FRIDAY CLASS
WEEK 21

SELF-IMPROVEMENT
The Will of God (Part III)
Sections 42 - 76
This study course is designed to be done both in a course room, mosque, study-group or self-paced at home. Certain parts of this course (Key Word Study) will be done with a partner. Other parts will be done independently (by yourself). When its time to partner, you and your partner (twin) are to follow the steps provided in this guide. The study course is laid out in the order you do them. *It is important not to skip any steps of the guide. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE FOLLOWED IN OUR CLASSES.*

**Purpose of this Study Course Guide:**

The purpose of this study course guide is to guide you through this course of study.

**Time to Complete:**

Although the hour and a half that we have for study this evening will hopefully allow you to progress through most of this study, however it is strongly recommend that you continue to work on this study course at home at your own pace.

**Important Note: During the study course session, if you have any questions raise your hand for assistance. Each believer (student) should have a copy of this handout and its instructions to take home and continue studying on their own. All steps may not be completed in the class sessions in its entirety.**

**Study Course Steps**

**Step 1: Key Word Clearing**

Key words are important words related to key concepts found in the reading. Having a good understanding of the meanings of these words will help each student better understand the important concepts and ideas of the study, as well as eliminate misunderstandings that come with misunderstood words. Use the key word list and definitions found in this packet to do the drill (exercise) a and b.

1.) Select a partner (closest to you) and study the Key Words together, through reviewing the questions and answers to master. (If done in course room or mosque/study group the time allotted is 30-45 minutes)

2.) First time through: The student has the questions and answers in front of him or her. The partner asks the student the question, and the student answers it. He/She can look at the answer if needed. **The answer does not have to be word-for-word or memorized; just the concept must be correct.**

3.) Second time through: Once finished with the drill the first time, you start again from the beginning, **this time without the answers in front of you.** Your partner asks the question and you answers. If the answer is incorrect, your partner shows you the answer. Look at the answer again and repeat until you have grasped the concept, then continue to the next one.

**Step 2: Independent Reading**

After completing step one, you may begin to read the selected reading materials.

**Step 3: Check Your Understanding Questions: Time Frame: 30 min**

Review the lists of questions. Each question is formulated to check your understanding of the key concepts and ideas found in the reading. Answer each question on a sheet of paper and be prepared to discuss your answers at the conclusion of this session. Sufficient time may not be given during class session to answer all of the questions. If you do not finish in class, please continue this step at home.
What is the **will**?

The will is the faculty of conscious and especially of deliberate action; the power of control the mind has over its own actions.

What is the definition of **change**?

To change means to make the form, nature, content, future course, etc., of (something) different from what it is or from what it would be if left alone.

What does it mean to **crush**?

To crush is to put down or subdue, especially by force; to oppress harshly.

What is a **student**?

A student is a person formally engaged in learning, especially one enrolled in a school or college; pupil; any person who studies, investigates, or examines thoughtfully.

What is **enrollment**?

Enrollment is the act of or state of writing the name of (a person) in a roll or register; to place upon a list; as for a course or in a school.

What does it mean to be **inviting**?

To be inviting means to be attractive, alluring, or tempting.

What is a **disciple**?

A disciple is a follower of the doctrines of a teacher or a school of thought; any follower of Christ.

What is the meaning of **transformation**?

Transformation means to change in form, appearance, nature, or character.

What is an **adversary**?

An adversary is a person, group, or force that opposes or attacks; opponent, enemy; foe.

What is an **apostle**?

An apostle is a person sent by another; a messenger; envoy; an ardent early supporter of a cause, reform movement, etc.

What is the meaning of **organize**?

To organize means to form into a whole consisting of interdependent or coordinated parts, especially for harmonious or united action.

What does it mean to **overpower**?

To overpower means to overcome, master, or subdue by superior force; to gain mastery over the bodily power or mental faculties of.

What is a **republic**?

A republic is a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives responsible to them and governing according to law; a political unit (as a nation) having such a form of government.

What is a **bootlicker**?

A bootlicker is one who seeks favor or goodwill of another in a servile, degraded way.

What is the definition of a **marathon**?

A marathon is any contest, event, or the like, of great, or greater than normal, length or duration or requiring exceptional endurance.

What does it mean to **coordinate**?

To coordinate means to place or arrange in proper order or position; to combine in harmonious relation or action.
Questions For Discussion:

1. What is the difference between the way this world has educated our people and the way that Master Fard Muhammad is educating us for His new world?
2. Why must we enter The Nation of Islam as students?
3. What is a student? What are some of the attributes, qualities and characteristics of a student?
4. Why did Jesus say, ‘except that you become as a little child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God?’ What is it about the characteristics of a child that is important for entry into God’s kingdom?
5. Why did Allah choose America to establish His Will first?

