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لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

## Friday Sermon

HADHRAT MUHYI-UD-DIN AL-KHALIFATULLAH

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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: "Islam & Ramadan".***

*Alhamdulillahil Rabbil Aalameen*, all praises belong to Allah Almighty, Master of the Heavens and Earth. We shall welcome once again by the grace of Allah the blessed month of Ramadan and *Insha-Allah* Ramadan will begin around 16 or 17 May 2018.

O Believers, Ramadan is a sacred month in which Allah (swt) constantly tries His creation and gives humanity the opportunity to attain infinite joy. Fasting is a complete purification and a means to develop awareness and recognition of the presence of Allah, and find His manifestation everywhere. And fasting allows the fasting person (i.e. the faster) to acquire more *Taqwa* and in truth *Taqwa* is a protection against all the plans of Satan, and against the suffering in this world.

Allah (swt) informs us: **And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out, and will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent.** (At-Talaq 65: 3-4).

Many Muslims today have a bad conception of fasting and fasting activities. Fasters nowadays prefer to enter a state of semi-hibernation, and spend most of their time sleeping. If Muslims really fast for Allah and have a fear for their Creator, then they will certainly remain awakened to read the Holy Quran and when the time comes for prayer, they pray and remember Allah (through *Zikrullah*). But there are some who get up for prayer, but after that go to sleep again. This second sleep makes them become lazy, and then they lose the golden opportunity to purify themselves through spiritual activities and fully enjoy this blessed month. They lose this divine blessing.

Ramadan is a time of intense activity for the believer where he finds himself being rid of the constraints related to food. He is therefore free to do even more effort in the way Allah (swt), and give more time in meditation (*Zikr*), supererogatory prayers, and the reading in abundance of the Holy Quran. He can now control his ego, his passion (*Nafs*), become a wiser person, more humble and get away from all kinds of sins like spying on people and gossiping about them etc. On the contrary, they must seize this opportunity to get away from all disputes (useless discussions, quarrels, hatred, jealousy, and doubts). You must focus more on doing good deeds and asking Allah's forgiveness (*Istigfaar*) for all your sins so that the Creator forgives you of your sins and accept your fasts and acts of worship (*Ibadat*).

If you know the history of Islam and Ramadan in history, then you should know that our beloved Prophet Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) lived close to nine Ramadan after the Hegira where every Ramadan was filled with very important decisions and showed us an example of sacrifice and submission to Allah (swt). In the first year of the *Hijra*, the Prophet (pbuh) sent Hamza ibn Abdul Muttalib (ra) with thirty Muslim horsemen to Saif al Bahr to intercept an army of 300 Quraishs who were there. The Muslims were ready for a battle but this was stopped by Majdi ibn 'Amr Al-Juhani who was a person who had a cordial relationship with both parties, the Muslims, and the non-Muslims from the Quraish clan, and thus he acted like mediator between the two parties to prevent a battle. As for the hypocrites of Medina, they had built their own mosque (*Al-Dirar*) to break the unity of the Muslims. The Prophet of Allah (pbuh) ordered his companions to destroy this mosque during the month of Ramadan.

On 17 Ramadan 3 AH, Allah the Exalted separated the truth from falsehood through the great battle of Badr. This war was made against a well-equipped army of non-Muslims from the Quraish, whose goal was the extermination of Islam. There were only 313 Muslims. But despite this difference in the number of fighters, and also despite the lack of equipment and weaknesses in the army of Islam, the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) came out victorious because the Muslims were armed with the will to defend their faith (*Iman*), protect the Prophet of Allah (pbuh) and also to join their Master, Allah the Exalted through their martyrdom. Allah (swt) gave them a decisive victory during Ramadan, a day that no one will forget in the history of Islam.

In the year 6 AH, Zaid ibn Harith (ra) was sent to Wadi al-Qura at the head of an expedition to confront Fatimah bint Rabiah, the most powerful woman in this region who had previously managed to attack a caravan led by Zaid (ra) and stole the property of Muslims. She was notorious for her hostility to Islam. During a battle in the month of Ramadan, the Muslims killed her.

Towards the end of Ramadan 8 AH, the treaty of Hudaibiyah was broken while the Muslim armies campaigned against the Byzantines in the north. The Prophet of Allah (pbuh) felt the need to give a fatal blow to the non-belief that ruled in the Arabian Peninsula and eventually conquer Mecca. Allah (swt) has declared His sanctuary as a place of peace, security and religion. The time had come to cleanse the Ka'aba of nakedness and abominations. The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) was at the head of a very large army, in unimaginable numbers (never seen before in the history of Islam prior to the conquest of Mecca). Their strength grew as the (Muslim) army approached Mecca. The determination of the believers, guided by the will of Allah, was so great that Mecca was conquered without battle on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan. This is one of the most important dates in Islamic history because it was after this conquest that Islam became firmly anchored in the Peninsula. In that same month and year several statues of great idols like Al-Lat, Manat and Suwa and the other idols were destroyed, and all this happened during the month of Ramadan.

Our noble prophet (pbuh), despite all difficulties encountered, had during the month of Ramadan faced many trials and at the same time it was a moment of purification, to encourage good, and discourage evil and to fight for the life and well-being of everyone. In such a very difficult time when they were facing these trials, but despite that, they did not give up. They observed their fasting and

accomplished their *Ibadat*, and they encouraged good, and discouraged evil, and they found time to perform all these noble deeds, without depriving themselves of other good deeds. *Alhamdulillah*.

