

Friday Sermon

Trust on Allah

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ -

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ۝ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝
۝ مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ۝ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ۝ إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ۝ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۝ غَيْرِ
الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ۝

وَمَا لَنَا أَلَّا نَتَوَكَّلَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَقَدْ هَدَانَا سُبُلًا وَلَتَنْصَبِرَنَّ عَلَيَّ مَا أَدِئْتُمُونَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ ۝

[14:13] 'And why should we not put our trust in Allah when He has showed us our ways? And we will, surely, bear with patience *a//* the harm you do us. So in Allah let those who trust put their trust.'

The verse which was just recited is a reply from a verse before that it show the Trust on Allah which was presented to non-believers by the prophet of Allah. Tawakal or Trust on Allah is very deeply related to any God-fearing believer. It is the root to success and without this stable root the tree of good deeds cannot grow. Trust on Allah or Tawakal on Allah is also very important in finding the love of Allah. Hadrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} guided us very carefully, He teaches us the manner on how to Trust on Allah.

"Those people who trust on their own two hands and leave Allah on side, their end is never good. Trusting on Allah does not mean that you break your hands and feet and sit down in once place. Instead use the sources and employ the ways and skills to get the task done, after doing that expecting a result from Allah (instead of your skills or someone you know) is the right way and it means giving proper respect to Allah. People who does not use their skills and resources and then with false mouth say that they trust on Allah, they are liars and they do not respect Allah, instead they test Allah and consider the God given skills and resources a useless power; and with this, they mock him. These people fall away from **إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ**. While being away they want to see the results of **إِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ**. This is not acceptable, instead any human should try his best, by using the resources and skills he has to complete the desire or to save himself from any problem; but never should one make these skills and resources his GOD. Instead he should use those resources and then leave the results on Allah, by trusting on him and offer his great thanks and show his gratitude to Allah that he has given and provided him such strengths, skills and resources." (Malfozat Vol.1 page 244)

Hadrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} explained in very simple language, what the true meaning of Trusting on Allah is. Huzur^{AS} mentioned that etiquettes of Tawakal which most people do not know is very critical and doing it in any other manner then what Huzur^{AS} mentioned is rather disrespectful to the Exalted Allah. If Tawakal is not giving its fruit to believer then there is something that we need to adjust in ourselves. Hadrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} once said that, "We trust on Allah so much more than any rich person who

knows that he has a safe in his room from where he can get money off, when in need.” In way of Allah Hadrat Masih Ma’ud^{AS} and his lifestyle sketches a very good example of Tawakal on Allah. As Molana Dost Muhammad Shahid^{RH} mentioned in History of Ahmadiyyat (volume 1, Page 183) that, at the time of publishing Baraheen-e-Ahmadiyya, there were a lot of obstacles which Hadrat Masih Ma’ud^{AS} came across, major issue was financial support. Huzur^{AS} prayed a lot for this cause of getting this great book published and Huzur^{AS} received this revelation that “not with actions” indicating that Muslims of that time will not support it, and then with more concentration and prayers, Huzur^{AS} received this revelation that, “shake the trunk of Date Tree and it’ll drop fresh dates on you” with this Revelation Huzur^{AS} understood that with doing special efforts (or Tahrik) to rich Muslims of the time and general public, Allah will show the best result.”

This is the clear example of how we should start our prayers, and then use all the skills, strengths and resources and at the end of our efforts we pray for best results.

Hadrat Masih Ma’ud^{AS} had a very great level of Tawakal on Allah that it can be related to the same level of Tawakal as Hadrat Ibrahim^{AS}, as Huzur^{AS} mentioned in his own words;

“I have so much trust on Allah that I don’t even pray for myself, it is because Allah knows my condition very well. When Hadrat Ibrahim^{AS} was thrown into fire, then angels came and ask Hadrat Ibrahim^{AS} if he needs anything. Hadrat Ibrahim^{AS} mentioned that yes I need but I will not present it in front of you. Angels then said that pray in front of Allah then. Hadrat Ibrahim^{AS} said that, He is aware of my situation and I don’t need to ask.”

(Malfozat Vol. 1 Page 444)

Hadrat Masih Ma’ud^{AS} is talking about himself that, his connection and link with Allah is so clear and so perfect that Allah knows all about him and takes care of problem before then even show up. Revelations of Hadrat Masih Ma’ud^{AS} are filled with these kinds of examples, where Huzur^{AS} needed money and next day or sometimes after few days money would come, and all these incidents were told in advance by Allah. Huzur^{AS} said that, do not trust on Humans, always Trust on Allah, people who trust on humans, fail.

May Allah help us to understand the true meaning of Tawakal and follow the Straight Path shown by Holy Quran.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ تَحْمَدُهُ وَ تَسْتَعِينُهُ وَ تَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَ تُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَ تَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ - وَ تَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا
 وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مِنْ يَهْدِيهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ - وَ نَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
 اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَ نَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ - عِبَادَ اللَّهِ - رَحِمَكُمُ اللَّهُ أَنْ اللَّهُ يَا مُر
 بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَ إِيْتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَ يَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ - يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
 تَذَكَّرُونَ - أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَادْعُوهُ يُسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ وَ لَذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ -