

Ramleh, Egypt
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Dear friends!

The news that the Master is going to Haifa is gaining the ground and visible signs are becoming evident. Murza Jalal, the daughter of the Master and the greatest holy Leaf who have been passing a few days in Cairo have returned and preliminary preparations are going on as a result of our approaching departure from Ramleh. When I think of Mount Carmel and the holy atmosphere of that sacred spot my heart flies toward it. I have no doubt that the Master will recuperate entirely in Haifa, for this is the best season there. All the country will be green and wildflowers covering the fields. A number of the believers hearing about the impending departure of the Beloved have come over from Cairo and each person had a private interview with him, coming out of his room with smile on their lips and light on their faces. Each person, most naturally, believing in his heart that the Master was most gracious and kind to him alone and that he loves him more than any one else in this wide world. Those who have seen the Master have no doubt realized these two effects upon the people who go into his Presence. However, each one brought out the good news that the Beloved is feeling well, is happy, has been joking with them and laughing. In the afternoon he was in the hotel Victoria speaking with two prominent Arabs and then with our

American friends on the various stations of life. During the day many Tablets were revealed to all parts of the world. Although yesterday I translated many quotations from Tablets many years ago today I will give you a few brief quotations from the recent Tablets:-

"Thy letter was received. It contained glad news and that is; thou hast guided to the Kingdom of Abha one new soul. Today those souls who have arisen to guide the people are assisted with the Confirmations of the Kingdom of Abha, for the Call of the Kingdom of God is the magnet to draw heavenly Confirmations." From this extract you can draw your own conclusion how important it is to day to herald the glad tidings and invite the souls to the heavenly Banquet. We must keep always this question of teaching the Cause before our attention, lest other affairs make us forget the supreme importance of this one universal Bahai law. Every Bahai is a herald of the Kingdom of Abha, a promoter of the religion of God, a unifier of the hearts, a brilliant star in the horizon of sanctity. He must of a necessity live these things before he can put any claim to the name Bahai.

In another Tablet he says:- The Spiritual Assembly (board of consultation, working committee or other names given to it in America) is not the House of Justice. It is only a spiritual gathering which belongs to spiritual matters, i.e. conveying the Cause of God, spreading the fragrances of God. If the believers on the whole arise to do this the existence of

such a board will be not incumbent or ^{necessary} The aim is to teach the Cause of God and diffuse the fragrances of God, Today that which is ^{the} most urgent of all affairs is to promulgate the Religion of God and spread the Holy Perfume of the Cause of God. We must arise in this service, - so that the world may receive a new light, this dark earth may become illumined, these manifested dead may obtain a new life, these negligent hearts may become aware and misadful and freeing themselves from the netter world they may soar toward the realm of night! . . . "

In another Tablet he says:-
O thou real friends Thy letter was received. Thou hast written concerning the unity and concord, the affinity and communication, the fellowship and attraction amongst the believers of God and how these qualities are made manifest in their dealing towards each other. It is befitting that I may sacrifice my life for such news; for this glad-tiding is the cause of the tranquillity of my spirit. I hope that the results of the vicissitudes and the trials, tests and sufferings, persecutions and troubles, calamities, exile and imprisonment, fowls by the Wronged One of the regions and the martyrdom of His Holiness the Bab may not become wasted. When a just and fair person thinks of the oppression heaped upon the Blessed Perfection he will never harbor in his mind any idea of rest, comfort, will not entertain

any thought or idea and will not chase after any life or immortality. He will make himself totally evanescent and will have no other hope save self-sacrifice at the Altar of Love. . . . In brief, my point is this:—These days are the days of gathering in the fruits of the persecutions and sufferings of the last seventy years;—so that the martyrdom of the martyrs, the self-sacrifice of the friends and the sufferings of the Blessed Perfection may import results. At such a juncture, each one of us must become the essence of sanctity and like unto a bright candle we may illumine the world of humanity. This is the day of severance, this is the day of attraction and this is the day of self-sacrifice! If on such blessed days we may occupy our time with other things, I declare by the Blessed Perfection that it is regret after regret and loss after loss. . . ."

In another Tablet he reveals:—

"The purpose is the Everlasting Glory of the friends and the heavenly sublimity of the believers, that is, to teach the Cause of God, to spread the Fragrance of God and to promote the Word of God. If you may become assisted and inspired therein; then you will become a member of the congregation of the elect and a light in the Divine Assembly."

Thus from these many Tablets we can faintly understand the importance of the command "Teach, Teach the Cause."

During this coming winter, through the exertion and unanimity of the believers the Bahai Cause must advance extraordinarily. God has so willed and the time is at hand. We must not let this golden opportunity slip out of our hand. We have all the means and we must strive to teach new souls, organize new meetings, awaken new sleepy ones and let the new follow the new. We have partaken of all the divine Favours we must ask others to receive a portion. We have quaffed from the fountain of the Knowledge of God we must cause others to drink. We are intoxicated with the wine of the spiritual wisdom, we must let others come and take a share. The truth of God is not a monopoly, neither the Love of the Merciful is a trust nor are we as trust magnates. Like unto the free air it circulates throughout all the avenues and vistas of the human life and similar unto the sun it shines upon all the contingent beings. The rights of the Kingdom of God are not patented. They are distributed without distinction of race or nationality. So the Bahais must likewise try their utmost to divide with their fellow men these divine treasures, otherwise they will be taken away from them. Both materially and spiritually the more we give, the greater will be our capital, the more we teach the greater will be our own conviction and the more we herald the principles of Baha-Allah, the greater will be our assurance.