



# The Final Call

CELEBRATING

90

YEARS







**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH,  
THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL.**

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR  
THE HONORABLE MINISTER  
LOUIS FARRAKHAN  
FROM MOTHER  
KHADIJAH FARRAKHAN,  
THE FIRST LADY OF THE  
NATION OF ISLAM**

**H**e is the perfect man for me! We were made for each other. I was a young girl when I met him. I was eight years of age, and he was eleven years old. Only Allah God would know at that time that we would make this lifetime journey. When we were young teenage children learning about life, he asked me, “about how many children would you like to have?” I told him, “six children.” Then, I asked him, “how many children would you like?” He said, “three children.” My six and his three, so nine was the perfect amount.

I remember that we often dressed similarly: I with a blue skirt and a white blouse, he would have on a Caribbean-style white shirt and blue slacks. We wore similar loafers or shoes. And when he was a teenager, performing in Canada, at the Rock Heads Paradise, in Montreal, Canada, after the event, he brought back matching plaid caps with red buttons on the top, as a gift for me.

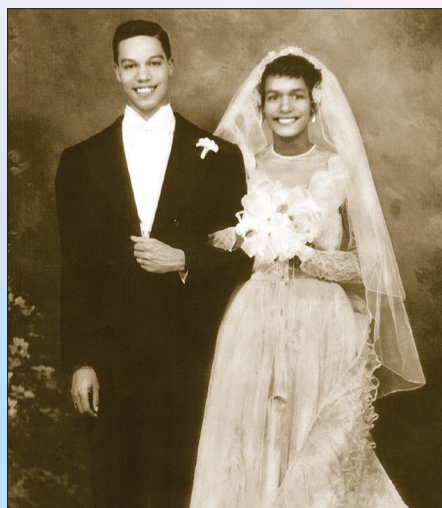
His love for me kept him from the desire of strange women. When we walked the streets of Roxbury, Massachusetts, people would pull back their curtains, to look at the two lovers. I guess, genuine love that is pure is very attractive. Whenever he would perform on stages, after his performances, the clamor of the young girls did not attract his attention. He would leave the stage and come directly to me.

My husband was and is very dedicated to his God, his music and me. One day, I asked him, “if you had to choose between me and your music, what would you choose?” He said to me, “Never ask me a question like that.” This is because he looked at his gift of music as a gift from God. He did not want to make a choice between the two gifts that were given to him from God.

He made me so popular among the girls at his college, Winston-Salem Teacher College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They wondered what kind of



Photo: Andrea Muhammad



woman I was since he had forsaken all of them for me. He took me to his Homecoming Celebration. It was the 35th Anniversary of his graduating class. Finally, all the girls at his Homecoming event got a chance to meet me. As I am remembering this (with a chuckle) I was a star at his Homecoming celebration. He never graduated with his class because I became an expected mother. He no longer desired to finish his fourth year of college.

I was the first to join the Nation of Islam. He wanted to check it out first. However, I went ahead with my sisters and joined. I sacrificed my life, and I used my gifts, skills, and talents to help my husband.

My husband was called to a mission: to resurrect the mentally dead Black man and woman in America and all throughout the world.

Thank you, Allah, for the beautiful heart that you have given me in my husband.

Thank you, Allah, for purifying me and him, so that we could be vessels that serve one another in Thy Name.

Thank you, Allah! I am so proud of my husband's faith, courage, strength, and accomplishments for which he has obtained under the leadership and the guidance of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Eternal Leader of the Nation of Islam.





# Minister Farrakhan: A Gift Who Keeps On Giving

**CHICAGO**—For most people, there is an expectation that they will receive presents or gifts on their birthday. But for the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, he spent the day of his 90th birth anniversary on Thursday, May 11 and the following days, May 12-14 gifting others.

The Minister is always giving, said Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad during introductory remarks at Mosque Maryam on Minister Farrakhan's birth anniversary celebration and commemoration. "He shared with the Shura Executive Council that he wanted to give away 1,000 meals on his birthday, which we successfully did," Student Min. Ishmael Muhammad told the audience who erupted in applause.

