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Friday Sermon

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After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hazrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on:

The Night of Destiny and Spiritual Retreat

In His infinite Wisdom, Allah (swt) has prescribed unalterable rules for His creatures ensuring them a dignified life in this world and blissful happiness in the hereafter.

Among these rules is fasting which He has ordained to successive communities of believers. Far from being reduced to abstinence from food, fasting must be accompanied by a mastery of the senses and more particularly of the tongue.

The spiritual exercise of fasting must demonstrate to man his ability to deprive himself for a [period of] time of what seemed essential to him. It must reveal to him that, in this domain, as in many others, he can have the power to do it [when there is a will, there is a way!] provided that the intention is firm and that the aim sought is the pleasure of Allah.

The purpose of such an act of worship has been clearly defined as the search for the state of reverential fear of God (piety, *Taqwa*) criterion of superiority of one

individual over another. This quality is only measured by that of the works that bear witness to it.

The school of fasting is without equivalent and must lead to silence in everyone the tendency to the domination of the others, ostentation, the fear of others other than God and all the insidious forms of the call of the devil, the only real enemy of the human race.

The diploma sanctioning the month of fasting is a sum of virtues nourishing the believer during the short earthly stay which, let us remember, is a sum of trials which only the return to God will end.

In a world where matter becomes the sacred unit of measure, the fast of the month of Ramadan is there to put into perspective the dominant concept and to provide those who want it with a foolproof weapon. For indeed, fasting is a shield for the believers.

The fast of the month of Ramadan is the fourth of the five fundamental foundations on which Islam is built. The obligation to fast was established for Muslims, in the second year of the Hegira, by the revelation of this verse from the Quran: **“O you who believe! fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous.”** (Al-Baqara 2 : 184)

The Holy Prophet of Islam Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) told us about it: *“It is the month of patience, and the reward for patience is paradise. This is the month of giving. It is a month in which the believer’s resources increase. A month whose beginning is mercy, the middle of which is forgiveness and the end is liberation from hellfire.”* (Bayhaqi).

Who says Ramadan, also says *Laila-tul-Qadr* (Night of Destiny), an extraordinarily blessed night reserved for sincere servants who strive to seek its benefits; such a night that is worth more than a thousand months of blessings.

Regarding the Night of Destiny, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said: *“All past faults are forgiven for whoever spends the Night of Destiny in pious vigil with faith and hope of reward.”* (Muslim).

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) also said, *“Look for the Night of Destiny among the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadan.”* (Bukhari)

That is to say, the night of which the next day corresponds to 21, 23, 25, 27, or 29 of Ramadan.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) recommends repeating this invocation during the Night of Destiny: **“Allaahumma innaka ‘affuwwun tuhibbul ‘afwa fa’fu ‘annee’.”** (*O Allah, You are the One who forgives and You love to forgive, so forgive me*). (Mishkat, Ibn Majah and Tirmidhi).

In order to search for the Night of Destiny, the Holy Prophet (pbuh), His companions, His wives and the believers since the beginning of Islam, and as well as those up to the present day (and till the Day of Judgement) go on a spiritual retreat (the *Itikaaf*). This retreat consists in remaining in the mosque in a spirit of devotion to please God. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) retired during the last ten days of Ramadan and continued to do so until his death (and the year he died, he remained in spiritual retreat for twenty days). He said, *“The mosque is the refuge of every pious man. God has promised to him who retires there to grant him serenity and mercy, to enable him to reach His grace in paradise.”* (Tirmidhi).

The last ten days of Ramadan are fast approaching. The Night of Destiny is within our reach in two ways. First, physically during the Night of Ramadan, and secondly during the whole life of a Messenger of Allah where the Holy Spirit (*Ruh’il Quddus*) descends on the Chosen One of Allah to spread the divine blessing in the form of divine revelations for the guidance of humanity. Therefore, this Blessed Night, Allah has reserved it for you in these two ways because it is not every day or every year that a person or a people [nation] or the world as a whole testifies to the arrival of a Messenger of God to warn him/ them and give him/ them the good news from Allah.

Lucky are all those who live this Blessed Night day by day, an era which is plunged into darkness but which is revived thanks to the advent of a Messenger of God. Such a Messenger who is a sincere advisor to the people. Through divine revelations and instructions, he gives warnings and makes prophecies. And Allah knows very well those who are really sincere and those who are less sincere, and there are those who, as I told you in my message of 05 May 2020, although

sincere, but if the moment of their death has been decreed, because death is inevitable, then, these people certainly die but live again in eternal completeness, in the pleasure of Allah and His paradise.

