

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:

VISIT TO MADAGASCAR

By the grace of Allah, I have returned from Madagascar after a week there and I need to say that it was through pure divine grace that Allah manifested such success. *La Ghaliba Illallah*. When I landed in Madagascar my disciples received me in an emotional way for my last visit there was in 2015. They expressed themselves openly, how they were sad that the Khalifatullah [i.e. this humble self] did not come to visit them [since then]. There was so much emotions on their faces and tears were in their eyes, tears of joys, such extraordinary joy. And when I left them to return to Mauritius, they were very sad and did not want to let me go back. They wanted me to remain with them for a long time.

So, I do not have words poignant enough to describe that one week [which I spent with them]. I do not know where to begin and how to end as there were many extraordinary events.

There were signs which Allah (swt) manifested and which was witnessed by my disciples in Madagascar. One of these is that when we were going to a faraway village, and night was about to come, one of my disciples by the name of Nasir – who is a university student – told me before all those present in [our] transport: "O Caliph of Allah, we are in a place in which it rarely rains, and the people and animals, as well as the plants suffer a lot due to lack of rain water. Please pray that Allah (swt) bless this village and rain falls." So, when said this, I told him: "Ok, let's pray!", and it was not yet night and yet it was so hot and the sun was still bright [despite that it was nearing sunset]. Like there is a saying in Creole, "the sun was burning us to such a point that our brain was melting".

I raised my hands and prayed in that village. When I have finished my supplications [duahs], after ten minutes, the sky became dark and there was the manifestation of lightning, such lightning which emitted an extraordinary light. Everybody was frightened by the sound of thunder. We all know that when lightning manifest, its manifestation is for few seconds only with great noise, i.e. thunder. But concerning this particular manifestation of lightning, it gave such a great light that all people kept on looking up in the sky. And the miracle in it is that the light formed the name of Allah in the sky. So, I was not the only one to witness such manifestation, but the people there. I remained silent [when I saw this] and it was the others who were crying out to others to look up in the sky to see that great divine manifestation [miracle]. Then, after five minutes, there was heavy rainfall. That rain kept on falling for five days and the people benefited from it.

So, *Alhamdulillah Summa Alhamdulillah* (by the grace Allah), it was such a week spent in Madagascar where the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam made spiritual progress which cannot be described in few words. Allah manifested His countless grace and favours. Allah is Great and His favours also are great.

We have worked very hard together – my disciples and I. Like you know, Madagascar is a very big country. Like some historians said, Madagascar is twice as big as France.

There was another divine manifestation which happened on another day during our travel to another big village. It was time for Maghrib prayer and we stopped to perform our prayers [Salat]. When the prayer was over, a light manifested in

the sky and we all saw again the name of Allah manifest [in the sky]. By the grace of Allah, the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam of Madagascar, with the visit I made there has progress five times more than in 2013 and 2015. *Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah*.

I can say that we have presently three mosques, and we have to build a *Madrassa* for the spiritual education of our children, and more toilets have to be built, as well as at least two bathrooms, and the *Wu'zu Khana*. We need to put fences around the yard of the mosque also and set up offices and a Committee Room. All thanks to Allah, by His grace [*Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah*] it is the land donations of our members [my disciples] to the Jamaat and all papers have been legally made and there is also a mosque which is still under construction. As there are water problems in those villages, wells of about 12 to 15 metres have to be dug to extract water underground [like they called it, cisterns].

By the grace of Allah, with my visit in two provinces, we have held our Jalsa Salana in which the new members were present. I need to say that my disciples have made great *Dawa* works there – despite that they are very poor and do not have the proper means, but they walked days and nights, and went through forests to deliver the message of **SAHIH AL ISLAM** and the Divine Manifestation. They may be poor but their love for Allah and His Caliph is very rich [deep]. You all know that it is a very poor country; its people go through a lot of hurdles. They [my disciples] walked for days and nights to give the message of Islam and many people from other religions converted to Islam, and now they are found in the Jamaat UI Sahih AI Islam and by the grace of Allah, I met all of them whenever I went. I made it my duty to meet them all. I was very happy to see the efforts made by my disciples and by the grace of Allah we also held our Seerat-un-Nabi (pbuh) programme in another village where our mosque (the third one) is under construction. We have got more than 1500 new members who took *Bai'at* in the hands of the Khalifatullah *[the Khalifatullah talking about himself in the third* person], Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah.

