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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 PACT OF GOD WITH THE OFFSPRING OF ABRAHAM (AS)

In many places in the Qur'an and in the Torah made is mention of the wickedness and lack of faith of the Jews to emphasize how they have dishonoured their covenant.

It is mentioned in the Old Testament, in the chapter of Isaiah: "The earth is infected by the corruption of those who dwell in it, because they have violated the laws, they have changed the ordinances and they broke the covenant that was to last forever." (Isaiah 24: 5).

It is said in the Holy Quran: "Those who were unfaithful among the children of Israel were cursed by the mouth of David and Jesus son of Mary, because they were rebellious, transgressors." (Al-Maida 5: 79).

After Moses (as), there were many prophets among the Israelites. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "Every time a prophet died another prophet became his successor." (Bukhari).

When the Israelites exceeded all limits in their transgressions, God wrested from them the temporal kingship after David, and the apostolate after Jesus. The time had come to remove and transfer prophethood from the Jewish people, for although of Abraham's descent, they had become wicked.

Jesus told his disciples that another people would benefit from the prophethood: *"Therefore I say to you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and given to a people that will bring forth the fruits. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."* (Matthew 21: 43-44).

The Holy Qur'an also alludes to this in the following verse: **"It will be the sign of the approaching hour. Do not doubt it; follow me because it is the right path."** (Az-Zukhruf 43: 62)

The Holy Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) said, "O Jews! Jesus, son of Mary, was the sign of that time/hour of which you were told. Since you did not accept the Messiah who was to give you back the favours of kingship and prophethood, then you will be destroyed. These two favours will now be granted to others. Be not in doubt of this hour. Follow me now, because it's the right path. By following me [as Muslims] you could be granted again with these two favours that had been given to the posterity of Abraham."

So God abandoned the sons of Israel to turn to the sons of Ishmael. It was this Ishmael who lived with his mother in the wilderness of Paran (Genesis 21:21). It should be noted that Abraham had to go through three tests. He agreed to let himself be thrown into the fire by the idolaters; he abandoned in the wildness of the desert his wife Agar (Hajra) and his son Ishmael; the greatest trial from which he came out victorious was that he prepared, by God's command, to offer his son as a sacrifice. Thousands of congratulations for Abraham and his son Ishmael for being so steadfast in the Lord's way and submitting entirely to His will! It was then that this order from the Heavenly Throne came: *"I will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the city gates of their enemies. Through your descendant all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."* (Genesis 22: 17-18).

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After that Abraham and Ishmael built the Ka'aba that would one day become the birthplace of the Holy Prophet of Islam by which all nations would be blessed, and the religious centre of all the earth. The fruit of Abraham's prayers was the promised son, Ishmael, for whose descendants Abraham had prayed after the erection of the Ka'aba.

In a word, the time had come for the *Rahmatul-lil-Aalameen* to come and bless all the nations, whose advent would be a manifestation of God, and who, accompanied by ten thousand saints, and carrying in his right hand the fiery law, would rid the Ka'aba and the whole world of idolatry.

"And this is the prediction that Moses, the man of God, did to the children of Israel before his death. He said, 'The Lord came from Sinai on Mount Paran, and ten thousand saints with him. In his right hand went the fiery law.'" (Deuteronomy 33: 1-2).

O my Muslim brothers and sisters! Remember, we are the promised children of Abraham. There are great promises of God to us. God made us the best of all communities (*Khair-e-Ummat*). He gave us until the end of days the perfecting of temporal favours in the form of kingship and also the perfecting of spiritual favours in the form of prophethood, for we are of the seed of Abraham. He said, **"The religion of your father Abraham. He named you Muslims."** (Al-Haj 22: 79).

God had kept the promise made to the seed of Abraham of the branch of Israel, so long as it did not become wicked, the system of kingship and apostolate was reserved to it. But when it became wicked, God resorted to the posterity of Ishmael, that is to say, the Muslims. So, if Muslims does not become wicked, it is necessary for prophets to come amidst them [prophets who, of course, will not bring any other law that will thwart the perfect law - the Holy Quran]. This is why the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) announced the arrival of a prophet after him who would be "Imamakum Minkum" (Your leader from among yourselves). But how is it that the Ulemas ignore this? Why do they claim that prophethood in Islam is abolished and thereby place Muslims in the same rank as the Jews, who, having incurred the wrath of God, have been deprived of the privilege of prophethood?

