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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

Celebration of Life

KAREN FARRAKHAN

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**THE WIFE OF
THE STUDENT SUPREME CAPTAIN
MUSTAPHA FARRAKHAN**



We thank Allah (God) for the life of **SISTER KAREN FARRAKHAN**

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CHICAGO—The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, alongside his wife, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan joined family members, celebrities, community leaders, and believers from across the country at Mosque Maryam on August 17 to honor the life of Sister Karen Farrakhan, the beloved wife of Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan.

“We thank Allah (God), we thank Him so much for Karen. We thank Him so much for touching our lives with such a beautiful soul,” Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad, National Assistant of Minister Farrakhan, said during the service.

The Janazah (Islamic funeral service) took place at 7351 S. Stony Island Ave., where attendees gathered to support the family and offer praise and thanks to Allah (God) for her life.

Sister Karen Farrakhan, 63, a devoted mother, wife, and dedicated member of the Nation of Islam, returned to Allah on August 8, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones. Her life was defined by a deep and committed love for her family and a lifelong bond with her husband, Brother Mustapha Farrakhan.

Their story began in 1972 when Sister Karen was just 11 years old, and Brother Mustapha boldly declared that she would one day be his wife—a claim she initially found amusing. However, their friendship grew over the years, eventually blossoming into a 42-year marriage after they were wed in 1982 by Brother Mustapha’s father, Minister Farrakhan. Together, they raised five children: Sister Nafeesa, Sister Jamillah, Sister Shaheerah, Brother Mustapha Jr., and Sister Ruqayyah.

Sister Karen was known for her strong

sense of discipline and decorum, which she instilled in her five children, and for her ability to manage her home with grace while her husband traveled aiding and securing his father. She played a significant role in the Nation of Islam, working for over 20 years in the National Processing Department, serving at The Final Call newspaper, and developing initiatives like Your Farmer’s Market and her nonprofit, Women of Destiny. A skilled saleswoman, Sister Karen had a gift for understanding people and excelled in every organization she joined.

Her legacy is also remembered through her warmth, humor, and unwavering devotion to her family, community, and the Nation of Islam.

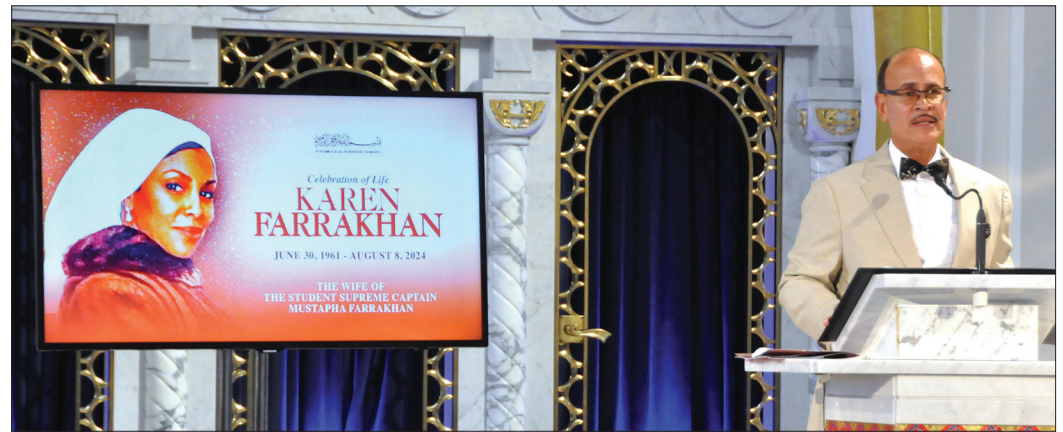
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The Janazah service for Sister Karen Farrakhan was held at Mosque Maryam in Chicago on August 17. The photos above show Sister Karen and her husband, Nation of Islam Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan, who were married for 42 years. They had five children. In the photo, fourth from the left, Sister Karen with her father-in-law, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. Photo: Abdul K. Muhammad



From left, Sister Jamillah and Sister Nafeesa, sit with their father Brother Mustapha, during the Janazah service.



Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad delivered beautiful and poignant remarks during the service. Photos: Abdul K. Muhammad

Sister Karen

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suffered a cardiac arrest and never recovered. For four years, “with the help of a group of believers who became known as the Care for Karen Team, the family cared for Karen at their home,” said Student Minister Ishmael.

“I’ve never seen a husband care for his wife like Mustapha and his children. He did an outstanding, marvelous job. He learned a little bit about nursing,” he added, with Brother Mustapha nodding in agreement.

“We ask Allah to lift the burden of sorrow from your hearts and to give you His peace. The peace we seek from Allah comes from our acceptance, our surrender to His Will. This is what makes us Muslims, this is what makes us Believers in God,” said Student Minister Ishmael who offered words of comfort during the service.

The Janazah service for Sister Karen Farrakhan adhered to the traditions of the Nation of Islam, with no flowers or songs, only powerful remarks and heartfelt reflections. The service began with an opening prayer and overview from Student Minister Jeffrey Muhammad. Sister Jamillah Farrakhan, one of Brother Mustapha and Sister Karen’s daughters, read her life reflections, offering a poignant tribute to her mother’s legacy. Student Minister Ishmael provided words of comfort, delivering what would be considered the eulogy.