Questions For Further Study:

1. Explain why we are no longer in need of prophets today?
2. How do we gain a greater degree of power than we’ve every known?
3. Explain and give examples as to why this world can no longer be productive.
4. Why does The Minister state and print in bold letters, THIS IS WAR!? 
5. Once we receive truth and enter into the process of restoration, what is the next step in Nation building? Explain why?
6. How can we properly organize?
7. What is the main cause for the fall of rulers of this world?
This is a pretty powerful education, then isn’t it? He is going to give us education, not of prophets, but of the God of prophets. ‘He builds our minds, (The Honorable Elijah Muhammad talking) according to the way Gods think and not the way of thinking of servants or prophets.’ The prophets of the past were inspired and their inspiration was true, but since Muhammad Ibn Abdullah is the Seal of the prophets, he ends the prophets. We do not need prophets today; we have passed out of the time of prophets. We are in the Time of God and He is not making prophets, He is making Gods: men and women with power to change reality. Prophets did not change realities.

In the last six thousand (6,000) years, the Ruler of the Wicked was the Master of Prophets. Even though they came from the Lord of the Worlds, they were mastered by the God of this world. Therefore, the Bible teaches us that God’s Coming is after the workings of Satan. Moses could never be entirely successful; neither could Jesus or Muhammad. And this is why the Holy Qur’an today is accepted, yet rejected, by those who claim to believe in it. They put it behind their backs. Why? Because the God of this world has mastered the prophets and has come up and twisted the work of the prophets, until today it looks like no prophet was ever on the scene!

We do not want a prophet’s knowledge; we do not need a prophet's knowledge; we want and need the knowledge of Allah (God). We want to will a new existence, then bring that existence into Reality and crush the opponents of that Reality.

This is what the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is leading us to in the Nation of Islam. Beloved, we ask the question, ‘Why do we enter the Nation of Islam enrolled as students? You cannot come into the Nation of Islam except you become a student and recite what is called your “Student Enrollment”. Why does each of us come into the Nation of Islam as a student? If we are going to get an education, the like of which we have never had before, then do not come proud; do not come thinking that what you know is satisfactory. What you know can be used, if it is used in harmony with the Will of Allah (God).

If you are ever proud of your knowledge, which Allah (God) rejects, He is not going to build His World on the knowledge of this one; He would make a fool of Himself if He builds His Kingdom and He borrows something from this Kingdom. No! The automobiles of our world will not look like this; the airplanes will not look like this; the vegetation will not look like this. Nothing will be the same as this world. He is an Independent God and He makes all things new.

He is inviting you, Black man and woman, into His classroom and through us, He is inviting the whole of humanity to come into the classroom. Yes, yes, yes. He is going to prepare you to teach the class in His absence. You say, ‘Who, Me!’ Yes, you! The scripture says, ‘This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our sight’ that He would take the rejected and the despised and make them the cornerstone of a new world order. So when we come into the Nation of Islam, Beloved, we come as students.

What is a student? A student is a person who is formally enrolled in learning. A student is any person who studies, investigates, and examines thoughtfully. We are students. I am a student. A student knows he has lessons to learn, therefore, the student does not act as though he is the Teacher.
The student always knows he has more to learn. That is the way we come into the Nation of Islam.

49. What does the Bible have to say about this? What does the Holy Qur’an have to say about this? Both books agree. Jesus said, ‘except that you become as a little child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God.’ When the disciples were rebuking the children, he said ‘suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God.’

50. What was he saying to his rather foolish disciples? He was saying to them, Give me the children, you are making a mess of things with your silliness. You are acting foolish; look at you. Peter, James, and John are arguing over who is going to sit at my right and my left in the Kingdom. What is the matter with you? Give me the children, give me the babies, for of such is the Kingdom. It seems to me, that you hear me, but it is going in one ear and out of the other, because your mind is so filled with the education and civilization of this world, you do not recognize that Jesus the Christ brings a totally new civilization. He wants to make you a new people, but you cannot be made new if you hold on to the way of foolishness of the old world. You must become as a child. A child is one that has to be nurtured and when you are thinking of yourself as a child, you become humble to your Teacher, and then your Teacher can reshape, remold, and make you new.

51. What should the attitude of the student be? We cannot come to Allah (God) arrogant, we cannot come to Allah (God) proud, we come to Allah (God) humble. Look at the scriptures: ‘Naked came I into the world, naked go I out of the world.’ I brought nothing in, I can take nothing out. When one is naked, one is fully exposed. When one’s knowledge has been so completely exposed, one is naked and then one needs to be clothed again.

