

## Summary Friday Sermon 28 May 2021

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After Tashahhud, Ta'awwaz and the recitation of Surah Al-Fatehah, Huzur-e-Anwar recited verses 56-57 of Surah Nur with translation and further said:

Yesterday it was the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, the day that we remember as 'Yaum-e-Khilafat', the Day of the Caliphate. Different jamaats conduct meetings and gatherings for this in order to remember our responsibilities towards the caliphate and so that we can praise and thank Allah Almighty for giving us a chance to accept Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as) and Imam Mehdi (as) and the opportunity to accept the Caliphate that started after him.

Huzur-e-Anwar said over the caliphate, that Allah Almighty has told us of many bounties in this verse (that was recited earlier) but in the next verse Allah Almighty has also told us about three important things, to pray, to offer financial sacrifice and to obey the Holy Prophet (pbuh). If we don't fulfill these three conditions, we cannot truly benefit from the bounties of the caliphate. So we should take a look at ourselves and see whether or not we are becoming true followers of Allah Almighty. Huzur-e-Anwar said we must remember that in order to receive the bounties that are promised with the caliphate, we have to become true followers of the caliphate which requires complete obedience instead of giving preference to our own opinion over things, instead of trying to appease our own ego and not listen to what the Caliph of the time has instructed. Thus, in order to benefit from the bounties promised with the caliphate it is necessary that we fully and completely obey and listen to the caliphate. In this way we will become the protectors of the caliphate and the caliphate will become our protector and the prayers of the Caliph will always be with us.

Huzur-e-Anwar read some writings of Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as) from his book 'Al-Wassiyat' in which Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as) had given his jamaat the good news with regards to the caliphate. Huzur-e-Anwar said, after the demise of Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as), the enemies of the jamaat tried their best to eradicate Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya and convert the Ahmadis but Allah Almighty protected the jamaat through the institution of the caliphate and in this way He fulfilled His promise of changing the state of fear into the state of peace. Through the caliphate this promise is being fulfilled since then.

Huzur-e-Anwar spoke not only of the external dangers and enemies but also the internal attempts that the hypocrites tried to make in the past. Some officers and elite of the *anjumman* used to think that it is the administration that should basically inherit the jamaat after Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as). In order to eradicate these attempts, Huzur-e-Anwar spoke of everything Khalifatul Masih I (ra) tried and did to save the jamaat from this danger.

After this Huzur-e-Anwar discussed different things that were achieved during the third, fourth and fifth caliphate, with respect to things that have been done for the excellence of the jamaat. Huzur-e-Anwar also explained how each time, Allah Almighty changed the state of fear into the state of peace. During the time of the fifth (current) caliphate, people used to think that the jamaat is now basically in weak hands but do these people even know that the actual hand behind the hand of the caliphate is the hand of Allah Almighty? When Allah Almighty is with someone, He strengthens him. Huzur-e-Anwar said, I am a weak human being. Everything you see today, the jamaat moving forward, this is not because of any of my personal qualities but the grace of Allah Almighty and because of the promises he made with Hazrat Masih-e-Maoud (as). Thus it is important that we should always bow in front of Allah Almighty and obey the caliphate and always be prepared for all kinds of sacrifice.