The service concluded with the special prayer, Salaat-ul-Janazah conducted by Student National Imam Sultan R. Muhammad and Student Minister Ishmael. In a unique touch as taught by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, peppermint candies were distributed to all attendees at the end of the service, symbolizing the sweetness and simplicity of Sister Karen’s life. The packed sanctuary at Mosque Maryam was a testament to her impact, honoring her in a manner distinct from traditional funeral services.



Brothers and sisters from around the country came to pay their respects for the life and legacy of Sister Karen Farrakhan.

Attendees included Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. and his son, Congressman Jonathan Jackson, singer Johnny Gill, Judge Greg Mathis, former NBA player Charles Oakley, Rev. Mark Thompson, music producer Barry Hankerson, Wallace “Gator” Bradley, Williams Hooks, Afrika Porter, and many more.

After the prayer, Brother Mustapha Farrakhan offered an impromptu message that touched and moved those in attendance. “During this trial that we have been going through, it has to strengthen us in our faith and the God that we say we serve,” he said.

“When God is putting you through a test, when He tries you with the very thing that you love the most in this life, will you wilt and fall away from that which you say you believe? They don’t have to worry about me and mine! Because we gonna be on this path until the total liberation and the salvation of us as a people!” he said as the audience stood and clapped. “Forward ever, backward nev-

er!” he added.

“It was good to see so many faces in the place from Chicago, New York, and all over,” said former NBA great Charles Oakley. “It was important to be here with the Minister, Mustapha, and the family. I’ve known them since I first got to Chicago in ’85. I’ve been around ever since then. It was a great day to see the faces in the place. Celebrities who really supported them were here,” he added.

“I think that service today for Sister Karen is fit for a queen, as she is. I was honored to be a friend of hers and to be her favorite customer in the health products that she gave me. And it worked. So, I’m a better man as a result of Sister Karen’s work. I’m in better health,” said TV personality Judge Greg Mathis. “Today was just as much a homecoming as well as a homegoing.”

“Last time I remember seeing her in person, we had a moment together where we laughed. That laugh, as Minister Ishmael

said, was contagious. If she laughed, you laughed no matter what was happening and she had a way to make everyone feel warm and feel welcome,” said entrepreneur and social justice advocate Afrika Porter. “She was a sister that if you said, ‘I like your earrings,’ she’d take them off and give them to you. She could also look at you and tell if something was going on with you. She was very intuitive. This service was so beautiful and so well put together,” Ms. Porter added.

“Sister Karen was a great representation of what a woman of God is. She showed it by how she loved the people,” said Prince Yosef Ben Asiel. “I didn’t know her personally, but I had the opportunity to be in her midst on different occasions at the mosque and even seeing Brother Mustapha at the shoeshine shop on 75th street and she was with her hus-

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The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and his wife, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan, listen during the service.



Sister Jamillah Farrakhan reads the obituary about her dear and beloved mother's life and legacy.

Photos: Abdul K. Muhammad and Haroon Rajjee



M.G.T. Vanguard of the N.O.I. Color Guard march down the aisle of Mosque Maryam.



Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan



F.O.I. in the N.O.I. Color Guard march down the aisle of Mosque Maryam.



Sisters applaud during the poignant remarks made about the life of Sister Karen Farrakhan.



Brothers bow their heads in prayer during the janazah service held on Aug. 17.



Minister Farrakhan and Mother Khadijah pray during the service.



Muslim women bow their heads in prayer.

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band and how pleasant and gracious she was. She left an indelible print on me that is how a woman of God should conduct herself.”

Additionally, Sister Karen was a soldier for Allah in the cause of Islam. Befittingly, the Color Guard, which included both F.O.I. and M.G.T. (the men and women of the Nation of Islam), marched to receive the casket in preparation to head to the gravesite. This was done after a final “Original Salute” led by Student Assistant Supreme Captain Abdul Azziz Muhammad by everyone in attendance.

On the back of the elegant obituary provided, the family of Sister Karen Farrakhan expressed their appreciation with the following words: “The Family of Karen Farrakhan would like to express our deepest gratitude with a heart full of love and appreciation to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and Mother Khadijah Farrakhan, and the M.G.T. and G.C.C. Caring for Karen Team. We would like to send a special thanks to Shaquille O’Neal for his support and love for his Aunt Karen. We would also like to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks all the many acts of love and kindness shown during this time of bereavement. We ask that you continue to lift our family up in prayer. We pray that Allah (God) will continue to



Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan receives prayer rug from Student National Imam Sultan R. Muhammad.

grant us all peace and contentment of mind.”

She is survived by her husband Mustapha Farrakhan, four daughters: Nafeesa, Jamillah (Montrelle), Shaheerah (Musharraf), Ruqayyah (Jeff), her son Mustapha Jr. (Amanda), her sister Helen and brother, Junie.

