

Tiberias, Sea of Galilee
 Syria

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Dear friends!

In the course of conversation the Blessed One said:-
 From the beginning of the Cause or more definitely from the time that the Blessed Perfection was exiled from Tcheran, all the subsequent events which have transpired in this Movement, although their outward appearances for the time being were fraught with pain and sorrow, yet the happening of such events were based upon the consummate wisdom of God. For example on the eve of our departure from Persia the believers were weeping the tears of blood. It is evident that after those dreadful persecutions, sufferings, trials and martyrdom it was most difficult for them to bear this last blow! They thought the voice will be hushed, the truth will die, the light will become extinct and the truth defeated. However the spiritual wisdom of such an event became apparent afterwards. Eleven years sojourn in Bagdad widened immensely the circle of the influence of the Cause and carried its fame to the four corners of the

earth. Having received the Term of exile from Bagdad to
 Constantinople - when the friends heard this dire news
 their hearts were torn to pieces. Through the intensity of
 anguish they were weeping uncontrollably. The wisdom
 of this event became likewise manifest later. When
 the two despotic governments decided to exile us from
 Andrianople to Acre, there was such a manifestation of
 sorrow and anxiety that neither the word nor pen
 can describe it adequately. The floodgate of unutterable
 grief was set loose. Thus you observe the ship of this
 Cause has weathered such fearful, fierce storms, the
 likes of which is impossible ^{for you} to imagine. Now it has
 become apparent how these events constitute the
 unparalleled victories of the Cause, although at
 the time of their happenings many people thought
 they were crushing defeats. All this diffusion of
 the Fragrances of the Cause of God, throughout the
 Orient and the Occident is mainly due to these
 successive exiles and imprisonments of the
 Blessed Perfection. If these events did not transpire,
 the Holy Cause would not have left the frontier of
 Persia, the prophecies of the prophets concerning the

raising of ~~the~~ ^{the} voice of Lord of Hosts from the mountains and the hills of the Holy Land would not have been fulfilled and the Tent of the Lord of lords would not have been pitched on its plains and meadows! The smaller and the greatest event which has transpired in this Cause is based upon an invisible, secret wisdom of the Almighty which will be revealed in its ^{own} time. Now from whomsoever you inquire, whether the exile of Baha-Allah from Persia was not conducive to the greater expansion of the Cause, he would answer in the affirmative. But no one ventured to predict such a thing on the eve of his exile." 0

Looking at a number of Jewish Rabbis and later on several monks walking through the streets of Tiberias he said:- "The first opposers and enemies of His Holiness Christ were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They were the ones who sentenced Him to death. Why? Because their belief in Christ would have closed their Talmudic shops and Rabbinical stores out of which they distributed amongst the unsuspecting public ^{wares of} traditions and loads of dogmas the weight of which were lighter than air and heavier

the range of the
 than, Himalayan mountains! Belief in Christ as their
 God-inspired Messiah presupposed the complete abandon-
 ment of their orders and priesthood and walking in his
 footsteps! They were too intrenched in their sacerdotal
 authority and surrounded with the unlimited power
 of Sanhedrin. They reasoned that if they followed
 Christ, all these worldly pageantry and honor will be
 slipped out of their hands, - thus they incited the mob
 to cry: 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Many of the Christian
 ministers and missionaries are similarly situated in
 this day. Nevertheless we have nothing against them nor
 are we condemning them. Their deed is their own judge.
 However thus much can be said: His Holiness Christ did
 not rest for one moment nor did he inhaled one
 breath comfortably. He walked around these shores,
 through these mountains and across these plains. He
 had no refuge and no shelter, no home and not even
 a place to lay his head on. Often the grass of the field
 was his only food. He had no adequate clothing and
 probably he could not afford to change them as often
 as he wished. But day and night he was engaged
 in the resuscitation of the people of the world

with the Breath of the Holy Spirit. In this manner he
 worked ceaselessly. In this way he instructed everyone. But
 to day the majority of these priests and Rabbis are
 living a vain life - like animals - eating, drinking and
 sleeping. In the words of Ecclesiastes: 'Whosoever mine
 eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart
 from any joy.' It seems that many of these present day
 religious leaders are totally submerged in the sea of
 lust and passion and have cast aside the laws of God.
 Then they claim to be Christians, to be the followers of
 the humble Nazarene! What relation ^{does} there exist between
 Christ and these pretended friends! Is it possible for one
 to be truly Christian and yet surround himself with
 so much pomp, ceremonies and dead formulas?
 His Holiness Christ did not sleep one night peacefully,
 nor did he get one square meal on any day. Hungry,
 thirsty, thinly clad he walked on these grounds and
 exhorted the people in truth and spirituality. In-
 asmuch as we know so well that he lived such
 a sanctified, holy life, how can we ever be con-
 tented with these human desires and passions,
 think to build a nest for ourselves, entertain

the idea of tranquility and composure and aspire for the comfort and vain pleasures of this ephemeral life!"

This morning the Beloved revealed two Tablets for Mirza Jalal and Mirza Mahsen telling them he expects to stay a few days more in Tiberias and that he feels quite well. He gave permission for the pilgrims to come here two by two stay one night and return to Haifa. Two prominent citizens from Haifa were his guests at lunch and with them he spoke about the old conditions under the authority of Abdul Baka, contrasting them with the present state of affairs. "Although the people are free and the chains of despotism are broken yet they are not any happier! They do not avail of the opportunities offered them." The afternoon was spent with the judge and the governor and then he took a long walk with them. In the evening before going to be bed he said:- "The more the Cause of God is spread throughout the world, the happier I feel; because I see with my own eyes the believers are shouldering the responsibilities and are becoming the stars of the Kingdom of Allah and the servants of the world of humanity".