52. Easter, in the Christian way of looking at it, and in the old symbolism of pagan rites, represented the putting on of a new garment. Even as the Earth looks like it is covered with a new garment in the spring, we must pull off the old garment of this world’s knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and way of civilization. Pull off and become ‘naked’ and then let Almighty God, Allah, through His Apostle, make a new garment for you. Put on the new man, take off the old man. This is the Will of Allah (God). There must be a transformation in our lives.

53. Brother and Sister, if Allah (God) wants to bring and establish His Will in the world, He has chosen the United States of America: the most powerful adversary of His Will in the world. Though America claims to be a Christian country, she is not ‘new’. Her way is the way of the world; her way is the way of evil. When you measure the way of America when you measure the way of the government, when you measure the deeds of the government and her record against the law and Will of Allah (God), then the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is absolutely correct—she is the habitation of devils. And if she is such, and she is, then to follow her is to go down into Hell with her.

54. Allah (God) has said to the Black people of America, “You are the descendants of the original Adam. You are a people who are an original people of the Earth. You are by nature a righteous people.” You have the same nature as God Himself; you were born by nature of the righteous. Accept your own and be yourself. If you would accept that call to be yourself, which is a righteous Muslim, then you will come into a degree of power that you have never known before. If you will come into a degree of power that you have never known before, how will this sit with those who have made you slaves and want to keep you groveling at their feet? Will they want you to have any power? Of course not!

55. The Will of Allah (God), whenever it is revealed through a prophet or an apostle, must go out and find people, transform their lives and then organize them for the establishment of His Will in that location. Brothers and Sisters, it is one thing to tell the truth, but if the truth is not organized, if the
people who believe in the truth are not organized for the work of establishing the truth, then telling
the truth is of no value at all.  We need organization as much as we need truth.

56. In 1977, at a police convention here in the city of Chicago, I spoke to some highly placed Black
policemen. A man that worked very closely with the police told me that the denial objective of the
United States government for Black people was that we must never be allowed to truly organize.
Have you noticed that no matter how much truth we know, we can never seem to organize
effectively; to move ahead with our own aims, plans, and purpose? Why?

57. Revlon says, ‘In two (2) years, we are going to take over all Black hair care companies---buy them
out. They will not even be in existence in a few years.’ I am very happy to see the stir among our
people, but if it is an emotional reaction to Revlon, Revlon is not making an emotional statement.
Revlon is making a statement based upon plans, organization, and strategy that is already in the
works. But you cannot get members of the same Black hair care products into the same room; some
of them literally hate each other. How, then can we stave off organized Revlon with disorganized
emotionalism in response to Revlon’s challenge?

58. We are silly and it is only when we start acting like mature people; when we come into a new way of
thinking; a new mind with new ideas, will we overpower the Revlons of this world. And whether
you know it or not, you are destined to overpower not only Revlon, but General Motors, Ford, ITT,
IBM, etc. You are destined to overpower all of them.

59. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said that Master Fard Muhammad, the Great Mahdi, is at work
right now, tearing down this world. Why can’t they (powers of this world) get their act together?
Because another Power is tearing them down. Why can’t they, with all of their knowledge, balance
their budget? Another Power is tearing them down. Why is the dollar falling? Why is General
Motors closing? Why are more and more jobs being lost to the American market? It is all because
another Power is interfering with their power. They cannot put their Will over His Will, He is
forcing His Will and His Will is the end of this world. Behold! He makes all things new!

60. Black Brothers and Sisters, Muslims, we must organize. We must see ourselves as students. We
must be of the mind and spirit of a student. We must have the mind and spirit of a child, for a child
knows that it must be nurtured; a student knows that he or she must be taught. We cannot come to
the Honorable Elijah Muhammad like we know; we must come humble, because the Honorable
Elijah Muhammad proved in his forty (40) years among us that he knew better than anyone among
us, for His Word stands.

61. If we know that we carry the Will of Allah (God) to transform the lives of our people for His sake
and righteousness, then we know that we cannot transform our people without organization. This is
War. Let me say it again: THIS IS WAR. Do you think that you will put Allah’s (God’s) Will over
and the Will of this world is not going to oppose it? There is bound to be opposition, severe
opposition. THIS IS WAR. It is not a bloody battle, because we do not fight against flesh and blood,
but against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness that is in high places --- but it is war!

62. In Economics, when Black people go into business, it is another form of war; when you begin to take
money out of white companies and bring it back into the Black community, it is an act of war. That
is the way they see it. So why don’t you get into the mind of war, the form of war, the spirit of war --
and don’t lay down your weapon until the war is over and the victory is won!

63. This world is not giving up; this world is not going out like a lamb with a sweet lullaby; this world is
going out with a great noise. So we must be ready for the battle. And I say to those with the title of
Muslim, those in the Nation of Islam --- and that means all Black people in North America --- We
must be organized.