The F.O.I. (Fruit of Islam, the men of the Nation of Islam) distributed meals throughout the city of Chicago which were prepared by the M.G.T. and G.C.C. (Muslim Girls Training and General Civilization Class, the women of the Nation of Islam). "If it was our birthday, you know, we expect to receive, not to give. But the Minister on the occasion of his birthday it only is a testament of the beauty of this man," said

Student Min. Ishmael Muhammad.

"His whole life has been a life of giving, a life of service, a life of sacrifice. So, on the 90th anniversary of his birth, he gives meals to the hungry and to those who need it most."

On Thursday, May 11 on the grounds of The National Center, the headquarters of the Nation of Islam, meals were available to the public. The F.O.I. were busy working cheerfully and giving hot meals to men, women and children on the South Side of Chicago and in other areas of the city. The Minister also sponsored complimentary meals that were available at two local restaurants owned by Sister Carmella Muhammad, The Foodie's Spot and Let's Eat To Live. And on Saturday, May 13, the M.G.T. were busy at the Salaam Restaurant preparing and distributing another 800 meals to the community.—*The Final Call*

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# ‘True Success Comes When We Pattern Our Lives After Allah’s Chosen Servant’

by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

*[Editor’s note: The following article contains excerpts of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan’s address he delivered on the occasion of his 90th Birth Anniversary at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, May 11, 2023.]*

## IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL.

Thank you. Thank you all very, very much. I want to thank the Believers for their charity, that allowed you to make a gift like this. I’m deeply honored and humbled to work on behalf of The Two Greatest Men that ever lived, and They have invited me into *The Realm of The Three*.

Thank you all; thank you, to each and every one of you, M.G.T. and F.O.I. My wife, and my children, can tell you my whole life has never been personal. I have nice things *because I like nice things* (smile), but never, ever, at the expense of The Mission. I am happy beyond words to see the ministers; I am grateful for the work that you do in your various cities.

### The qualifications for us to be chosen, used by God for His glorification

This has been a wonderful day for me. I didn’t want something done as a “show,” although, you have put on quite a *show*... **And the beauty of the show that you have put on is the sincerity of your hearts.** I didn’t want to be among people who are envious and hypocritical; and, I didn’t want you to spend any more money, because the charity that you have given to me is *not personal*. I have never taken one dollar of your charity as something *personal*, although you give it to me, which allows me to have some nice things. And God is not angry that we drive in a nice car, or that we live in a nice home because that’s what The Saviour promised all of us: “Luxury, money, good homes, and friendships in all walk of life,” the reward of *faith*.

**I have never worked for a “reward.” Allah is my Judge, and He knows my heart. He wanted you all to pattern your lives after me, because I have lived my life in the way that life should be lived: For The Glory of God.** When we personalize our work to amass *for ourselves*, that, if we are not careful, becomes vanity. And vain things are cheap expressions of the gifts of God. So, from the time I was a little boy, I never worked for money; I never worked for a reward. And my son, Mustapha, can testify: The president of Nigeria, after the Million Man March, sent a general to Phoenix. We met, and he said that the president wanted me to do something for him, and he started to talk about money. I stopped him at the table, and I said: “Sir, when you talk to me about money, you cheapen me, because I don’t work for money. You rob me of the spirit of God to do good for *the sake of good*.”

When you come into Islam, and you hear the promise of God, it satisfies us all, because we all want luxury and money,



The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan Photo: Abdul K. Muhammad

and good homes, friendships in all walks of life. God doesn’t lie, nor does He promise falsely, but He offered us that; but, He wanted something from us: **“What were we willing to give?” Not what are we willing to get for our giving!** So, there’s a saying in the church: “It is better to give than to receive”—and some of us have it twisted, and it doesn’t make our life flow well.

*My life flows*... No, really! And I am not stressed.