On the contrary, since the advent of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), the Muslims have been the group of the rewarded (*Munam Alaihim*) and cannot be equated with those who are cursed (*Maghzubi Alaihim*) and who have gone astray (*Zwaalleen*). Not being under divine punishment like the Jews, Muslims must continue to see prophets rise from among themselves. To maintain this blessing, God teaches a prayer found in Surah Al-Fatiha, the first chapter of the Holy Qur'an. Read it carefully, and you will see that mention is made of the same subject as discussed earlier. God mentions two groups that lost the divine blessing, that is, the Jews and the Christians. It teaches Muslims not to become among the *Maghzubi Alaihim* (cursed ones) and *Zwaalleen* (those who have gone astray), but to follow the path that is the duty of the children of Abraham, that is to say, the path that must attract the divine blessing. Allah has made this invocation clear in the Holy Quran:

"Keep us (or guide us) on the right path, the path of those whom you have showered with your favours, not of those who have incurred your wrath, nor of those who have gone astray." (Al-Fatiha 1: 6-7).

If God had interrupted prophethood, why did He teach prayers to obtain it? The promise was made to Abraham, and through him, to the Israelites, but when they became wicked, the children of Ishmael were appointed in their stead. It has never been written that the promise made by God to Abraham was revoked, nor that the race (descendants) of Abraham had become entirely evil. God can only resume His promise in the only circumstances where the children of Abraham would have been wicked or when He himself declares that the promise was no longer valid.

The prayer taught in Surah Al-Fatiha is of a prophetic character. Just like the one that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) also taught us and which is contained in the following *Darood Shariff* - in this case the *Darood Ibrahim*:

"O Allah! Send Your favours on Muhammad (pbuh) and on his family like You have sent Your favours on Abraham and his family; surely You are worthy of glory and praise. O Allah! Send Your blessings on Muhammad (pbuh) and his family like You have sent Your blessings on Abraham and his family; surely You are worthy of glory and praise." (Bukhari).

What favours and blessings did Abraham and his family fulfil? Was it not royalty from the temporal point of view, and prophethood from the spiritual point of view? These are the same favours and blessings that the Ummah Muhammadiyya learned to ask in the *Daroods*. It is strange that on the one hand the Mullahs "stop" (close the door of) prophethood and on the other hand they pray to ask for the same thing [they forbid]. In truth, they are deceiving people. These Mullahs are sorrowful that it is this humble servant who has been chosen as Khalifatullah and prophet and not themselves. But that was not in the hands of this humble servant [to change what Allah had decreed]. God gives the kingdom to whom He pleases. He is the prophet of whom He wills. "God knows better where He has to place His mission." (Al-Anam 6: 125)

We must bear in mind that Muslims make continual efforts to have the kingdom of the earth and when they do not have it they despair, whereas the kingdom of the earth is only temporal. If we do not get it, it does not matter. It does not matter at all. But if we do not get the spiritual blessing, the whole future is in danger because misguidance leads to perdition, to hell.

So, if a prophet comes to ward off misguidance and put the world back on the right path, it is the true purpose of life, and thus man succeeds in this world and in the next.

May God keep us all on the right path, in the group of the *Munam Alaihim* (of those who have been rewarded). *Ameen!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the revelations I received in Mandarin Wednesday, 05 December 2018 at Mathra (Kerala) in Noor'ul Islam Mosque, where Allah made us understand that in the coming days the events that will happen throughout the world will be terrible and Allah has also revealed how much hate Narendra Modi, Donald Trump and the President of China among others (regarding their conflict and hatred) have for

Islam and in these revelations there was also the mention of landslides, floods, cyclones, and many other problems around the world.

The Great Conflict in Kashmir: Since Monday 05 August 2019, the Indian authorities have shown a very dark face of their history, a total blackout of democracy. The overthrow of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the revocation of Indian Kashmir autonomy is a high-risk wager that could reinvigorate the separatist insurgency and exacerbate tensions with Pakistan.

