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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:

POST-RAMADAN

Our distinguished guest [Ramadan], granted to us by our Creator, has left us. In truth, the blessed month of Ramadan has ended and a new month has come to us: the month of Shawwal. Sad for some and a Joy for others - especially those who do not really have this spirit of sacrifice. They are relieved that this month [Ramadan] is gone and they can now return to their old ways.

For a true believer, it is true that he is sad to see this month [Ramadan] go but it is also an opportunity for him to continue in the accomplishment of his good habits that he started during this month blessed and continue in this good way throughout the year. And then, he makes sure that all his actions, and his thoughts are directed to Allah and to acquiring His pleasure.

In this present century, the century that we are living, these rewards are doubled, even tripled, and so on, because the one who receives the opportunity and the blessing to accept the Messenger, the Caliph of Allah – the Caliph sent by Allah with the *Ruh'il Quddus* (the Holy Spirit) - then this one is very lucky. It is because during his entire life, during the lifetime of the Messenger of Allah, he receives this special *Laila-tul-Qadr* [equivalent to the length of his life (a normal/ average

human life) on earth]. He becomes a witness of miracles and signs of Allah. And he receives a nearness with Allah that others have not received, and he receives this thanks to his connection with the Messenger of Allah through the *Ruh'il Quddus*. His entire life is not only like the month of Ramadan, but more precisely that holy night of *Laila-tul-Qadr*. And the greatest *Laila-tul-Qadr* that the *Sahaba* (companions) in the time of the noble prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) received, is the chance they had to live in the time of the greatest Messenger from Allah and they had the honour, the grace and the blessing to remain sincere with him and to die in the way of Allah as true believers. Among them were also many hypocrites, but their plots were in vain and it is Allah and His Messenger and the sincere Muslim believers who have won the victory.

Now, like when the month of Ramadan comes, you ask yourselves, “*Will I see the next Ramadan? Will I be alive next year to receive such blessings?*”, likewise all people in this era and in all eras of God’s envoys in the final religion of Islam, those who will come for the reform of Islam, of Muslims and whole humanity, those who shall revive the faith after others after us (after our epoch) would have trampled it, therefore those people who would have believed in the Messengers of Allah, the Islamic prophets, they also should bear in mind that Allah has granted them a great favour in their present/ lifetime, i.e. Allah has enabled them to meet a Messenger of Allah, and to live in his lifetime. But alas, what do these people do? They turn on their backs! And if ever they die in the condition where Allah sends the *Ruh'il Quddus* to bless the people but they are deprived of it because they have turned their backs to Allah and His Messenger, imagine what will happen? What their chastisement shall be! It is most unfortunate for such a person who moreover mocks a Messenger, and harms him in many ways. But as Allah says in the Holy Quran:

“Verily! It is I and My Messengers who shall be the victorious.” (Al-Mujadala 58 : 22).

And Allah reassures the believers also that despite all the plans of the evildoers, but Allah’s plan is much better. Allah watches over His servants and helps them in their misfortunes. But He tries them too. A believer must not be discouraged whenever he goes through trials. Like during Ramadan we have to make sacrifices of all kinds in order to win Allah, so think that during the time of a Messenger, an Elect of Allah, Allah tests all believers with all kinds of trials. He tries them with

death, fear, loss and a decline in their wealth, and He gives them all kinds of hardships. He gives them all these so as to see if they are really sincere to Him and His Messenger or if this was a lip statement only!

I need to say, Allah has given many trials to His servants, and especially in this century, to His very Khalifatullah and the disciples of His Khalifatullah. There are some who have come forward after they have witnessed signs, and they have signed the *Bai'at* form, but what happens next? When the enemy learns that these kinds of people are accepting the Divine Manifestation of this century, they go ahead to deviate their heads and lure them with great positions, and money to make them leave the Divine Manifestation and return to their former position or give them a better post to blind them. As if, *Summum Bukmum* ...

The people who are weak in their faith, who let go of the rope of Allah easily as soon as a mundane gain comes their way, in their interest, therefore the consequences of these kinds of people shall be grievous. Allah has tried them, has given them signs but they have rejected faith and cut their connection with His Khalifatullah. This is what is called a "*spiritual death*" for Allah has removed all His blessings from such a person and his punishment on earth shall come at an unexpected moment, and his plight in the hereafter shall be all the more grievous.

So, each person, especially the believers must bear in mind that trials shall [without doubt] come their way in their life throughout but if they remain firm and like we say in Creole: '*Si nous manz avec sa bane épreuves là*' (If we/ they are steadfast and strong despite the difficulties involved throughout the trials) , if they remain sincere, then it is Allah Himself Who shall remove all obstacles which are on their path and He shall open the door of His Mercy whereby you shall see your problems resolved quickly [in a miraculous way], as if you were not affected by any trial before. These are the favours which Allah bestows upon His sincere believing servants who work hard for His cause.

In Ramadan you have observed the fast to seek Allah as your reward. Now bear in mind that those who have accepted God's Envoy and help him in his works to advance the cause of Islam, the truth of Islam – the True Islam – in the world, it is them who shall succeed, and in the hereafter, they shall be the fortunate ones as they shall obtain Allah as their reward for all the excellent sacrifices they did

during their lifetime on earth. [Like in the month of Ramadan] They have sacrificed a lot/ deprived themselves from a lot of things, and in return they shall receive Allah Himself [as their reward], *Insha-Allah*.

