

Friday Serman

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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 Promise of Allah to the Prophet & the Believers

يَتَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ تُوَبُوٓاْ إِلَى ٱللَّهِ تَوْبَةُ نَصُوحًا عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَن يُكَفِّرَ عَنكُمْ سَيِّحَاتِكُمْ وَيُدْخِلَكُمْ جَنَّتِ تَحْرِى مِن تَحْتِهَا ٱلْأَنْهَ رُيَوْمَ لَا يُخْزِى ٱللَّهُ ٱلنَّبِىَ وَٱلَذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ مَعَهُ، نُورُهُمْ يَسْعَىٰ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَنِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّكَ أَتْمِمْ لَنَا نُورَنَا وَٱغْفِرْلَنَا أَإِنَّكَ عَلَى حَكْلِ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرُ أَن

Yaaa - 'ayyuhallaziina 'aamanuu tuubuuu 'ilallaahi Tawbatan - Nasuuhaa: 'asaa Rabbukum 'ayy - yukaffira 'ankum sayyi - 'aatikum wa yud - khilakum Jannaatin - tajrii min tahtihal - 'anhaaru Yawma laa yukhzillaahun - Nabiyya wallaziina 'aamanuuu ma-'ah. Nuuruhum yas - 'aabayna 'aydiihim wa bi-'aymaanihim yaquuluuna "Rabbanaaa 'at-mim lanaa Nuuranaa waghfir lanaa: 'innaka 'alaa kulli shay 'in - Qadiir." "O you who believe! Turn to Allah with sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will remit from you your sins, and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise) the Day that Allah will not disgrace the Prophet and those who believe with him. Their Light will run forward before them and by their right hands, while they say, 'Our Lord! Perfect our Light for us, and grant us Forgiveness: for You have power over all things'." (Surah At-Tahrim 66 : 9)

In light of this Quranic verse, I present to you a Hadith where Hazrat Abu Dharr and Hazrat Abu Darda (ra) reported that Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) said that: *On the Day of Judgment I will recognize my people.* The *Sahaba* (companions) asked him: *O Prophet of Allah, how will you recognize your people?* Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) said: *I will recognize you by the light that will be before you.*

Therefore, in the world there are those who have the light of *Imaan* (faith) and on the day of judgement this light will be before them and on their right.

When you read Chapter 'The Light', i.e., Surah Al-Nur Verse 56, where Allah (swt) says:

"Allah had promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious."

This has always been the way of Allah, a practice that He has demonstrated since the existence of man, that it is Allah (swt) Himself Who raises His Chosen Messenger, His Prophet, His Khalifatullah as this verse makes us understand. And Allah says in this verse that it is a promise that He makes to those who believe and do good works. This promise, Allah has not made it to all those whose works do not please Him, those whose actions go against His teachings, and what is important to note is that Allah (swt) said He will make those who do not go against His teachings successors (His Caliphs / Representatives) on earth; it's not a Caliph who will be elected by man, where people come together to elect a Caliph; where all types of people with different mentalities come together to make this decision. And certainly it is Allah (swt) alone who knows the hearts of people [all people]. This is why He made this commitment and made this promise that it is He alone, Allah (swt) who will raise His successors on earth, just as He had established successors among those who came before them; and that He will establish for them their religion that He has chosen for them and He will give them in return after their fear, security and peace.

When you read this verse, it becomes more interesting given the way Allah (swt) formed the words [of this verse] and made us understand this subject, more precisely when He informs us that it has always been His practice to raise His caliphs just as in the past, He had raised Successors. So, it is quite clear, these successors were not chosen by man, they were not chosen in a committee or an assembly where an election is held to choose anyone to be placed as a successor [representative]. When Allah (swt) made this promise, it is He Who takes all the responsibility for raising His Selected Successor and He raises him with the Holy Spirit, *"Ruhil Quddus"*. This is the way of doing [i.e. the practice] of Allah, a practice that He has always taught [or demonstrated] since the creation of man, that it is Himself who chooses His Servant (not man) and Allah comes to the aid of His prophets (or as you may call them: His chosen servants, His prophets or messengers, His Caliphs etc.), and gives them a superiority [over all people]. Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Mujadala, Chapter 58, Verse 22:

"Allah has decreed: 'Verily! It is I and My Messengers who shall be the victorious'."

The words: victorious, triumph, prevail, or predominance can be described as follows: Historically the fervent desire of all prophets is that the arguments for [the cause of] Allah be firmly established on earth in such a way that no one can refute them. So with the support of great signs, Allah manifests their truthfulness and by the hand of these prophets, Allah sows the grain of righteousness that these prophets had the desire to spread everywhere. But only Allah (swt) does not complete the mission of the prophets with their own hand, but on the contrary Allah (swt) bring about their deaths in such a circumstance and in such an era which seems like they failed in their mission. This gives the opponents the opportunity to ridicule them. But after the smirks and mockeries of these opponents, it is only then that Allah sends another manifestation of His power and He creates a series of circumstances that eventually leads to the achievement

of the goal of these prophets. That is to say, Allah manifests His power twice: First, during the life of His prophets and through their works, Allah (swt) shows the power with his hand [the hand of the prophet strengthened by that of Allah]. Second, after the death of His prophet, the disciples of this prophet undergo all kinds of difficulties. The enemies are renewed in strength and begin to believe that the prophet's mission has ended there itself with his death. They even think that the disciples of this prophet also will go to their loss [to their destruction]. There are even members of this movement (Jamaat) who begin to have doubts as if their backs have been broken. There are some unhappy people who even end up denying this prophet. It is then that Allah (swt) shows His power and ability and He saves this community which was in difficulty. So those who endure till the end become witnesses to this miracle from Allah, the Almighty.

