



## FRIDAY SERMON

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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 GREATNESS OF LAYLATUL QADR

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ○ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ○ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ  
الْقَدْرِ ○ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ○ تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ  
رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ○ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ○

Bismillaahir-Rahmaanir-Rahiim; 'Innaaa 'anzalnaahu fii lay-latil-Qadr: Wa maaa 'adraakamaa Laylatul-Qadr? Laylatul-Qadri khayrum-min 'alfi shahr. Tanazzalul-malaaa 'ikatu war-Ruuhu fiihaa bi-'izni-Rabbihim-min kulli 'amr: Salaamun Hiya hattaa matla-'il-Fajr.

*"In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful. Surely We revealed it on the Night of Majesty; And what will make you understand what the Night of Majesty is? The Night of Majesty is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by the permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn."* (Al-Qadr 97: 1-6).

One day the Holy Prophet Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) related the life of a saintly person who was called Shamsoon (ra) who lived among the Bani Israel. He had done acts of worship of all kinds and holy war for a period of a 1000 months. Listening to this story, a *Sahabi* (companion) pointed out to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) that the longevity of his *Ummah* (community) is shorter than that of Hadhrat Shamsoon (ra). The Sahabi also pointed out that one cannot do the same amount of *Ibadat* (acts of worship) as Hadhrat Shamsoon (ra). It was at this time that Hadhrat Jibra'il (as) appeared and recited the Surah Al-Qadr (Decree).

### THE BENEFITS OF THE NIGHT OF DECREE

According to Hadhrat Abu Huraira (ra) and other Hadith narrators, during the night of Qadr (Laylatul Qadr), innumerable angels descend on earth and because of this, the gates of heaven are opened. At that moment, the lights shine, the special manifestations occur, the celestial world is unveiled. People can then contemplate it in varying degrees (depending on their ability / the spiritual level which they reached and the degree of their faith - *Iman*).

Some have the ability to see the kingdom of the heavens and earth and when they look at the heavens, then they can see the angels doing the various acts of worship, some in the different positions of the *Salat*, that is, some in the *Qiyam*, others in the *Ruku*, others in the *Sajda*, some doing the *Zikr*, others giving *Shukr* (thanking Allah), and some others reciting the *Tasbih* [Subhan Allah] and the *Tahlil* [Laa-Ilaaha Illallah] etc.

Other people can see Paradise, with its palaces and houses, its *Hurs*, rivers, trees and fruits etc. and there are even people who receive the vision of the Heavenly Throne (*Arsh*) which is the Roof of Paradise. They also see the stations of the prophets, the friends of Allah, the martyrs, the truthful. Other people also have the opportunity to lift the veil and they see nothing but the splendour of the Beauty of their Merciful Lord.

In these cases, it is a manifestation of Allah that they witness. Many people see Allah as a very bright light, so bright that they cannot even look at Him, and there are other people who can see Allah in human form, or as Nothingness (a Void) - that is, to say, an empty space, for Allah is in us and all around us. He fills all the space He created. These are the Manifestations of Allah so that Allah shows and

makes His presence felt to His elects, the people He loves and to whom He wants to give this favour.

According to a Hadith reported by Hadhrat Aisha (ra), Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to make much more effort in performing acts of worship in the last ten nights of Ramadan compared to other nights. (Muslim, Mishkat)

According to several Hadiths, the Laylatul-Qadr is among the odd nights of the last ten nights of Ramadan (21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> night). Hadhrat Aisha (ra) reported that Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) used to go into retreat [in the mosque] **(Ittikaaf)** in the last ten nights of Ramadan and he (pbuh) said, '*Look for the Night of Qadr in the last ten nights of the month of Ramadan*.' (Bukhari)

Hadhrat Abu Huraira (ra) reported: The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: "*Whoever establishes the prayers on the night of Qadr out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's rewards (not to show off) then all his past sins will be forgiven.*" (Bukhari)

In another Hadith reported by Hadhrat Aisha (ra), Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) advised her to recite in abundance a *duah* (an invocation) if she manages to witness the Night of Al-Qadr (Laylatul Qadr). This invocation is: '**Allahumma innaka afuwwun tuhibbul afwa fa'fu-anni**' - *O Allah You are the One Who forgives greatly, and loves to forgive, so forgive me.* (Mishkat, Ibn Maja, Tirmidhi).

So pray that Allah will accept our repentance and grant us the unlimited favours of Laylatul Qadr. Fortunate are all the sincere members of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam whom Allah has chosen to recognize the Imam of the Age [not elected by man but an Elect of Allah], and to show their obedience to Allah and His Messenger, the Khalifatullah, who came with the *Ruh'il Quddus* (The Holy Spirit), in the Night of Ignorance that has enveloped this world in this century.

*Alhamdulillah*, the life and presence of a Messenger of Allah who receives divine revelation to share it with the world and to reform this world is also a continuous Laylatul Qadr. It is indeed a true Laylatul Qadr that you, my disciples, are living, and just as in the days of the Messenger of Allah Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) and the Promised Messiah Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as), even today, you are recipients of miracles of Allah on yourselves and your families, your children, your

homes, and your own bodies and souls, because Allah has given you *Kashafs* (visions) and extraordinary dreams. He gave you the ability to hear the angels and also to receive revelation, and divine guidance and instructions. **Masha-Allah. Sobhan-Allah, Allahu Akbar.**

You see! When you surrendered to the will of Allah and recognized His Messenger, you then took hold of a strong rope, and certainly it is the Party of Allah (*Hizbullah*) - the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam - that will be victorious, *Insha-Allah*. It is this true obedience that Allah's sincere believers must demonstrate, every time He sends His Messenger, a Khalifatullah with the Holy Spirit who proclaims himself openly as such in the name of Allah, who brings about a renewal of Islam for all those who have gone astray away from the path to Allah.

