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لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Friday Sermon

HADHRAT MUHYI-UD-DIN AL-KHALIFATULLAH

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RAMADAN MUBARAK!

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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 Wisdom & Lessons of Fasting (Sawm/Roza)".

In this blessed month of Ramadan, it is very important for us to understand the wisdom and lessons we need to draw from this month, so that these blessings will continue even after the month of Ramadan. There are wisdoms and important lessons at all levels, but unfortunately many Muslims do not take this month into consideration and do not give it the value it deserves, while it is a blessing for us (for our own well-being) even in its physical, moral, spiritual and/ or worldly aspect. It reminds me of a Hadith where a companion (*Sahabi*) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, "Do not let it happen that your fasting day and the day you do not fast be the same." [as if a normal act for you, reaping no benefits whatsoever].

Which means that your behaviours, attitudes, and appearances must be similar, whether you fast or not, and that the bad actions you used to do when you were

not fasting, such as, watching TV, backbiting, spying, fighting, swearing (saying foul words), talking a lot, not praying at the prescribed time, not reading the Quran, not doing the *Zikrullah* (i.e. not remembering Allah), playing computer games or games of chance/ gambling etc. Well, in the month of Ramadan you have to get away from all that and replace them with good deeds that will please Allah. Remember Allah often, read the Holy Qur'an, make additional prayers, help the poor, control your tongues so as not to say nonsense/ foul words, and not to lie, otherwise your fasting will be rejected by Allah (swt).

Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an: **"The month of Ramadan (is that) in which was revealed the Quran, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it!"** (Al-Baqara 2: 186).

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: *"Islam is built on five (pillars): bearing witness that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establishing prayer, paying Zakah, Hajj and fasting Ramadan."* (Bukhari, Muslim).

And he (pbuh) also said: *"The month of Ramadan has come, a blessed month in which Allah the Exalted has obligated you to fast. In it the gates of the heavens are opened, and in it the gates of Hellfire are closed, and in it the devils are chained, and in it is a night that is better than a thousand months. Thus, whoever is deprived of its good is truly deprived."* (An-Nasai).

Fasting helps us to acquire piety, as Allah commands us in the Qur'an: **"O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous."** (Al-Baqara 2: 184).

When chaos (*fitna*) appears, extinguish it with piety (*Taqwa*). What is **Taqwa**? It is to abandon disobedience to Allah, out of fear for Him (Allah). This is the best definition of piety towards Allah (*Taqwa*).

For every action there must be a beginning and a goal. And an action will not be considered an action of obedience, or close to Allah if it is not started by pure *Iman* (faith) and trust in Allah. Our actions should not be guided by our habits or desires, or with the intention to receive honour or praise, but on the contrary, they must be fulfilled to please Allah and to gain His rewards. Fasting is a way of

acquiring piety (*Taqwa*), because it prevents us from doing the sins that we used to do when we were still ignorant. That is why the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: “Fasting is a shield with which a servant protects himself from the Fire.” (Ahmad).

We must ask ourselves, after each day of fasting: Did this fast make me have more fear for Allah and become more obedient to Him? Did it help us to get away from sins and disobedience?

In the blessed month of Ramadan, let us seek the nearness of Allah, for we must get closest to Allah (swt), and we will be able to reach Allah by performing the obligatory acts, and also by doing the Qur’anic recitation and reflecting on its meanings, increasing goodness and doing more charity, and (without forgetting) making requests/ supplications/ *duas* to Allah. Our efforts in performing acts of devotion (*Ibadat*) during this blessed month must be accomplished in great numbers, more than during the other months, because it is for the month of Ramadan that Allah has defined a superiority and has put therein more rewards. At each *Laila-tul-Qadr* (Night of Power) - the night which is better than a thousand months - go to spiritual gatherings and make efforts in such actions that will make your hearts gain Allah’s closeness and seek His forgiveness. and His mercy.

Also the great way to get closer to Allah in this (blessed) month is to do the *Itikaaf* (spiritual retreat). Allah has also prescribed the *Itikaaf* for us, with the aim that our heart may be completely concerned with the thought of Allah, that we focus on Him alone, not on creation. Our heart must only be occupied by Allah, where it is filled with the love of Allah. We remember Him (Allah), we turn to Him so that He takes the place of the fears and worries that afflicted our heart, and so we fight all that. So all our thoughts become for Allah, and our mind is engulfed in His remembrance and we just have the concern of seeking how to get closer to Him, and make Him become the Being we love most, more than anything or anybody else.

Fasting helps to acquire *Sabr* (patience). Allah (swt) mentioned *Sabr* (patience) nearly a hundred times in the Qur’an. The month of patience is the month of Ramadan. Fasting is synonymous with patience because it prevents us from eating, drinking, having conjugal relations and sexual desires. Fasting is a way to learn to control oneself and gain patience. With patience we can strengthen our resolve to worship Allah with sincerity, and also to control our lives. With patience

we can hold back our anger so as not to spoil our fast and where Allah can reject it. Those who incite us to anger, we must take patience (a beautiful patience), because we shall receive a reward for it. (*Insha-Allah*).