64. The moment we start to talk about organization, people think, ‘Now here’s what I want to be, I want to be this in that structure.’ Hold on a minute. To organize means to form into a whole, consisting of interdependent or coordinated parts, especially for harmonious and united action. Now let us think about that. I hope that you will follow me carefully in what I am about to say.

65. If ‘to organize’ means ‘to form as or into a whole, consisting of interdependent or coordinated parts, especially for harmonious and united action’, then there can be no organization without interdependent relationships. There can be no organization without coordinating the different functions. There can be no organization without harmony. There can be no organization without a common cause that is above the function of each part that makes up the whole. If that is true, and it is, then let us look at the organization of this world. This world is sick to death over titles, for titles distinguish us from others. And then we take the title and we make mischief with it.

66. In the Bible, Paul gives the example of the supreme organization of the body. This is a magnificent structure and a magnificent example of organization, coordination, harmony, interdependent relationships and united action; because there is one cause that is above all things and that is the life of this organism. So all the parts work to sustain life.

67. Imagine the “I am” principle coming into the body: “I am the Brain”; “I am the Heart”; “I am the Liver”; “I am the Kidney”. You may laugh, but that is what has destroyed every organization and now it is threatening the government itself. It is the “I am”. “I am the President.” Who are you? Why does that make you special? Are you better than another functioning part of a whole?

68. The object is the maintenance, the preservation of the Republic, and that is why you serve it. You are not greater than the Republic, you are not the Republic. You are just a servant of the Republic. But we make so much over who the Head is, who the Chairman of the Board is, who the President is, who the Secretary is, who the Vice-Chairman and the Potentate is. We destroy the organization by building up one against the value of another when that one cannot function without the other. Think over that.

69. What does the head look like without a foot? I saw a man in the Marathon. He had hit a mine in one of the wars and blew off part of his feet. He finished the Marathon four (4) days later. He had the Will. He had a great head, but he did not have the legs. But that man struggled against those odds to make it and whatever he had left was working together, united in action harmoniously for the sustenance of that man’s life. And even though he could not compete in that race, he well can compete in the race of life.

70. Beloved Brothers and Sisters, in this world, men and women study many years to qualify themselves to wear a title: Doctor, Lawyer, Teacher, Priest, Father, Reverend, The Right Reverend, and The Most Worshipful Master. And oftentimes, these titles are used to motivate men and women to strive for these positions of influence and power, but the very means by which men and women ascend to titles oftentimes is the destruction of the organization which the titles were meant to serve.

71. Who wants to be the foot? Someone should want to be the foot; it is very important. So Paul says, ‘suppose all members were eyes.’ If the body were just one big eye, where would the hearing be? Somebody has got to be eyes somebody has got to be ears, someone has to be a tongue, someone has to be a brain, but each must recognize that they are nothing without the other. And it is only when the work interdependently and coordinated in a way that produces harmony, that there will be success of that organization.
Beloved, the striving of men and women for positions of influence in power over others does not serve the need for organization. ‘We’re Number One!’ Look at the Chicago Bears. Last year they were ‘Number One’. This year everybody is after them. It is very difficult to be Number One two times in a row. Everybody is after them. It is this madness of competition in a negative way. We strive to be the best: ‘And he rose through the ranks to become General.’ As though whatever he was before meant nothing. And so ‘he rose.’ How did he rise? He cheated, he robbed, he played politics, he was bootlicker, whatever he was he did all of that to get where he is and now he is Chairman of the Board. What kind of organization will that be with a fool like that at the helm?

Brother and Sister, I do not mean to make light of this world’s order, but you know that this world’s order is closing down. Because men and women have titles and functions, but these persons of title and function are devoid of character.

Men are called ‘Your Eminence, Your Grace, Your Lordship, The Right Reverend, The Most Honorable, Your Excellency.’ And they are none of that. But the title gives them the appearance of what in character they are not. So they are themselves the means of the destruction of their nations, their government, their cities, their states, and their towns.

Allah (God) has set His Hand against this world and its leaders for that very reason and this is why scriptures foretell the fall of kings and rulers, the destruction of governments and nations---because there is no integrity in their character and their function has proved to be alien to the Nature of Allah (God) and the nature in which He created things.

Beloved Brothers and Sister, we need organization. We need organization, but we first must understand that we are common to organization and without us, no organization survives. It does not exist for the purpose of the leader, or the chairman, or the rulers, but it exists for the purpose for which the organization was set up. In the next lecture, we will go into the aim and purpose of setting up of the Nation of Islam. Thank you for listening.

AS-SALAAM ALAIKUM!