The *Sahaba* (Companions) at the time of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) were sincere believers who were not afraid of the threats of the infidels. They were kind and humble to the believers and their fasts were not only completed with hunger and thirst, but with all the honourable deeds they did during the month of Ramadan and beyond. It is with such sacrifices that they have succeeded. They struggled during this blessed month; they did not do the lazy ones, and did not take the way to the bed to sleep as a way to kill time. They never took Ramadan as a burden. No! They did nothing of the sort. On the contrary they made all kinds of sacrifices and did what Allah commanded them to do in the month of Ramadan, and they also protected the perfect religion (*Islam*). They fought, gave their lives for the sake of Allah and His religion (*Deen*), and *Alhamdulillah* through such sacrifices Islam has spread to the four corners of the world and now it is our duty to preserve this true and great teaching of Islam. We must not be divide among ourselves. We must stop this division and not let it continue. On the contrary we are all Muslim brothers and we must unite when we hear all the sacrifices made and we must fight to preserve the teachings of Islam.

So, let us forget our differences. I as the Khalifatullah of this era, I tell you, let us unite, stop fighting among ourselves, and let us preserve the *Tawhid* and *Sunnah* of our beloved prophet Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh). It is unfortunate that Muslims and Muslims are fighting each other, and everyone treats his brother as non-Muslim, judges his faith and institutes laws to prevent his Muslim brother from practicing Islam as ordered by Allah. All massacres against Muslims of any group in Islam, be it Sunni, Shia or Ahmadi, etc., do we have the approval of God to decree that the one who says : **LAA ILAHA ILLALLAHU MUHAMMADUR RASSULLULLAH**, is not a Muslim?

How is it that there are Muslim countries like Pakistan - whose name *Paak* means pure - but unfortunately at the head of this country, there are people who do not act like really pure citizens from this '*Paak*' land to make prevail the tolerance of religions and the faith and *Aqidah* of people. Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) and the basic teachings of Islam even forbid anyone to force anyone to accept the religion of Islam. But in the case of Ahmadis, it is unfortunate that Muslims are preventing their fellow Muslims (like them) from practicing the same ISLAM. And now, under

the blasphemy law, they are arresting Ahmadi Muslims and all those who support freedom of expression in this branch of religion to imprison or kill them. Indeed horrible what they are doing!

**I appeal to you:** Abandon your non-Islamic practices you do in the name of Islam and let Allah make His own judgment. You disagree that such and such individuals are Muslims or not? So why dirty your hand and conscience? Let Allah do His work. He is the best Judge. It is He who knows very well who is Muslim or not. He alone knows who is sincere to Him and Islam.

It is unfortunate that you are using worldly means to prevent Ahmadi Muslims from practicing Islam. Yes, I specify, ISLAM. Ahmadis have one God, it's ALLAH, and our prophet is indeed Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh), and our sacred book is indeed the Holy Quran, and our *Shahada* is verily: **LAA ILAHA ILLALLAHU MUHAMMADUR RASSULLULLAH**. Who can erase our belief from our heart? Who can do that when Allah is our Protector? Allah knows very well His true servants, and His true servants are scattered among the different groups of Islam, and the day has come when Allah is doing the sorting to bring forth His good servants so that they can bring back the glory of Islam.

History repeats itself, but only I am not perfect like our noble prophet Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) but in spite of that, Allah chose me to try to become a little Muhammad, in order to follow in his footsteps and to become worthy of being a prophet-reformer in the Ummah of Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) for the reform of Islam and Humanity as a whole. Never, never could I even reach the height of the ankle of my master Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh). When Allah say that I am an Adam, a Dawud etc., this does not mean that my status is greater or better (than Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh)) or that I am creating another religion, but that simply means to say that Allah has reflected in me all these qualities, the excellences of all His prophets - only not 100% - so that I may be able to do the noble work (and the responsibility thereof) that He has placed on my shoulders.

It is unfortunate that Muslims use the (mundane) laws they have developed to prevent people from practicing Islam and expressing their opinions. Despite the fact that even though **Nasir Ahmad Sultani** called me a liar, and proclaimed that he was the truthful one, it has been more than a year since the Pakistani authority arrested him, and since March 2017 we have been without news of him. As Khalifatullah, I appeal to the Pakistani authority to release him. Beware. It is not



you who must judge him, but it is the task of Allah. Whether truthful or not, it is not for you to punish or honour him. It is only Allah who will settle the matter with him and with all those who are liars, who use the name of Allah to proclaim to come from God when they have not received the divine command to do so.

Do not take justice in your hands when you do not know how to do justice, when you cannot judge with an open mind and hear out the concerned party (with justice). Allah does the best; so why are you in a hurry to exterminate people because of their faith? Have you received any revelation from Allah to kill Muslims like yourselves? I repeat: Let Allah settle the matter with His creatures. He alone knows who is true and who is false. The truth must triumph, *Insha-Allah*.

**Wa makaru wa makarallah wallaahu khairul makereen.**

*And they (i.e. the infidels) planned, but Allah planned. And Allah is the best of planners. (Al-Imran 3: 55).*

The time has come for us to stop judging the faith of our brothers and sisters and to analyze our own faith, and certainly the month of Ramadan is the perfect month/ time to do that. In this month of Ramadan (which is just around the corner), let's take away all the hatred we had against our brothers who share the same religion as us (in this case, Islam). Let us all pray together in this blessed month that Allah the Exalted gives us strength and success to lay the foundation of this Sahih Al Islam (of this authentic Islam) so that ISLAM is once again unified and solid.

May Allah (swt) help us to become among those who will raise the great value (the greatness) of Islam, and that during Ramadan and beyond this month we can give due respect and value to all the 700 divine commandments that are found in His Sacred Book (the Quran), and help us to become such individuals who practice what they say. *Ameen*.

O believers, in this blessed month of Ramadan, send many *Darood* on our beloved and noble prophet Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh), on his companions, his biological and spiritual descendants for all times. *Insha-Allah, Ameen*.