With that, I announce the sad news of the death of the father of my dear disciple K.M. Saleem Sahib, yesterday 07 May 2020. His name was Kaja Mydeen [Khawja Mohyuddin] (like his son). He was 8 [3] years old. During my visit to India in the year 2018, I had met him, and after this meeting he made the decision to integrate the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam just like his sons, his wife and his entire family [except for one of his daughters]. Exactly one year ago, he fell seriously ill and his family informed me of his critical condition and saw a miracle when he recovered. *Alhamdulillah*. Admittedly, this was only a reprieve from Allah, and after exactly one year (May 07, 2019-2020), his time arrived and Allah took him with Him (same decreed date – 07 May). **Innallilaahi wa inna ilayhi raajeeoune.**

[Hazrat Khalifatullah (atba) then related a dream he saw on 06 May 2020 in the morning after the Sehri and the Salaat-ul-Fajr, long before receiving the news of the hospitalization of Kaja Mydeen Sahib [he was very sick]. He saw a gathering of people, and a few people took a person who was covered in purple clothing [or fabrics], and they grabbed his hand to take him with them. So Hazrat Khalifatullah (atba) stopped them and told them where they were taking this person, to leave him because this person was with him, but they refused and told him that they should take him with them. Hazrat Khalifatullah (atba) insisted that this person was with him and to return him, but they refused again and said that they cannot return him. Suddenly the purple garment or fabric that covered that person changed and became white shirt and pants and for the Khalifatullah, it was a young person which they were taking with them. At that time Hazrat Khalifatullah (atba) knew that something was going to happen, a misfortune, and he thought which young person would suffer some misfortune (even death). And it was in the evening, after the Tarawee prayers, around 10-10.30PM (local time in Mauritius), that Kaja Mydeen Sahib's son phoned him to tell him that his father was very sick, and that he was hospitalised.]

Certainly, we all belong to Allah, and it is to Him the return. He succumbed to his illness, which became more serious with Coronavirus contamination, according to the Indian government officials.

In this terrible pain, his entourage, the non-Sahih-al-Islam Ahmadis are delighted with this news of a COVID-19 death and they take malicious pleasure in blaming my dear disciple Saleem Sahib for having led his whole family, including his father on a path devoid of light. They forget at the same time that the same treatment was given to the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) and his followers during the manifestation of the plague. They forget that the Promised Messiah confirmed that Ahmadis succumbed to the plague [and He had even said that Qadian will be spared but this was not the case] and that in no way meant that the Ahmadiyya Community, or that his mandate as Messiah and Messenger of God was wrong. *Nawzubillah*. [Reference: Haqiqatul Wahy, English version p. 713, published by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community].

And they forget that even their spiritual leader announced the death of his members of COVID-19, including a servant [Rana Naeemuddin Sahib] who served the Khilafatul-Masih since the time of Musleh Ma'oud (ra) and who died at the age of 86. They rejoice, but forget that Allah has all the power to overthrow their mockery and afflict them with misfortune [though I am not praying for their misfortune]. Certainly, I am really worried about these people who heap my sincere disciples with accusations of all kinds. I do not worry about my sincere disciples because I am completely confident that Allah will protect them all the time, as He demonstrates it in many ways on a daily basis. Certainly, they will go through all kinds of trials just like the Khalifatullah for that matter, but our veracity will soon be perceived by sincere hearts and those thirsty for [divine] light. *Insha-Allah*.

Yesterday (07 May 2020), around 14.50, after speaking with Saleem Sahib on the very critical health of his father, I begged Allah a lot to give all his family and him also patience during these very difficult times. Allah revealed this text to me about patience:

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

Allah Ta'ala says, **“Help yourself through As-Sabr and prayer. Surely Allah is with those who are patient.”** (Al-Baqara 2: 154).

As-Sabr: Perseverance, patience and endurance is one of the duties of the heart. It consists in slowing down the soul and forcing it to endure that which opposes its inclinations or to abandon pleasures. *As-Sabr* is of three kinds: Persevere in the

practice of what Allah has made obligatory as obedience. Be patient while guarding against what Allah has forbidden us.

1. Persevere in the practice of what Allah has made obligatory: It is to compel the soul to apply the religious obligations that Allah (swt) has ordered, to remain faithful in the oneness of Allah, to accept the Messenger of Allah, respect your oaths of allegiance (*Bai'at*) that you made with Allah and His Messenger despite the great difficulties that are coming.
2. Wait for what Allah has decreed, do not turn your back on what Allah has decreed and this requires a great effort to constrain your soul and to keep it from committing forbidden things, from saying bad words to Allah and His Messenger, giving up prayer and other things that you used to do for the cause of Allah. Take a beautiful patience so that you may get a great reward.
3. Endure in difficulties and trials: That is to say, vis-à-vis what disturbs his soul: suffering, pain, difficulties in living conditions or sadness that affects man because of 'a misfortune'. The life of this temporal world is indeed the abode of adversity and testing as well as the abode of works, while the hereafter is the abode of accountability. The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: "Surely Allah Ta'ala said:" When I test My slave by the loss of the use of his eyes and he waits, I give him paradise in return ". "

Satisfaction with Allah, in the sense of submitting to Him: it is the duty of each responsible person not to object to Allah Ta'ala and to be satisfied with His predestination and His decree.

