ discussions which are aggravated for nothing! Bear in mind that all these are highly detestable in the eyes of Allah.

Beware! Let us not attract the wrath of Allah (swt) upon us because of trivial matters. We need to concentrate deeply on the deeds we are doing and see whether they are being done for Allah solely, or as a show - for the eyes of people.

I ask all brothers and sisters in Islam to make lots of *duahs* (to invoke Allah a lot), to ask help from Allah, and we need to unite, and not be divided. I ask you to listen to all that I am telling you. From this Muharram 1439 AH to the next Muharram 1440 AH - believe me brothers and sisters - there are a lot of happenings/ events/ catastrophes which shall occur: earthquakes, floods, lots of people shall lose their lives, atrocious crimes, wars/ fights (nations against nations), blood of innocents shall be shed. Corruption shall cause havoc in several countries; the powerful (more precisely, the powerful countries) shall crush down the weak ones, and don't forget that Islam also is in danger. That is, the Muslims' lives are in danger, especially wherever they are in minority.

O Muslims and Muslim countries! Listen, take into consideration the sufferings which our Muslim brothers and sisters are undergoing. Let us unite. Unity is Strength. Let us not be divided. Let us forget our difference of opinions. That which is coming ahead shall be atrocious, very hard. Let us not fight among ourselves. O Arab countries! Allah has given you lots of riches, so help your brothers and sisters who share the same faith (religion, Islam) as you and do not be beguiled by others to kill your Muslim brothers and sisters, those who share the same faith as you.

I ask you to take this into consideration and start counting - from the 1st Muharram of this new year 1439 AH till its end. Write down all that which shall happen throughout the world and even small islands and even all that which is found in the Indian Ocean (and its vicinity) shall not be spared from divine punishment, in the form of earthquakes, floods, great wars which shall be very difficult to stop. Believe in what I am saying.

O Muslims and Humanity at large. Take precautions and stock your food - buy, keep, preserve. Another thing which shall cause the death of man are illnesses. There shall be a deadly virus which shall appear and cause havoc everywhere and till the time a remedy is found, millions of people would have already died. Such is the image of the end of time (i.e. the Day of Judgement). It is not only that one day when everything would cease to be at once, but when millions of people die, this is verily a *Qayamat* (Day of Judgement/ end of time) for them.

Take your precautions O my brothers and sisters. Make lots of *duahs*. Perform your *Salaat/ Namaz* (prayer) regularly and in addition to this, perform a lot of voluntary prayers also (*Nafil Salaat/ Namaz*). Fill your lives with invocations to Allah (i.e. *duahs*).

Turn towards (the) Religion (of Allah, i.e. Islam), read the Quran and give away lots of *Sadqua* (charity) because this shall verily be a (great) trial which shall overcome all mankind.

Let us change our lives in a positive way to please Allah and not to attract His anger. Let us keep ourselves attached more to *Deen* (the religion - Islam) than to anything else. Let us attach ourselves firmly to Allah. Only Allah has the power to save us from these great calamities. *Insha-Allah*.

O brothers and sisters! Fill yourselves with piety! Have *Taqwa* (i.e. the fear of Allah). Be humble; do not become neither arrogant nor avaricious, nor proud/ vain. Do not do things which shall displease Allah. Let us do that which shall make Allah (swt) happy with us - and that which shall make Allah love us - with all our deeds which we do, in one same voice, as one same body, i.e. the body of Islam. We need to turn to Allah altogether (as one body) so that Allah may spare us from these great calamities, and all that we have said (i.e. Allah and His Messenger through divine revelations). So Humanity as a whole, acknowledge this Divine Light, this divine message and accept the Messenger of Allah of this era. *Insha-Allah*, may Allah give me the *Tawfeeq* to talk on this subject more profoundly very soon through video addressed to all Muslims and all members of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam. *Insha-Allah*.

So, like you all know, we are in the sacred month of Muharram. It is a month which is filled with divine blessings and favours, wherein we need to maximize our time in *Ibaadat* (worship). *Insha-Allah*.

We must see to it that we do not lose these divine blessings and favours. We must not reach such a level where after having taken the path of spiritual reform, we retreat into our old (bad) condition and we let ourselves be tempted by all the evils of Satan and thus lose everything - all blessings, favours, divine grace - and what is more grievous, is that we lose Allah (swt).