It is upon these kinds of people that Allah sends down His extraordinary blessings for they have preferred to sacrifice everything so that they may get Allah as their reward. For these types of people, their life and death are both the same for during their lifetime they have received Allah [as their reward] and in their death also they have received Allah [as their reward]. How did they succeed in doing so? By obeying Allah and His Messenger! They followed the one upon whom Allah has sent the *Ruh'il Quddus* (Holy Spirit) and whom He has raised as His Messenger.

So, this is the value of Ramadan and *Laila-tul-Qadr* in the life of a believer. In ordinary times, it holds all its importance, but during the life of a Messenger of Allah, whereby Allah becomes his sight [eyes to see], his hands, his ears etc., it is Allah who controls and guides him, therefore, these blessings are multiplied thousands of times, and its value keeps on increasing in all ways. And when this happens, the person who witnesses such an epoch and who helps the cause of Allah by accepting and helping His Messenger, that one is indeed very fortunate and blessed [happy].

So, like I was saying about Ramadan, a believer must continue with his good habits [developed during Ramadan], even after Ramadan. It is post-Ramadan that Allah shall watch for your sincerity, to see whether Ramadan was a jail for you or a real treasure and an opportunity for you reform yourselves and tread on the path of Allah.

And a believer must always think, “*What if this is my last Ramadan?*” – for He should always bear in mind that death is inevitable and is present, waiting for the decreed time of that person [to die and leave this world]. You want it or not, but death has been prescribed all people. All of us shall have to leave this world one day.

Allah (swt) has always recommended us to be optimistic in our life on earth. Therefore, you should remain firm in your convictions to bring about a radical change in your everyday lives. Each person needs to analyse himself. He can ask thousand questions, but most of the time the answers to them all are found in

himself. He alone knows the deeds he did and with which intentions he did them, and come what may, one day he shall have to account for all these before Allah. And he shall be alone before Allah. There shall be no one else [no other fellow human being]. He shall take care himself; he shall have to fend for himself. There shall be no father, mother or any other people to come to his help. All shall come to pass between him and Allah.

If each Muslim in the *Ummah* of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) manage to make a positive assessment with sincere reflections on the spiritual value of the month of Ramadan, like a school of faith, like a spiritual break where he resources himself for the rest of his life, then this in itself is already a victory... indeed a very beautiful victory which he gets by reforming his life, by moulding it in a better way, as an excellent preparation for the afterlife. *Insha-Allah*.

Then everyone of the *Ummah*, old generation, present generation, tomorrow's generation, will absolutely have to have a firm conviction and say to themselves: "*From now on, my everyday life shall be like the one I lived during the month of **RAMADAN**.*" – With Prayer. With good actions. With self-control. By staying away from evils of all sorts, things which can drive us away from Allah. To remain in the obedience of Allah, and to follow all His commandments, you all need to be ready to serve the cause of Islam and to live an absolutely Islamic life. You should not follow the trends and fashions/ behaviour of the non-believers who are themselves far from Allah. On the contrary, it is your duty to help them find the way to Allah and to change their bad ways/ deeds into good ones.

It is not only during the month of Ramadan that fasting is recommended. Just like any good deed, any good work, fasting is part of the daily life of each member of the *Muhammadan Ummah*. And we must be aware of it.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) used to fast on Mondays and Thursdays each week. He fasted on the 13th, 14th and 15th lunar days of each month. He recommended the fast of Muharram [Ashura], the fast of Arafat [during the Hajj], the six days of fasting of the month of Shawwal, etc.

Our life after **RAMADAN** must not be amplified by the ambitions of Satan. Our life must be a continuation of the good which we adopted from the moment we saw the moon of Ramadan. What did we do? We devoted ourselves to the prayer

(*Salat/ Namaz*) and all kinds of acts of worship (*Ibaadat*). We made [tremendous] efforts to remain on the right path, and we all have learnt to clothe ourselves correctly (in *Pardah*) during that month, be it for gents and ladies.

The post-Ramadan is for each of us a question and a reflection. This temporal life is only ephemeral, and whatever happens, we will all return without exception to Allah. Then we have to accept that trials of all kinds will affect us, but as long as we stay firm and take patience so that we do not lose our trust in Allah, then Allah Himself will remove all difficulties and direct us to the light. He will manifest Himself in our favour, showing that He is on our side and He will guide us to what is good for us.

Therefore, we should learn to trust in Allah and we should continue to do good and stay attached to Allah and today in the times of His Khalifatullah, I would like to give you a small advice: Do not turn your back. Take advantage of the unparalleled divine blessings, which you [personally] won't be able to witness again. Personally, you shall not witness this epoch again because your life on earth is limited, but tomorrow your children shall witness it. Not only your children but your grand-children also, as well as your great-grand-children. It may be that today you are rejecting truth, but tomorrow your children shall not become like you. They may receive the divine blessings of recognising and accepting the truth. Verily, all is possible with Allah. He can change a heart of stone [a hardened heart] and fill it with love for Allah and His Messenger and the person who was beforehand a great enemy can become a great help for the cause of Allah like Hazrat Umar (ra). Allah does what He wills without accounting to anyone.

May Allah transform our lives and give us better and sustainable lives in this temporal world and in the hereafter, and may we continue with the good habits that we have acquired during Ramadan so that we can walk towards victory with the blessings of Allah. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*