Satisfaction with Allah [To be pleased with Allah and accept what He has decreed for you] is one of the duties of the heart. It means to be submissive to Him (twa). In fact many people fall into sins because they have not patience in times of trials. They fall into even more serious sins, turning their backs on Allah (Twa) and His Messenger, and ridiculing divine words. It is suitable for all those who are in the divine ship which has as its spiritual captain the Messenger of Allah to embellish themselves with patience and to accustom their soul to be patient, to submit entirely to Allah and to trust in Him in any circumstance.

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It was only around 16.05 local time (Mauritius) that my dear disciple Saleem Sahib called me to inform me about the death of his father. After comforting and encouraging him, around 16.20, I received these Qur'anic verses as revelations:

- **Wa'ufaw-wizu amrii ilallaah. Innallaaha Basiirum bil ibaad.**
I entrust my fate to Allah. It is Allah, surely, Who watches over His servants.
- **Fasbir inna wa-dallaahi Haqq.**
So be patient because the promise of Allah is true.
- **Laa yaguurannaka taqal lubullaziina kafaruu fil-bilaad.**
Be not deceived by the [uninhibited] movement of the disbelievers throughout the land.
- **Mataa-un-qaliil.**
It will be a poor enjoyment for them.
- **Ibadour Allah Raheem-ouk-Allah. Faskeem Billah.**
O servants of Allah, the mercy of Allah is upon you. Stand firm with Allah.

Here is the report I received from his eldest son, K. Shanavaz Sahib [this morning]:

Asalamoalaikum warahmathulahi va barakathahu

Asalam alaikum Huzur,

Our father had took medicines for the disease in his heart and the lungs about 20 years. From past two days his wheezing increased because of the disease in the lungs. Since, in this lockdown situation we have no choice other than admitting him in Government hospital on 6th May 2020. And on 7th May around 2:30 PM he passed away.

While he was in hospital they said that after receiving the results of the corona test only will start the treatment, till that they gave only some first aid. When they found blood clot in his mucus they decided that he has corona (COVID-19).

And then they stopped giving oxygen to him and took him to corona isolation ward nearly about 1 PM, and in short while he passed away (inalilaah).

And around 2:30 PM I asked help with Akbar Ali shahib of Ahmadiya Muslim Jamat to allot a space in the burial ground (Kabarastan) – who called me and asked about the father’s health situation. He discussed with the jamat members and they said “Kaja Maideen sahib is not in our Jamat for about two years and even he was not coming for Jumma Namaz, and government has announced that he has corona positive and to take decision we have to get permission from Quadian that may be get delayed, so you try somewhere else.”

Around 3 O’clock Government sanitary officier contacted me, we asked him permission to bury in our place (VK Puram, [Siraj] Munir Masjid place). He denied permission and told that in this situation we can’t take that far and Government will take steps to bury in your nearby burial ground. Government officials, Politicians discussed with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamat members. Though they denied initially and later after giving permission, they sent their Khudhams and they have given whole support and helped a lot to happen the burial. Around 9 PM in presence of Government officials with the help of our Jamat brothers and Ahmadiya jamat Khudhams his burial has [been] done in a good way.

Huzur kindly dua for my father’s mahfirath, for our family wellness, and our Imaan to get more strong.

Wassalaam,
K. Shanavaz
Finance Secretary
Brother of Salim sahib

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It was his son Nazir Sahib, our Secretary of *Tarbiyyat* of Melapalayam who led his father’s Salat-ul-Janaza, accompanied by some members of his family [and our members of the Jamaat].

We appreciate that the Amir of Jamaat Ahmadiyya from this place [Tirunelveli] made a very wise decision after government officials spoke to him. *Alhamdulillah*.

May Allah help him in his task, to remain faithful to the teachings of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as). *Ameen*. I also thank the Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya of this place also who gave a good helping hand for this funeral. May Allah open the way for them just as they have opened the way for our members of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam and help them [because they have demonstrated the spirit, of Love for all, Hatred for None]. *Ameen*.

May Allah continue to protect His Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam and His devotees and elevate their status in this world and the hereafter.

May Allah have mercy on His servants and protect their faith from the evil of His creatures. *Ameen*.

After the *Salat-ul-Jummah*, I will lead the *Salat-ul-Janaza Ghaib* of Marhoom Kaja Mydeen [Khawja Mohyuddin] Sahib. May Allah forgive him for all his faults and weaknesses, [like any human being] and reward him for his loyalty to Him and His Messenger and grant him a high place in *Jannat-ul-Firdaus*. May Allah grant His protection and blessings to his family and give them health, courage, patience and serenity during these difficult times. *Ameen*.