In summary, Indian forces in Kashmir were placed on full alert Friday, 09 August 2019, during the Muslim prayer day [Jummah], said the Indian agency PTI, quoting a security official in Srinagar, the summer capital of the Jammu and Kashmir State, of Special Constitutional Status of Jammu and Kashmir, State of North India with a Muslim majority. And so, the terrible decision of the Indian government since its re-election in May to implement this project has caused a wave of panic in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The state of Jammu and Kashmir is the administrative entity of the Indiancontrolled part of Kashmir, with about a third of this Himalayan region controlled by Pakistan. Each of the two nuclear powers of South Asia claim that Kashmir is theirs, but the state has in fact been divided between them and for more than seventy years there has been strong military and diplomatic tensions between the two countries, especially since the partition of the British colonial empire of India in 1947. With 12.5 million inhabitants in the 2011 census, Jammu and Kashmir is the only predominantly Muslim region in India. It is made up of the Muslims who are in majority in the Valley of Srinagar to the north, which is the heart of the region.

According to the residents of Srinagar, they have lost hope in Indian democracy. After making preparations in the utmost secrecy, the Hindu nationalist government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has revoked the constitutional autonomy of Jammu and Kashmir and voted to dislocate it through the Indian Parliament at the risk of sparking the region plagued by violence and separatist insurrection for thirty years. For thirty years, India wanted to control all areas of the state of Jammu and Kashmir. with India.

Pakistan, on the other hand, announced that it would expel the Indian ambassador to Islamabad – and which indeed it did – and suspend bilateral trade with India.

After India's revocation of the constitutional autonomy of the part of Kashmir it controls, Prime Minister Imran Khan announced that Pakistan wants to bring the issue of Kashmir at all international forums. And he (Imran Khan) also claimed before the Pakistani parliamentarians: *"We will fight against this (measure) before all the authorities including the UN Security Council"* and he added that his government also intended to resort to the International Court of Justice.

What I can say is that the situation is very critical, and we must pray for the people of Kashmir in the state of Jammu and Kashmir to regain their country as a whole, and that neither India or Pakistan gets a share of the pie in this country. I pray that Kashmir be returned to the people of Kashmir, without India or Pakistan seeking their share in it. Above all, Kashmir belongs to the people of Kashmir. Just as India belongs to Indians - be it a Muslim, Hindu or Christian Indian - and not for Pakistan, and Pakistan belongs to Pakistanis, even if they are Muslims, Hindus or Christians. So justice must be done right.

Here, as Mauritians, would we be happy to see other people from other countries come to claim their rights on our little Mauritius? If people use such strategies, then it will be similar to the camel that gradually enters the tent, and it ultimately kicks the owner out, leaving him on the streets! Today the world is talking about democracy but no one is implementing it in the right way. The state of Jammu and Kashmir like their autonomy, and India stands like a villain on their way, and boycotts them in many ways.

May Allah help the people of Jammu and Kashmir, be it Muslims, Hindus and Christians, and people of other religious faiths, so that they may retrieve their rights again and *Insha-Allah*, Allah will show His support for the truth and wipe out all falsehoods and the malicious conspiracies of the wrongdoers. *Insha-Allah*, *Ameen*.

In Burma : The death toll of a landslide caused by the monsoon in eastern Burma has increased to more than 51 deaths, while rescuers continue to search for the missing.

In China : The death toll caused by typhoon *Lekima* in eastern China has risen to more than 45 deaths as rescuers search for the missing, and more than a million people were evacuated.

In India : Floods continue to ravage India. While the southern states of Karnataka and Kerala are still dealing with the destruction, northern India is now bracing for the worst.

There are six states reported to be affected by flood so far – Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. At least 251 people have died and over 20 people are missing in northern Indian states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra, with several thousand evacuated.

Humanity is facing great trials. Humanity is suffering, and we, as humans, and especially as Muslims, must help humanity as the future of the world rests on our goodness. It is us who must give the best example, and help build a better world. Humanity is us, and if humanity suffers, we suffer too. We pray that Allah will have mercy on all of us as one nation, and that people will understand that taking the wrong path [the crooked path] does not bring any good. On the contrary, it only brings hatred, destruction and desolation. So, we must do our best to help our neighbour, [our fellow citizen (of the world)] and we must do our *Dawa* (invite people to Allah - the One God) so that the world knows their true God and can turn to Him and worship Him and do the good that will bring him closer to his Creator. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*