Moreover, there were *Mulaqat* (meeting – with members) in three different provinces and office-bearers and three Amirs have been elected in those places. By the grace of Allah, they were very happy and told me *"to thank our brothers and sisters of India"* (Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Delhi etc.) for their contributions and their love which they showed for them in Madagascar, and I can tell you that they

all joined me to pray a lot for my dear disciples from India: Tamil Nadu – Melayapalam, Trichy, Kottar, Coimbatore etc., and Kerala – Mathra, Kannur, Alappuzha, Kaliyikkavila, Palakkad etc.

Before I end the first part of my Friday Sermon, in my absence, it was Abdul Muhaymine was performed the Jummah last Friday, *Alhamdulillah*. [He read Khutba Jummah on the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) dated 02 January 2015].

Moreover, each time the Naib Amir of Kottar Branch, Tamil Nadu, Shahul Hameed Faisal Sahib, his wife Hamda Sahiba, Naib Sadr Faheema Sahiba and her children as well as the others in Kottar when sending me reports and even personal emails address at the start of their correspondences a *duah* for the Khalifatullah which I appreciate and like very much:

May Allah bestow upon you good health, long life and success in each and every step of you towards the victory of Islam. Ameen Summa Ameen. This *duah* which they invoke Allah for me, I also do the same prayer for them and that they may succeed in their works of *Deen-e-Islam*, the *Deen* of Allah.

And *Alhamdulillah*, this *duah* is very effective, whereby Allah showers success upon success to the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam, and indeed this is indeed the victory of Allah. *La Ghaliba Illallah*.

Subhaana Rabbinaa in-kaana wa-du Rabbinaa la mafuulaa. *Glory to our Lord! Verily the promise of our Lord must be fulfilled.*

Hamdu Lillah ! Wa Kabbirhu takbiiraa !

Praise be to Allah ! (We need to) Praise Him and recall His greatness.

MUHAMMAD AS THE ULTIMATELY TRUE & PERFECT POLITICAL FIGURE

When it comes to politics, many people are nowadays apprehensive of the future of their very own land as well as that of their generations and the general population of their country. What we see nowadays is that human rights are being forsaken for money politics and the power of the fittest, especially in the corrupted realm.

This is indeed a very delicate topic to develop [like in my Friday Sermons], yet very important, as politics, true unadulterated politics is really important for the good day-to-day running of our society, countrywide as well as worldwide.

Even if good people, with good and clear conscience strive to uproot the bad weeds in society and seek to transform the political world and make it a better place for the good management of the country, but unfortunately they are met with many obstacles in their way. One of these obstacles is money, the power of money, its power to buy the conscience of people and to put aside honesty and morality, and to dance to the tunes of the corrupted. Alas, our society today, in its global view is deteriorating day by day, and the evils of society are becoming rampant to such an extent that law and order also, in many countries of the world are getting corrupted and unable to function properly to defend the best interest of the nation and the world. The people of the world are suffering due to this mismanagement of their individual societies, which in turn have a bad repercussion on the global society. By the grace of God Almighty [Allah], Islam has the necessary measures to transform a society and make it function properly, and all credit goes to Allah Almighty through His commandments through the ages, and which have been perfected in the glorious and perfect book, the Holy Quran, and put into practice by none other than the best and seal of all prophets, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh).

While many people don't believe in Islam as a Creed and Faith, but what they can't deny is that Islam, with the application of all its true ethics and commandments – not as what the people of today have rendered it – and as taught by God Almighty and His Noble Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), has devised and applied great laws and governing skills which have the power to change the face of society for the better. But alas, after the demise of the Holy Prophet

Muhammad (pbuh), nobody has governed their lands and states as perfectly and diligently as the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Let us see an outline of one of the main aspects of the Holy Prophet's mission.

MUHAMMAD: THE BEST STATESMAN

God Almighty says in the Holy Quran:

لَّقَدْكَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ ٱللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا ٱللَّهَ وَٱلْيَوْمَ ٱلْأَخِرَ وَذَكَر ٱللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ٥

Laqad kaana lakum fii Rasuulil-laahi uswatun hasanatul-liman kaana yarjullaaha wal yawmal aakhira wa zakarallaaha kasiiraa.

"You have in the Prophet of Allah a perfect model for him who hopes in Allah and the Last Day and who remembers Allah a lot." (Surah Al-Ahzaab 33: 22).

Being role model meant that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was not only to become an ideal and true example of piety and devotion to God Almighty, but it meant also that he had to protect the community of Islam from enemies and to make that divinely-raised community to stand on its two-feet, being independent and which can thrive and survive through proper channelling of funds so that the treasury – which represents contributions of the believers as well as the divinely-ordained *Zakaat* and *Sadqua* – could be used in the proper way. God Almighty indeed knows best as little by little during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) itself, the believers in the peninsula of Arabia increased in great number, and it kept on increasing during the times of the *Khulafa-e-Rashideen* (rightly-guided caliphs).