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**The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad: He really learned his minister. He knew me, from the beginning; he knew that he needed a little helper.** I didn’t know that he did, nor did I believe that it was I who he was looking for! That song that my dear brother, Lionel Richie, sings: “... *Is it me you’re looking for?*” But he was looking for me! I know that only God could have made me in this way. I take no credit, none. **God knew the type of heart that He wanted for His Messenger, and He chose the right man.**

I asked God, when I heard He chose a messenger: “God, why didn’t You choose *me*?” That doesn’t sound like a nice question. But if you understood *the heart* out of which that question came, it was that in my own subconscious mind, I knew that our people needed help; and if He is going to choose somebody to help—and all I wanted was to see our people free—then it came out of a *heart* that wanted to be chosen! So when I learned of Elijah Muhammad, the same breath that I said, “Why didn’t You choose *me*?” pay attention to my qualifying words: “You know,” look at the words, “I love my people!” And those are the only qualifications necessary for God to choose you, for God to use you, and for God to glorify

Himself by what you do in His Name.

So in my next breath, I want you to pay attention to my words, my thoughts; I said, “Well, I must go and *find* this man,”—and the next words are critical—“and offer him my life.”

### The Minister’s life is maneuvered by the Power of Master Fard Muhammad

I sit before this beautiful gift of gold, thanking Allah for you and for this gift. But when I found Elijah Muhammad, I found the man I was looking for all my life; and it’s like a woman going to bed at night and thinking, or dreaming, of the type of man that she would want in her life. Because that’s who you are as a woman: You are born to offer yourself to a man of your choosing. And if you notice the way the service of marriage goes: she offers herself to the man.

Brothers, you like the woman, that’s why you’re at the altar. *But* ... It is a *long* journey from “want” to *earning* what you want. I wanted a good woman. I was a young fella, but what did I know about choosing a woman? My mother didn’t think I was wise enough, and my friends didn’t know how wise I was! (Smile)

**Brothers and sisters, the greatness of your wisdom is in the choices that you make for your life!** When I met Mother Khadijah, I mean, I wasn’t attracted to her at first; she was 8 years old, I was 11. But she had a *gadget*, that I could look into that gadget, and look around the corner; and I didn’t know, you know, that they had something like that! So, she and I are in the window, and she’s showing me about this gadget; and I looked in the gadget, and I could see around the corner! So, I said, “Wow! That’s nice.” (*Don’t laugh, brothers!*) But she was *made for me* by God. **That is why you have a M.G.T. Class, and you have an F.O.I. Class: These Two Classes are to make women and men of a new style, a new character.** “When you offer yourself to a man,” just look at the words! Once you know your role, you *offer yourself* to a man that *you believe* is worthy of such an offer. (And sometimes you are so pitiful, you say words, but you really don’t know the meaning of these words.)

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**I would like to share with you thoughts on the life that I have lived to have such a gift ... And the greatest of these gifts is the heart out of which the gifts came.** My dear Brother Ishmael, I listened to you Sunday, and I rejoiced. I rejoiced because you taught in a way that would make me know that you are

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coming into *the mind*, with an accompaniment of *your heart*. That makes you a great helper. And I want to say to all of us: We don't come to these points in life easily. And we are so quick to judge ("I don't like this! I don't like that! I don't like this!") You would be surprised that God knows that, too—and He knows it a little better than you and me! But God knows how to sift: God knows how to take away from you the thing that will hurt and harm your development, and He knows how to build you up to be what you want to be in life. ...

**To all my ministers, my brothers, my friends, my companions:** If you followed me better, you wouldn't be so worried about your expenses. My wife and I were so poor, that we didn't even know we were poor. Now, with *that kind of poverty* (indescribable): You are so poor, but you don't know you're poor! And that man, Elijah Muhammad, kept dropping hints on me. I could say he is the most masterful teacher, the way he brought me up. He sent Mother Clara to check us out, and she came to our little apartment ... And she went back, they tell me, and told the Messenger that she never saw poverty like she saw it in the Minister's house.

I said, "How could she talk like that?" Didn't she see the poverty, [*chuckles*], of her husband in that gunshot place in Hamtramck, Michigan; you look at the front door, you'll see the back door, with a big potbelly stove somewhere in the center? But she had gone away from poverty; and when she saw me, and Khadijah, she felt so sad, so she told yhe Messenger, "*I have never seen such poverty, Dear Apostle,*" and the next thing I know, an envelope had come.