So, we must not recede to such abased level. We must not lose our Rab (Allah). We must be ready to lose all that which is temporal to this world, but we refuse to lose Allah (swt)! If Allah is with us, then all is with us, even the mundane means, but if Allah is not with us, then nothing shall be with us, despite the illusion that one may have that he possesses enormous amount of wealth/ riches. Bear in mind that all these are temporary - for a short span of time, and indeed Allah can reduce all these to naught in a blink of an eye (in a second). You lose everything both on earth and in the hereafter, and what is more grievous for a Muslim, is that he/ she loses Allah. By then, Allah would have gone far away from you because you have let yourselves be tempted with Satan

more, and you have let yourselves be attracted by all things which he (i.e. Satan) has beautified in your eyes to make you deviate from Allah (swt) and the right path. On the other hand, those who keep themselves firm on the right path, they always preserve the acts of worship which Allah has ordained them to do, and they don't want to lose Allah. In other words, they want to have Allah alone as their reward. And when they receive Allah as reward, they seize the opportunity to ask their Rab whatever they need like we have seen in the verse which I have recited before you and which is found in Surah Al-Baqara. This verse acts as an eye opener, to make them conscientious of the fact that they need Allah (to have whatever they need, even to have Allah Himself).

If you read the Holy Quran, you shall find therein such *duahs* (invocations/ prayers) which has been taught to us by Allah Himself, such *duahs* which He wants us to direct to Him. Moreover, when you read the Hadiths and Sunnah of our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), you shall see the great number of *duahs* he has taught us, such *duahs* which are essential in our daily lives. And with the advent of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), he also taught us some *duahs* in his books. These were revealed *duahs*, taught to him by Allah, and indeed we are really fortunate that we have recognised and accepted the Promised Messiah (as), and this is indeed an additional boon for us in our spiritual lives.

[Thereafter, Huzur (atba) proceeded to take the defence of the Promised Messiah (as) and informed the congregation that some imbeciles (from among Muslims/ so-called Muslims) have labelled the Promised Messiah (as) as Dajjal (Anti-Christ). God Forbid! He informed the congregation that personally speaking and in the name of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, we have firm belief in Hazrat Massih Ma'ud Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), in the Musleh Ma'ud Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra) and even in the caliphs after him (i.e. those caliphs who came before the advent of the Divine Manifestation of this era - even the fourth caliph). He condemned the Bahast (meetings) being done at the Quran House where the Muslims there have been calumniating the Promised Messiah (as) - treating him as Dajjal - and he condemned the missionaries of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya who have not gone ahead to refute them.]

For example, there is a revelation which the Promised Messiah (as) received on the importance on *duahs*, and which is found in his book *Tiryaaqul Qulub*, pg. 70. The revelation is as follows: *"Tell them: My Allah shall disregard you in you don't invoke Him (i.e. make duahs)."* Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as) has also received the following revelation: *"Then Who listens to the supplications of all people who are in need and who call out to Him?"*

In his book, *Aina Kamalat-e-Islam*, Allah revealed to the Promised Messiah (as) the following:

ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ

Ud' uni astajib lakum

"Call Me and I shall respond to you."

So, how fortunate we are, for the greatest weapon which Allah has equipped us with is not a destructive one to be used to kill innocent people, such as bombs. Indeed such destructive weapons are being used in such a way that they are projecting a despicable image of Islam. And thus, people are believing that Islam is a religion of terrorism, whereas Islam is in truth a peaceful religion preaching submission to a Unique God.

Coming back to the subject of *duah*, a believer must maximize his time in *duahs*. A believer must become like a fish which cannot live without water. Without water, it dies. And a believer without *duah* is spiritually dead. *Duah* keeps a believer always alive, and *duah* is a great weapon for a believer. Allah (swt) has said in the Holy Quran:

اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ حَافِظًا ۖ وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Allahu khairun hafeezan wa huwa Arhamur-Rahimeen

Allah's Guardianship is Best, And He is The Most Merciful of those who show Mercy.

Therefore, let us invoke Allah (make *duahs*) as thus:

رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ

Rabbi arini kaifa tuhyil Mawta

"O my Lord, show me how You give life to the dead."

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

Rabbi zidni ilma

"Oh my Lord! Increase Me in My Knowledge."

The latter *duah* is a *duah* which I have always advised the members of the Jamaat to read, especially the students in their studies.

And there is also a very interesting *duah* which is found in Surah Nuh, Verse 27 against the disbelievers:

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَيِ الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ دَيَّارًا

Rabbi la tazar alal arzi minal kafiireena dayyara

“My Lord! Do not leave a single dweller from among the disbelievers on the land.”