It looks like what happened during the time of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). The death of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) was considered inappropriate and several ignorant Bedouins denied Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). The companions of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) were overcome with sadness. In these critical moments, Allah (swt) made Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) stand firm and through him Allah showed a manifestation of His power. This second manifestation of power is certainly vast.

So, this second manifestation of power of Allah is that after the coming of the noble prophet (pbuh), there were the *Khulafa-e-Rashideen*, the Mujaddids, and then the advent of the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) in the previous century, and before one hundred years of his mission, Allah (swt) raised Hazrat Musleh Ma'ud (ra), and in this present century also there is a Musleh Ma'ud, because Allah (swt) knows very well how the divine teachings have been trampled by power-hungry people and the establishment of their dynasties.

At the beginning of this century Allah (swt) raised His Khalifatullah, such a Khalifatullah that Allah established after a law-bearing prophet, that is, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). It is on this system that the progress of Islam and its victory rests in order to revive this **Sahih Al Islam** (these true teachings of Islam) and this is a blessed system because it was raised by Allah (swt) Himself, not by man as some believe (that is, that through an election - by votes, someone is elected even if he receives no revelation, inspiration or divine message, which comes from the Creator).

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So where Allah raises His Chosen One is the blessed system itself and it is a reflection of prophethood and it is an absolute guarantee of all kinds of progress. So, this is a subject that needs to be short - short but sweet, where everyone can understand it, small dose by small dose, and *Insha-Allah*, next week I will continue on this same subject. May Allah give me the required knowledge by His grace. *[Ameen]*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I announce the sad news of the death of Mrs. Razia Hariz, who was the wife of our Naib Amir Hariz Sahib from Alappuzha (Allepey). Inna Lillaahi wa inna ilayhi raaji'uun.

On 08 January 2020, when I woke up for Tahajjud prayer, this verse came many times on my tongue: Inna-lillaahi wa inna ilayhi raaji'uun.

When I finished doing *Wu'zu*, this verse again came to my lips many times instead of the *duah* after *Wu'zu*. I understood that there will be some bad news, some worries, sorrows and even difficulties.

Then, in the morning itself I got a sad news on one issue and at night, after the Maghrib prayer, I received the sad news of the demise of Razia Hariz Sahiba.

She was very sick as I told you several times in my announcements in the Friday sermons. She was 56 years old. And her date of birth is historic, because she was born on 10th of March [10 March 1963], and it was on the 10th of March that our Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam was officially registered here in Mauritius and that too of international scope. She died on 08 January 2020 at 5pm (local time in India / Kerala), and it was her husband, our Naib Amir Hariz Sahib who led her funeral prayer the next day [09 January 2020] at 10.00 in the morning and she was buried at 12.30 (local time in India / Kerala).

She leaves behind her husband and two children, Firoz Ahmad Sahib and Roshni Sahiba. **She was also our first Sadr Sahiba of the Siraj Makin of Kerala**. She was very sincere in the Divine Manifestation and she was in regular contact with me. She was a lady who went through a lot in her life. It was an honour for me and my family that we had the opportunity to visit her in her house during our first trip to Kerala in the year 2017. She was always smiling, polite, kind and had a lot of love for Allah, His Khalifatullah and the *Deen-e-Islam*.

I would like to thank all my disciples from the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam [in the various places in India: Kerala & Tamil Nadu] who stood in solidarity with our Naib Amir Hariz Sahib and his children in this moment of immense sadness, and above all I thank the Jamaat Ahmadiyya of Kerala who did not hesitate to lend a helping hand in this funeral. They applied the true motto: **Love for All, Hatred for None** and they abandoned the boycott to apply the true teachings of Islam [that is, helping our fellow brother of the same Islamic faith]. *Masha-Allah.* This is how we should live, like brothers and sisters of one *Deen*, i.e. Islam.

Insha-Allah, after the Salat-ul-Jummah, we will do the Namaz Janaza Ghaib (Funeral Prayer in Absentia) of Razia Hariz Sahiba. May Allah make her Mubarak (blessed) in Jannat-ul-Firdaws, His Paradise closest to Him (Allah), and perfect her light for her (Razia Sahiba) for all the sacrifices she had made and for her attachment to Divine manifestation of this century. May Allah pour down His love and mercy on her and grant her eternal peace and serenity. Ameen.

May Allah give courage and patience to our Naib Amir Hariz Sahib and his children in this time of mourning, sadness and may Allah grant them the light of His proximity, and of His mercy and make them shine in *Deen-e-Islam* with sincerity and *Taqwa* just like Razia Hariz Sahiba and the sincere *Sahaba* – believers, men and women – of the Divine Manifestation since the creation of the heavens and the earth. *Ameen, Summa Ameen, Ya Rabbul Aalameen.*

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