Now, you'd think if a man wanted to give you some money, he wouldn't give you \$1 bills. The Messenger sent my wife and I **four hundred \$1 bills**. **He was trying to connect me to the "400 years"**—but I was too dumb. I knew we had been here 400 years, but (what I didn't know is that) he wanted me to connect to The God Who was to come after 400 years!

**And so, my life was maneuvered by the Power of Master Fard Muhammad. If you want success, try studying me.** Because I certainly want you to be successful; anything that I could teach you, or show you, that would make your struggle easier. But it's not how to make a dollar, it's how to make a *convert*.

### 'Seek refuge in Allah' for your happiness, true success in life

This was the day that I should receive, yet this day I have been giving; since early morning, I have been giving. Brothers and sisters, if you could just turn your mind around just a little, to change priorities in your life: **What do you want out of life? How do you measure happiness? How do you measure success?** All of you are capable of success. The Qur'an says, "You can tell the righteous, for they are"—what? "The successful ones."

**Well, how do you measure "success"?** "*Well, you know, if I had a job, or I had a business, I could do 'this,' and I could do 'that'; and turn 'this' into 'that.'*" Yeah, but God wants to

turn you out of "Niggerville." See, we laugh over that, but it's like we live in "Niggerville"; and the citizens of "Niggerville," they're real "niggas"! What makes them "niggas"? They have fear in them ...

"I seek refuge in Allah from anxiety and grief ..." If you have anxiety, and grief, see, "Niggerville" is your dwelling place. "I seek refuge in Allah from lack of strength and laziness..." See, "Niggerville" is a people that are lazy. They want, but they don't want to work; and if they do some work, they get away by doing as little as they can to try to get as much as they can, and it leads them to more grief. "Niggerville" has a lot of people that are citizens of that city. ... People that want to be great but reject the method and the way to greatness!

The way to greatness is not lying and stealing! The way to greatness is not making others work for you and you do nothing! "The way to greatness" is to start like this: "*Alif, Lam, Mim. This Book, there is no doubt in it. It is a Guide to those who shun evil... Who believe in the Unseen, and keep up prayer: Who believe in what was revealed to thee, and what was revealed before thee. These are on a right course from their Lord, and these it is who are successful, and of the Hereafter, they are sure.*" So, people, when they learn, they get out of "Niggerville"! Oh, they find a new place to (live).

**You could change your life in the twinkling of an eye if you change your perspective on what is valuable.** Look at the words: "I seek refuge in Allah from the lack of strength and laziness. I seek refuge in Allah from cowardice and niggardliness. I seek refuge in Allah from being overpowered by debt and the oppression of men." Well now, if you have a lot of debt, it looks like you want something for nothing. That's why you borrow money! "Niggerville" is full of people like that.

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**The Messenger of God says: "Follow me. I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life." Those are simple words.** "*But why, Dear Apostle, do you want the ministers to pattern after you?*" Because I'm in a giving mood right now, and because I love you *so much*—I don't give a doggone about "receiving"—I really want to give you more, and more, and more of The Food that will make us not fat, but The Food that will make us wise.

This morning, I spoke to maybe about 200 or more people in London. My brother, Abdul Hakeem, called me about a month ago and said, "Minister, I would like to get the Believers to come back together on your birthday, to honor you. And I would like very much to speak to them." It sounded like a great idea to me! Because, you know, when you think you are wise—and you do have some wisdom, but when you don't know how to administer your skill, you make more enemies than you make friends. That

tells you that something is missing in your manner, in your way. So, Jesus said: "I am The Way."

*Ooh ... No, it's not personal.* I love that man, Elijah Muhammad. He is The Way! I love him enough to be him! Look now, this is no "homosexual party," but I am like *the woman* who offered my life. See what I said when I first wanted to find him? "I want to find him and *offer him my life.*"

### Offer your love to God; allow Christ to come into your heart

**Love God with all your heart, your soul, your mind and your strength.** Do you know I do that? That's why you don't see me messing over people. I will not do that! Because I know who you are. We all act terrible at times, but if God was moved by how we act, He would've gone away from America, and say, "*Well...*"—but He looked deep within us, and He saw God! And when He found Elijah, He found the perfect companion for what He wanted to do: Make all things new!