In this month, we must try to develop a firm resolve to perform the acts of obedience, to arm ourselves with patience, to have certainty in the words of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh). There is a saying of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) which is as follows: “*And know that victory comes with patience, relief with affliction, and hardship with ease.*” (Ahmad).

So, armed with patience we must restrain our soul from gluttony and pettiness and also give some of our wealth as *Zakat*. With patience we can stifle the diseases of our soul which has been attracted by the attractions of this world. *Insha-Allah*. May Allah (swt) help us and forgive us if we ever make mistakes during this blessed month. *Ameen, Summa Ameen, Ya Rabbul Aalameen*.

ANNOUNCEMENT & WARNING:

Mayotte since May 10, 2018 was seized by earthquakes/ earthquake swarms - one after the other in a single day and this for several days. The largest recorded earthquake was on May 15, 2018, with a magnitude 5.8 on the Richter scale, and this phenomenon continued until



yesterday May 24, 2018 with a magnitude of 4.7 [The Khalifatullah (atba) also said that this information is only until yesterday and that the earthquake continues. Indeed since this morning (May 25, 2018) there have been 4 earthquakes up till 09.37, with an earthquake of a magnitude of 5.3].

Mayotte, whether Grande Terre and Petite Terre, was entirely affected by all these tremors; and there are places that have felt more shakes, especially in the areas where these earthquakes occurred.

It is unfortunate for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, whether in Mauritius and Mayotte, to make believe that Ahmadiyyat began in Mayotte only with the conversion of a Mahorais who accepted Ahmadiyyat through the MTA, and that all its historical “firsts” took place from there, through one of their missionaries in Mayotte, who instead of watching over his flock - the people under his responsibility - seeks to create disorder for the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam in Mayotte.

They do not recognize my works at the time when I established the Ahmadiyyat (the Jamaat Ahmadiyya) in Mayotte in 1997, but only they are claiming a property that is not theirs. They are looking for a property that is more than 20 years old and then they say that the Ahmadiyyat has just been established in Mayotte in 2015, and in their report, they even say they visited a family in Mayotte who had accepted the Ahmadiyyat there 20 years ago. But who had worked hard to make this family accept Ahmadiyyat? How did they receive the message of Ahmadiyyat? What a lie!

I give a challenge for a face to face with me to the present Amir Moosa Taujoo, the Ex (so-called) Amir Amine Jowahir, their “great” missionary Usama Umar Joya and accompanied by their caliph. I want a face to face where the whole Jamaat Ahmadiyya (from Mauritius) is present because it is unfortunate that there are many Ahmadi Muslims who are unaware of what those at the head are scheming. Choose your venue (the building/ area you want because the Jamaat Ahmadiyya as a whole must know the truth) because there are too many lies that they say to induce the world, especially the Ahmadis around the world in error, making as if in Mauritius there is no problem, but when in fact they execute boycotts - by closing a mosque (at the beginning of the Divine Manifestation) during the Great Eid of Sacrifice, giving instructions to all Ahmadis to not bid and reply to *Salam* (peace greeting in Islam) and not inviting us to family functions (thus cutting blood ties), and making all sorts of plots ... **and they even deprived me of my sweat (my salary) and my lump sum!!!** When I took the lead to claim my due, they pretend that now **more than ten years** have passed and they will not be able to do anything... Today they think they are victims when in truth they are themselves the big trouble-makers.

Jama'at Ahmadiyya at International level owns a lot of money, but despite this, they are unable to buy a plot of land in Mayotte to build a centre and a mosque.

They stick their nose into matters that do not concern them. They are showing up in the affairs of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam and seeking to create disorder. Well, I tell them, continue to act as agents of chaos. Allah is doing His part of the work. You will witness even more calamities in Mayotte, and there will be other calamities that will befall on you, on your own persons if you do not stop causing havoc.

Do your job (to make people know the truth of the Promised Messiah) quietly ... You went to Mayotte to make people recognize the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Ahmad (as), isn't it? Do your job quietly! Why do you want to create problems for others [in this case the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam]?!!!

“The curse of Allah shall be upon the wrongdoers. Who averted (people) from the way of Allah and sought to make it (seem) deviant while they were, concerning the Hereafter, disbelievers.” (Al-Arraf 7: 45-46).

This is a warning to you [*i.e. the Ahmadiyya missionary in Mayotte and all those instructing and supporting him*], be careful lest you say I did not warn you. Allah will do what He has to do. Then do not blame Allah and His Messenger! Allah's wrath will become stronger. Ahmadis who has (recently) got faith (in the veracity of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as)), in Mayotte, *Masha-Allah, Alhamdulillah*, but be careful, do good work, become true believers of the Promised Messiah (as), and *Insha-Allah*, if you are truly sincere, Allah will guide your hearts to recognize His Khalifatullah too, little by little ... A small step for a great future! *Insha-Allah*.

I say to my disciples in Mayotte, do not worry, do not be afraid of the threats of the lawless who call themselves Muslims but who do not act as such. Do your job quietly. *Insha-Allah*, Allah will do His work. Take a beautiful patience, and you will have a beautiful reward. *Insha-Allah, Ameen*.