

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 21st February 2020 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The 20th of February is remembered in Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya as the day of the Prophecy of *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (the Promised Reformer). It is not possible to speak about all the aspects of this prophecy in one sermon, therefore, I have decided to present some points that were elaborated by Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) himself. These brief extracts will reveal the vast scope of the prophecy and how magnificently it was fulfilled in the person of the Promised Messiah’s (May peace be upon him) Promised Son. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) read out the words of the prophecy that was revealed to the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him).

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: A solitary man from Qādiān, who was little known even by the dwellers of that village, seeing the animosity that the people had towards Islām and its Founder, went into seclusion for 40 days in order to worship Allāh and to seek signs from Him. After the period of 40 days, Allāh granted him a sign. This sign was that Allāh would not only fulfil the promises He had made to him and spread his message to all corners of the earth, but He would give him a son who would be blessed with extraordinary qualities and who would spread the message of Islām to the whole world. He would reveal to the world the subtle knowledge of the Divine word. He would be a sign of Allāh’s grace and mercy. He would be blessed with religious and secular knowledge that would be essential for the spreading the message of Islām. And Allāh would grant him a long life.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today every country where Ahmadiyyat is established testifies to the truth of this prophecy and how the name of this Great Son has become famous all over the world.

When this prophecy was published on 20th February 1886, the opponents objected that anyone can have a son and that this did not constitute a special sign from Allāh. In reply to this, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) wrote in his announcement of 22nd March 1886 that this was not just a prophecy but a great heavenly sign that Allāh had ordained in order to make manifest the truth and glory of our Prophet Muhammad (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him).

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) said that Allāh had accepted his prayers and had promised to send to the world a blessed soul whose latent and manifest blessings would pervade the entire earth.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today the world is a witness that the Promised Son came to be known to the ends of the earth. Many of our missions were established during the lifetime of Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him), and this is an on-going process.

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: Some people say that the Promised Son would appear from among the progeny of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) two or three hundred years after him, and that he cannot appear at this time. Such people should fear Allāh and reflect on the words of the prophecy. They should realize that this prophecy was made at a time when the opponents were criticising Islām and saying that Islām was devoid of any heavenly signs. Pundit Lekhram and Indarman were demanding that, if Islām was indeed true, they should be shown some sign of its truth. It was then that the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) turned towards Allāh and prayed for a sign of His mercy and power and nearness. Evidently, such a sign needed to occur at the earliest when the people for whom the sign was intended were still living. And so it came to pass. My birth took place in 1889 while the people who were demanding a sign were living. As I continued to grow, so did the signs continue to manifest at a larger and larger scale. It was essential for this sign to appear during the life of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) and the opponents who had demanded the sign.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In 1944, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) made the announcement that he was the Promised Reformer.

He said: I swear by Allāh that I am the one to whom the prophecy of the Promised Son applies, as do all the other prophecies associated with the Promised Reformer. Anyone who thinks that I am an impostor or have been guilty of falsehood in this regard should hold a prayer-duel with me, or swear in the name of Allāh that Allāh has told him that I am a liar, and that, if this is not true, then may Allāh bring punishment upon him. Then Allāh Himself will make manifest through His signs as to who is truthful and who is the liar.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: No one accepted this challenge, not even those who had parted from the Jamā'at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This was not an ordinary claim. The 52 years of Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) Khilāfat bear a testimony the glory and majesty of this prophecy.

Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: As I congratulate you on the fulfilment of this prophecy of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) regarding *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him), I would also like to remind you of the responsibilities this places on you. You who affirm my claim that I am the Promised Reformer have the foremost duty to bring about a transformation in yourselves and to be prepared to shed the very last drop of your blood for the triumph of Islām and Ahmadiyyat. You may rejoice upon the fulfilment of this prophecy, but, as you do so, do not forget your own responsibilities. Allāh showed me in a dream that I was running and the earth was being folded under my feet. Allāh has foretold about me that I would grow rapidly. And so it is destined that I make swift progress. But this also means that you have to march ahead faster and give up all laxity. If you wish to progress and you understand your responsibilities, then you must walk in steps with me so that we may pitch the flag of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) in the heart of disbelief and uproot falsehood once and for all. This will come about, *Insha'Allāh*. The earth and heaven can pass, but the word of Allāh cannot fail.

With regard to the words of the prophecy that the Promised Reformer would be filled with secular and religious knowledge, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the following

examples: Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) books, lectures and speeches are being compiled under the title *Anwār-ul-Uloom*. Many of these volumes have been published. Some of these books have also been translated into English. 26 volumes of *Anwār-ul-Uloom* have so far been published which consists of 670 books, lectures and speeches. Similarly, 39 volumes of *Khutabāt-e-Mahmūd* have been published, which include all the sermons delivered by Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) up to 1959. These volumes include 2,367 sermons. *Tafsīr-e-Saghīr* comprises 1,071 pages. *Tafsīr-e-Kabīr* comprises over 10 volumes and 5,907 pages and includes commentary of 59 chapters of the Holy Qur'ān. 3,094 pages of the unpublished commentary of the Holy Qur'ān by Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) have been compiled by Research Cell Rabwah and submitted to the *Fazl-e-Umar* Foundation. I instructed Research Cell Rabwah to collect commentary of the Holy Qur'ān from the speeches and writings of Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him). Up till now 9,000 pages have already been compiled and the work is going on.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masih III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) said: With regard to the prophecy that the Promised Reformer would be filled with secular and religious knowledge, I have gathered a lot of details, but on this occasion I will present an outline that I have prepared for this purpose. Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) wrote many books on the Holy Qur'ān and his commentary comprises about 8 to 10 thousand pages which include the 11 volumes of *Tafsīr-e-Kabīr* as well. He wrote 10 books on *kalām* and 31 books on spirituality, Islāmic morality and Islāmic doctrines. He wrote 13 books on the life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), 4 on history, 3 on *Fiqh*. He wrote 25 books on issues related to politics (pre-partition) and 9 books related to political issues (post partition). 15 books on Kashmir politics. He wrote 99 books on issues related to Ahmadiyyat and its various schemes. The total of his books comes to about 225. Looking at them, we see how he was filled with both religious and secular knowledge. Amazingly, whenever anyone reads his books or articles, he at once exclaims that nothing better could have been written on that topic.

May Allāh shower thousands and thousands of blessings upon him and continue to raise his spiritual status. May it be that, like the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) and his son, our hearts also become inspired with the zeal to spread Islām and that we are ever ready to serve Islām. May we be the ones who spread the message of Islām and not the ones which have been described by Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in one of his couplets as those who bring a bad name to it. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at about the sad demise of *Mariam Elizabeth Sahiba*, second wife of *Malik 'Umar Ali Khokhar Sahib*, former *Amīr* of Multan; and of *Jahid Faris* who passed away at the age of 12. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led the funeral prayer of the deceased in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

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