Pay attention to the words of Minister Lucius Bey to the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad: "How do you know that that Man that you met was God?" And his answer was what? "Because He made me all up into Himself." See? The Messenger knew He was God because He made him all up into *Him*! I was with The Messenger one day, and he just stopped and said to me: "*You are a beau-ti-ful man.*" It's almost like he was singing the word "beautiful." Isn't that how you see a pretty woman? But let me tell you something, there are some women that are

so pretty, they'll stop your heart, man. ... Now, I'm saying that to say this: Once you see her, you have to win her. See, The Messenger said to me, "You are a *beautiful* man," and before he could get it out of his mouth, I said, "NOT ME! YOU!"—because he was the most beautiful man I had ever seen! So, when I turned it on him, that kept me from seeing what he was trying to tell me. And when he hung on that word "beautiful"...

When a man sees a beautiful woman, he says: "Wow, I wonder what *our children* are going to look like."

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**God wants to see the beauty of your heart. You are beautiful! Show God. And you won't show Him until you love Him enough to stop hiding from God!** "*Well, how am I hiding?*" By not being yourself. Once God sees your beauty, He is working. Why would the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad say about me: "Through this one man, I'm going to get all my people"?

When I listened to the people that were giving me birthday greetings and talking such beautiful words, I broke down and wept, because I could see what The Messenger said. If you radiate the beauty of God, you become very attractive; people want to be in your company, and they feel good being in your company because you're

not a negative-minded person. When you talk to somebody, you're looking for God *in them*. And I'm not talking about a female, now, I am talking about The Brotherhood of Islam. When you look at each other, what do you see? What do you want to see? Then go after what you see! God is sitting up inside of you! The Kingdom is sitting inside of you!

"*You mean The Kingdom is in that brother over there? THAT brother??*" Yeah, that's just the brother! And when you start judging, where you turn away from instead of turning to, to discover what God saw when He came 9,000 miles ... **If you can't see in your brothers and sisters what God saw, that brought Him 9,000 miles to choose us to be His people, and He would be our God, then you can never raise the dead!**

So beloved family, I am very proud to be your brother. I am so grateful for you. I am so thankful for you. **If you allow God (into your heart)...** First, you have to admit you sin. "Father, I have sinned." Ok. Now pay attention to these words, spoken by Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham), who said: "*Come into my heart.*"

**"Come in": You're welcoming Christ into you!** Those are serious words from the penitent heart. "Come in," and The God, He looks at you... And (we) say, "Forgive me my shortcomings. Come into my heart; make me a better human being." **Elijah Muhammad is all up in me. It flows out of me, like a running stream of water.**

You are like that, too. You can be like that, but you have to come away from being like the world. The world doesn't have anything to offer any of us! But look at this: God has come to offer us Himself. See what I said, I wanted to find this man and offer him my life? Brother Ishmael, you taught it Sunday: "God came with two hats." There's a *third* hat that He didn't show us; that was His hat! But He wanted to make Himself *known by these two men*; that He was going to come into them, and live in them. Don't you want God to love you like that? *I do.*

**So tonight, I want you to decide, on the birth day of your brother, to have a new birth for yourself.** Your lives will be miserable, especially when you believe and are not accomplishing what faith should allow you to accomplish. You have to offer yourself to God. And when you offer yourself to God, He won't turn you out. Let Him in! He comes through *the ear*... Look, and listen. And if you make up your minds, on my birth day, that you are going to become a new you... Give up the old person. It keeps you in trouble. ... You notice how everybody that met The Saviour, they fell in love with that Man? And you listen to them talk about The Saviour; they loved Him?

**Do you know what I am hearing, with all these people telling me "Happy Birthday," after 90 years? After 90 years, they have recognized that there hasn't been another man like Farrakhan.** So! Happy Bom Day for you! Be serious about your commitment to Allah...

For Him to use me like He does, you could never make me irrelevant.







Minister Farrakhan provided free hot, delicious, nutritious meals to Chicago residents on his 90th birth anniversary on May 11, 2023. Photos: Andrea Muhammad, Haroon Rajae and Jabril Muhammad