To say that all Arabia became Muslims is not exactly correct, but what we need to understand is that Islam as a way of life, as a Creed and Faith and as a Governing System became part and parcel of the day-to-day life of Arabia. Believers and even non-believers, especially as from the Conquest of Mecca in the lifetime of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) became regulated by the laws of Allah, and like I told you in my Friday Sermon of 08 November 2019, Islam is the only faith and governing system which supports freedom of faith and international laws. Islam respects other faiths and as per the clear commandments of Allah in respect

to accepting Islam, no one is to be ever coerced into accepting Islam and believing in all commandments of God Almighty as revealed in the Holy Quran.

FROM RIGHTEOUSNESS TO CORRUPTION

In the early years of Islam, and even before, the conquests of territories were practiced by the non-Muslims in large number, especially in the times of war. This was the trend or way of life of that time. When Muslims were persecuted to an unbearable level, it is only by divine commandments that the Prophet of Allah, Muhammad (pbuh) took up arms to defend the community of Islam, and the true creed. Lots of Muslims were persecuted due to their faith in *Tawheed* (the unicity of Allah). The Arab people could not understand the concept of one God as they worshipped many idols. They had long forgotten the teachings of Abraham (as) and his son Ishmael (as).

As a true son of his land, and foremost as a Messenger of Allah acting under divine instructions, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) went on to found Islam as a **COMPLETE** and **PERFECT** way of life. Islam is such a divinely-established system which pervades all areas of the life of man to reform him and teach him the true way to live his life decently, with the fear of God in the heart and to persevere in working hard to earn a living and to contribute to make his home and his land prosper under the good management of the pious who applied correctly the laws of God in Islam.

Pacts, treaties, agreements were respected. No one was forced to accept Islam. Those who believed after their disbelief became part and parcel of Islam and were regulated by the laws of Islam and those who did not accept Islam had to comply with the laws of the land, regulated by Islam, yet as Islam is non-coercive, they could freely practice their faith without any fear of repression or even oppression.

It is much later on that due to mismanagement at the head of the Islamic State, with corrupt people taking the lead, that the true teachings of Islam were casted aside so that the power-thirst people could take the law in their hands. A vivid example of this is Yazid bin Muawiya in the times of Imam Hussein (ra).

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is reported to have said: "There will be Prophethood for as long as Allah wills it to be, then He will remove it when He wills, then there will be Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Prophetic method and it will be for as long as Allah wills, then He will remove it when He wills, then there will be biting Kingship for as long as Allah Wills, then He will remove it when He wills, then there will be oppressive kingship for as long as Allah wills, then he will remove it when He wills, and then there will be Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the **Prophetic method**" - and then he remained silent." (Ahmad).

Such is the cycle of the life of the world. There is purity when a prophet of Allah comes, when he reforms through the will of God the corrupted system which existed before him. All those systems were initially pure also but with time became corrupted by the hands of men. After purifying it, little by little when more people come and integrate the community of God under the banner of the deceased prophet, they invent their own conception of those same teachings and they therefore fall into perdition and they drag others along with them in that pit of despair. After the departure of Jesus (as) to seek the lost tribes of the House of Israel and beyond, Paul auto-proclaimed himself apostle of Jesus with a strange authority on its own to govern the Christians.

So this is a cycle. Indeed are fortunate those who witness the era of a prophet of God. As the door of the advent of law-bearing prophets has been completely shut, but what remains is the door of the advent of non-law-bearing prophets, the true heirs of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), to reform the people in Islam and to bring them to the pinnacle of true faith in God and His Unity.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is the Seal of all prophets, and like he stated in the Hadith which I have just mentioned, he informed his companions and the believers in general that they should not despair for after corruption, Allah shall reinstate such prophets who shall be his followers par excellence; they shall be on one hand *Khulafatullah* (Caliphs of Allah) and also representatives of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), his true spiritual heirs and the good managers of the system of Islam as a whole, in terms of creed, faith and governing laws to maintain law and order in the land and around the world. Such is Allah, the Best of Planners. He devised such a system which is both religious/ faith-filled and material (mundane) in that which it knows very well how to regulate the world according to the divine precepts. But alas, only few people understand.

May Allah always maintain high the honour of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and keep his seal of prophethood intact in the face of all dirt thrown on his person, and may the world realise that Islam is the best way of life and they begin to act upon the commandments of Allah in the true way so that the world may not stumble into a profound despair due to the machinations of the devils in many forms. May Allah enable the true believers to equip themselves physically, mentality and spiritually to wage this spiritual battle within themselves and with others so that all veils may drop and the people may come to see Islam in its true and beautiful light. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*

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