



## Summary Friday Sermon 31 March 2023

In today's Friday sermon, Huzoor Anwar aa said that these days we are passing through the month of Ramadan, this is a month in which a spiritual atmosphere is created, and this atmosphere should be created in the community of believers. Along with fasting in this month, particular attention is paid to worship, reading and listening to the Qur'an and if the real benefits of fasting are to be reaped, more attention should be paid to reading and listening to the Qur'an. The Qur'an has a special connection with Ramadan. God Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

*The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. (2:186)*

According to some traditions, the first revelation was revealed to the Holy Prophet (sa) on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan, then Hazrat Gabriel (as) used to come to the Prophet (sa) every year and recite the Qur'an. Therefore, to get the true blessings of Ramadan, it is necessary to read, listen and to ponder upon the commentary of the Qur'an. The series of sermons based on the virtues of the Qur'an continues with the sayings of the Promised Messiah (as).

The commandments of the Torah and the Gospels were in accordance with the need of the time whereas the book which the Holy Prophet (sa) brought is permanent and eternal, is for all time.

Regarding the purpose of his coming and the Qur'an being a permanent teaching, the Promised Messiah (as) says: "Listen from your heart as to what is the purpose of my coming. The purpose of my coming is only to revive and support Islam. It should not be understood that I have come to teach a new law or to give new commandments, or that a new book will be revealed, absolutely not. If a person thinks along these lines, in my opinion, he is completely misguided and without faith. Shari'ah and Prophethood have come to an end with the Holy Prophet (sa) and no Shari'ah can come now. The Holy Qur'an is the last of the books, there is no room for any omissions in it. Yes, it is true that the blessings and favors of the Holy Prophet (sa) and the fruits of the teaching and guidance of the Holy Qur'an have not ended. They are present in every age and they are evidence of these blessings that God Almighty has raised me.

The Promised Messiah (as) said: That the Noble Qur'an is such a miracle the like of which was not to be seen before nor will it be ever after. Its bounty and blessings are always ongoing and it is as prominent and shining in every era as it was at the time of the Holy Prophet (sa). Besides, it should also be remembered that every person's speech is in accordance with his courage. As much as his courage, determination and goals are of a high rank, so will be his

words. So, the divine revelation will also have the same color. By God Almighty, the Holy Prophet (sa) declared: *Say, 'O mankind! truly I am a Messenger to you all from Allah. (7:159)*

This is also a proof of the fact that the Holy Qur'an is a source of guidance for the whole world. Previous nations were also informed according to their condition and it also has commandments for those who came after, and this is an eternal law that was revealed to the Messenger of Allah (sa).

Describing the Holy Qur'an as the repository of all knowledge, he says: The Holy Qur'an is wisdom and permanent law, and a repository of all teachings, and thus the miracle of the Holy Qur'an is its highest level of teaching. And then the second miracle is the great prophecies of the Holy Qur'an. How many great prophecies are there in Sura al-Fatiha, Sura al-Tahreem and Sura al-Noor. The Meccan era is full of prophecies.

Every command of the Qur'an is full of purpose and reasoning while other books are devoid of them. By cunningly mentioning the trinity and atonement in the Bible, Christians say that these are very subtle subjects that the intellect cannot understand while on the contrary, the teaching of the Qur'an is that surely there are clear signs for those who reflect and ponder upon the heavens and the earth.

The Qur'an has been named *Zikr* (remembrance) because it reminds man of his inner personality, which consists of humility, sacrifice, bravery, repressing anger and contentment, etc., Therefore, the Qur'an reminded him of the nature that was kept hidden. The Qur'an guides the human nature towards its correct nature. Allah the Almighty said: reflect upon the Qur'an, ponder upon it and acting on it will show you the high standards of human nature. So, one should ponder upon it and read it with this intention and they will find answers to many questions that arise in this era.

By pondering on the Qur'an, the recognition of God and the fear of God is established in the heart. By pondering on the true teachings contained in it, fear of God is created. And as the recognition of God progresses, the greatness of God Almighty and love for Him is also created.

We, the Ahmadis, should always evaluate ourselves as to how much we are trying to understand and follow the teachings of the Holy Qur'an. May Allah grant us the opportunity to learn and understand and practice the Holy Qur'an in this Ramadan as well as later. May Allah protect us from the filth of the world, and pray for the world as well. May Allah protect us from war.