

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Friday Sermon

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After greeting all his disciples present (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 Revival of Islam"**.

قُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنْ تَبِعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ

عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ۝

Fa 'immaa ya'- ti-yan-nakum minnii Hudan faman tabi-a Hudaa-ya falaa khawfun 'alaihim wa laa hum yah-zanuun.

And when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. (Al-Baqara 2: 39).

By the grace of Allah, it gives me great pleasure to address you all my disciples in Kottar (Tamil Nadu, India) today on **"The Revival of Islam"**.

Allah says in the Holy Quran, in the verses that I have just recited before you (in Surah Al-Baqara, Chapter 2, Verse 39): **“And when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.”**

Since the creation of the heaven and earth and man, Allah has sent again and again over so many centuries His chosen servants who came with the Holy Spirit (*Ruh'il Quddus*) to bring back the people on the right path. Why did these chosen servants of Allah had to come? It is because, after the passage of time, Satan and his army deviate from time to time – to be precise, he keeps on trying to deviate – people from the path of Allah, and thus, Allah, to save the people from spiritual deaths, send to them His special people, messengers coming from Him, blessed with divine revelations and guidance and the power of prophecy to warn the people of the traps of Satan and to show them the right path.

This right path is primarily the *Tawheed*, i.e. the Unicity of Allah and *Taqwa*, i.e. the fear of Allah. If the people establish themselves on *Tawheed* and have *Taqwa*, then the fear of the Satan and all his attractions will have no effect on them.

Like it is *Sunnat Allah*, i.e. the practice of Allah to send His guides and guidance to the world to reform the people and bring them back to His worship and the right path, at the same time, Satan and his army try with all their means to poison the minds and souls of people to bar (or block) them from believing in the Chosen Messengers of Allah and the reformers of religion. By doing this, they want to mock the absolute power of Allah and turn to ridicule the divine way and messengers.

Now, as we all know, as believers in the pure religion of Islam, there exist two types of prophets and messengers of Allah who came in this world. They are the law-bearing prophets and messengers and the non-law-bearings ones.

Now, by law-bearing, I mean to say there were prophets who came from Allah on whom Allah revealed a specific set of laws for the people to follow and these scriptures, law-bearing revelations of Allah have been recorded by the people so that they may keep on following them. Among all these law-bearing Books of God, the Holy Quran is to this day and for all times the most perfect. Indeed, it was perfect upon its revelation, it continues to be perfect for our times, and shall

ever remain perfect till the end of times. *Alhamdulillah*. This is the superiority of the Quran over all other past divine laws and books (for example, *Zabur* (Psalms) of Hazrat Dawud (as), *Tawraat* (Torah) of Hazrat Musa (as) and *Injeel* (Gospels) of Hazrat Isa (as) as recorded in the Holy Quran).

And with the perfect Book, came also the perfect man and prophet of Allah, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). The essence of Islam lies in a purified and sincere heart thirsty of the love and nearness of Allah. And our Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) has reached to the perfection of this degree and holds this position till the end of times.

Since the first uprising of Islam in the times of our noble prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), Islam has seen many ups and downs in its history, and whenever the sanctity (i.e. holiness, purity and essence) of Islam was threatened, Allah sent revivers of faith, reformers, caliphs and the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) in the past century to revive Islam, to give it a new breath and to make it victorious over all other faiths which are devoid of Allah's support.

Likewise, in this era also Allah has blessed the world with the advent (arrival) of someone from Him, i.e. this humble self as the Khalifatullah (Caliph of Allah), the Messiah of this era, the *Mujaddid* (Reformer) and bestowed upon me many other titles and rank as it pleases Him, to make Islam more powerful and to make the Muslims and other people also aware of the beauty of Islam and its truthfulness and supremacy over all other religions.

Indeed the true religion in the sight of Allah is Islam. All prophets of Allah were Muslims, i.e. they were all completely submitted to the will and command of Allah. They all preached *Tawheed* (i.e. the existence of only one God, Who is Supreme, Powerful and Who has no partner in His worship). But it was only with the advent of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) that Allah decided to actually give a name to His religion, i.e. to give it the name of ISLAM.

Always remember my dear ones, that dangers in the field of spirituality is ever present. Lots of Messengers of Allah can come to guide mankind to Allah and to make them stick to the right path, but this invite and the reform which comes afterwards should be done with *Taqwa* and a heart which desires to reform for

the better. Of what use it is for one to say, that one believes in Allah and in all tenets of Islam, and he accepts also the Messenger of Allah of his time but he does not make any effort to change himself into a better human being, into a better Muslim?

It is quite easy for one to say that '*I believe in the Khalifatullah*' but you should remember that the Khalifatullah, this humble self, has come to make your life better, to show you the life of Islam, of being truly submitted to Allah, the Unique God. The Revival of Islam begins only when you make the effort to change yourselves. Belief and practice should go hand in hand. And my dear ones, this inner reform is capital, is very important for tomorrow's victory of Islam.

Therefore, my humble advice to you is to reform yourselves today – verily, each one of us – so that together we can witness a golden tomorrow when the sun of Islam shall rise high in the sky of true faith and devotion to Allah. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*