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

Rabbana aamana faktubna ma' ash-shahideen

“Our Lord! We believe; write us down among the witnesses.”

رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاتِحِينَ

Rabbafta bainana wa baina qaumina bil haqqi wa anta khairul fatiheen

“Our Lord! Decide between us and our people in truth, for You are the best to decide.”

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ ۝ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ۝ وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ ۝

Qul 'a-uuzu bi-Rabbil-Falaq, Min-sharri maa khalaq; Wa min-sharri gaasiqin 'izaa waqab

“Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of the Daybreak, From the evil of that which He created; From the evil of the darkness when it is intense.”

I continue to present before you some more *duahs*. There are some which have been revealed (to me) and which can already exist and are found in the Quran, Hadiths or anywhere else, and even such *duahs* which have not been revealed before. Allah knows best. But all these are *duahs* which Allah has revealed to His chosen servant. *Alhamdulillah*, I need to be very grateful to my Lord, Creator of the whole world. Indeed, by the immense grace of Allah, I feel very fortunate that Allah (swt) is teaching me these *duahs* and I am distributing these spiritual treasures with you. Verily, you are also very fortunate to benefit from spiritual treasures also. A believer must always remember that he should always make Allah become his priority in life.

So, the following are *duahs* taught to me by Allah (swt):

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ

Rabbi la tazarni fardaw wa-anta Khairul Waritheen

“My Lord, do not leave me alone and You are the best of inheritors.”

If you analyse this *duah*, you shall see how Allah (swt) has accepted this particular *duah* which He has Himself revealed to me, and this *duah* has been fulfilled when the mainstream Ahmadiyya Jamaat expelled me from the *Nizam-e-Jamaat* and told me to go found my own Jamaat and with arrogance, said that when one [*more specifically, two*] goes, millions shall enter the fold of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community).

Are you presently seeing millions entering the fold of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (Ahmadiyya Jamaat)? Now, as the Caliph of Allah (Khalifatullah) of this era, I can say that by the grace of Allah that many people are integrating the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam in groups, in such countries as Comoros, Mayotte, India - Kerala - Tamil Nadu, Malaysia etc. It is indeed a great divine grace that Allah is opening the hearts of these people to recognise a Khalifatullah and to accept his mission amidst them (you) all in this present era. So, I humbly say that Allah (swt) has not left me alone. Despite that He is the Best of Inheritors that a person can wish to have, but in addition to His presence by my side, (in addition) to His trust and love which He has poured down upon me, He has also given me disciples in several countries throughout the world. This is what is called divine favour and also proves the veracity of His chosen servant.

Due to lack of time, I need to stop my sermon here today. *Insha-Allah*, next week (next Friday) I shall continue on the same subject. I end with this beautiful *duah* which Allah has taught me:

**O Allah! You exist for all times,
And shall continue to exist infinitely.
I seek You alone,
It is You the Aim of my existence.
Without You, I am nothing.
O Allah! I am thirsty for Your Love;
Complete Your Love in me.
O Allah! I am a miserable one who seeks Your Mercy;
Complete Your Mercy in me,
So that I become that powerful
Light-giving Lamp (*Siraj-um-Munira*) of this era;**

Which shall frighten away all Satans.
Make me become such a Light,
From Your Light,
To guide all mankind to You exclusively.

O Allah! Love me for all times (as You have neither a beginning nor an end;
Your existence is endless).

Illumine me with Your eternal Light,
And always look at me,
With eyes of Love and Mercy.
Never shall You abandon me,
This, I know,
For You are the One Who has raised me,
And You alone shall guide me on the Right Path.
It is You the One Who teaches me,
How to guide the rest of Your servants to Your Right Path.
In You I place my trust,
And it is You alone my Solace;
Such Solace which has neither beginning nor an end.
The one who has You, O Allah,
Is truly fortunate.
Make me become Your ultimate instrument in this era,
To illumine the hearts of Your servants,
Of all humans,
So that You alone remain in their hearts,
And that they may not deviate from Your Right Path.

O Allah, the Ultimate Goal of my existence.

Accept my *duahs* directed to You.

I was an ignorant,

And it is You Who taught me what I did not know.

Always remain with me,

For it is You alone My greatest Support. *Ameen, Summa Ameen, Ya Rabbal Aalameen.*