So, I say to you, my disciples, continue with your excellent works. Do not be afraid of people. Do not worry what they will say, what they will think. Keep in mind that it is you who have received this extraordinary blessing where the angels descend upon you and transform your hearts so that you always support the truth. **Masha-Allah. LAYLATUL QADR MUBARAK!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before closing, there are some very important **ANNOUNCEMENTS** that I have to share with you:

**1. CHAGOS:** After the victory at the UN, the Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth and his delegation were welcomed as heroes at the airport of Plaisance, last Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>. They are delighted that 116 countries, members of the UN have voted in favour of the resolution of Mauritius on the Chagos dispute, Wednesday the 22 of May at night, in New York. 56 countries abstained from voting and only 6 nations voted against the resolution.

Keep in mind that in 2017, many European countries had abstained from voting, but this time they voted. Among these countries, there are Austria, Greece, Ireland, Switzerland etc.

When one sees this situation, theoretically speaking, it is a very great victory [a historic victory] for our country (Mauritius) after the United Nations General

Assembly has established the modalities that aim to complete decolonization for the United Kingdom, ending its administration in the Chagos Archipelago in six months.

It is truly a great victory for the Republic of Mauritius as a whole, and also for all the citizens of Chagos, because these Chagossians had been expelled from their country, and where Mauritius had to return the archipelago of Chagos in its fight to gain independence. It is certainly a dark episode in the history of Mauritius and humanity as a whole. I am extremely disappointed by the position of the UK in this matter!

And of course, this is also a political strategy, as this year [very soon] there will be the general election in Mauritius. The Prime Minister and his Government know very well how to divert the Mauritians' attention to the Chagos and to show this Prime Minister as a Hero. All governments in the past have also fought the United Kingdom to gain back the Chagos Archipelago. Despite all these political strategies, we are very pleased that this struggle for the resurgence of humanity - on a humanitarian basis - has been successful and therefore it is a great victory, not only for Mauritius, but for all those poor Chagossians who were forced to abandon their country.

But now, dear Prime Minister ... do not take us - the people of Mauritius - for fools. Come and tell us what's going on about Agalega! Explain what is happening between Mauritius and India, between you and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is not possible that India will invest so much money in Agalega for nothing; to build an airport and make other developments, in a small island like this - leaving his country, his people who are suffering. There is something fishy.

**2. ATTACK AGAINST ISLAM:** Dear Prime Minister, your Minister Anil Gayan (Minister of Tourism) uttered words that hurt the Muslim Community. He attributed falsities to Islam and even referred to "*Honour Killing*" within the Muslim Community. This is an incitement to racial hatred. These words are insulting and denigrating. This could harm the harmony of the country. How can a Minister make such comments? What example does he give to the Mauritian nation? Are we not a rainbow (multicultural) people? Should we not be models?

So the Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth must take sanctions against him; he must ask him to resign to calm racial tension in such a blessed month of Ramadan. And I, as the Khalifatullah, I appeal to all my Muslim brothers and sisters in Mauritius, whatever be your Jamaat, keep calm, take patience. We are in a blessed month, a month of patience in all its aspects. And show the true value of the teachings of Islam and the Prophet of Allah, our beloved Messenger Hadhrat Muhammad (pbuh) and the true value of the Holy Quran, the Sacred Book of Allah. I know it is disgusting when we see that 5 mosques in Mauritius were targeted where criminals wrote insanities, dirty words against Muslims. Allah knows how to make His Justice. But when it comes to us, we must be obedient to Allah (swt) and His prophet (pbuh). *Insha-Allah*. We are in a blessed month, a month of intense sacrifices for our own reform, to make us better people. It is certainly a critical situation that we face, but we must know how to control ourselves, despite the great pain we feel. Let us show our obedience to Allah and His Messenger (pbuh), *Insha-Allah*. I count on you. No violence, even after Ramadan. This obedience to Allah and His Messenger must be continuous. Let us show these people that Islam is the best faith, and that we are role models for all of humanity. *Insha-Allah*.

**3. CALAMITY :** As you know, hurricane Kenneth wreaked havoc in Comoros. More than 50,000 people were affected by the passage of this cyclone. It did tremendous damage. The animals were swept away by waves, agriculture was ravaged, more than 4,200 children were deprived of school, thousands of homes were destroyed; there is no food and drink. There is no drinking water. No electricity. The road is impassable. It is the duty of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam to help these people and to support them as soon as possible, *Insha-Allah*.

May Allah have mercy on Muslims and humanity as a whole. May the truth that Allah has enabled to shine, shine in all righteousness, and that the wrongdoers realise their mistakes and return to the right path. May Allah direct our hearts to do good and reap His pleasure. *Ameen*. Let us continue to remember the people who suffer in our prayers, and also pray that Allah may always help His sincere servants to gain victory over the evil that Satan and his army keep spreading. *Insha-Allah*, let us hope that we will succeed in our work with the mighty help of Allah. *Insha-Allah, Ameen*.