Sister Karen Farrakhan’s legacy and memory will be carried on by her husband, children, a host of grandchildren, extended family, those whose lives she touched and a grateful Nation of Islam. Sister Karen’s father, mother and brother

Billy preceded her in death.

A standard bearer and beautiful example

After the service and interment, family and friends and believers gathered at The Salaam on the city’s Southwest side for a repast to fellowship and reflect on the life, legacy and impact of Sister Karen Farrakhan.

“I was blessed to know Sister Karen for at least 30 years. I can only say that everything that was said about her during the Janazah by Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad, is absolutely true. She was a beautiful soul, a woman who kept a high spirit and kept others in a high spirit. Sister Karen was a very caring and sensitive person, and I did consider her a friend. “Moreover, Brother Mustapha’s devotion and unwavering commitment to care for his wife is a true example to us as men and women of faith, of how to make our word bond to each other in marriage. He and we, have the best example of this devotion and commitment in the marriage of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and Mother Khadijah Farrakhan,” said Student Minister Abdul Arif Muhammad, a member of the Nation of Islam Shura Executive Council and General Counsel.

Student Southern Regional M.G.T. Captain Dr. Nussaybah Muhammad shared the impact of Sister Karen on

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F.O.I. carry casket to its final resting place.



Student National Imam Sultan R. Muhammad, on left, and Student Minister Ishmael, on right, pray at the grave site.



The Farrakhan family makes a prayer during interment service.



Minister Farrakhan places earth in grave.



Minister Farrakhan embraces and comforts his son, Brother Mustapha.



The children of Brother Mustapha Farrakhan and Sister Karen Farrakhan place earth in the grave. From left, Sister Ruqayyah, Sister Nafeesa, Brother Mustapha Jr., Sister Jamillah and Sister Shaheerah. Photos: Haroon Rajae

Sister Karen

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young people. “Sister Karen Farrakhan was an important figure for women and girls, not only in the Nation of Islam but women and girls in general. One of the most significant characteristics of Sister Karen was her ability to go into any setting and make friends for Islam,” she told *The Final Call*.

“Although she was strikingly beautiful, within minutes she could disarm anyone with that genuine care and con-

cern and that infectious laughter. Sister Karen made you to feel like no matter what stage in life you were in, she could relate to you. That intrinsic spirit made others open up to her in ways that those in positions of authority could not do,” Sister Nusaybah continued.

“She comforted those in pain, she related to others struggles, and she diligently lightened the heaviness with laughter.” Sister Nusaybah also remarked on the example Sister Karen provided when it came to being a wife and mother.

“Sister Karen became a standard bearer of how to love a Black man! She would give many impromptu classes on keeping

a man happy! She genuinely expressed her sincere love for her beloved husband, Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan. It was admirable to see them decades into their marriage relating to each other like they were teenagers in love. Wherever you saw Brother Mustapha, you saw Sister Karen and vice versa! Her favorite conversation was talking about the love of her life, her husband and her children, and grandchildren! She would dote over all of their accomplishments and would strive to empower all who would listen on keys to raising a successful family. Sister Karen will be greatly missed but never forgotten,” stated Sister Nusaybah.

Sister Karen and Brother Mustapha were married 42 years and their five children graduated from reputable colleges and were reared with discipline, decorum and a high regard for sibling bonding and unity, the funeral program noted.

Sister Connie Muhammad traveled from Dallas, Texas to pay tribute to Sister Karen. “The Janazah for Sister Karen was a beautiful representation of her. I remember seeing her at several Saviours’ Days with her grandchildren, and she was always smiling and loving. I thank Allah (God) for being able to know her.”

Brother Dr. Abdullah Hasan Pratt is a Chicago physician and was one of the members of the Caring for Karen Team. Prior to her illness, Brother Dr. Abdullah Hasan said he had known Sister Karen for quite a while. “As much as I tried to take care of her, she was the one person who would always try to take care of me. She would always inquire about my life and my well being, and when my father passed, Sister Karen would offer words of encouragement to me,” he said.

Sister Qamar Muhammad first met Sister Karen 12 years ago when she first moved to Chicago. “We both labored for the Nation of Islam. She worked in the Processing Department and I worked in the Secretary Department. We had an instant love and friendship between us. She would visit our office and tell us humorous and inspirational stories and lift everyone’s spirit.”

Student Minister and Final Call General Manager Abdul Rasul Muhammad also had the pleasure and honor of knowing Sister Karen for years.

“I have had the distinct honor of knowing Sister Karen since November 1992 when I first arrived in Chicago. I was blessed to acquaint Sister Karen with the customer service department at *The Final Call Newspaper* in the mid-90s. She always had a wealth of energy, she was a warrior,” he said.

For Brother James Joseph, Sister Karen was a second mother to him and “she always kept me on my toes,” he told *The Final Call*. “She always reminded me of how a young man should behave himself when speaking to women, and she also reminded me to always speak up for myself. I went to school with her children and so I knew her for 30 years.”

Sister Rosalind Cook reflected on her beloved friend’s dedication to her family.

“My daughter went to school with Karen’s children and Karen and I would always have conversations about the well-being of our children. She was a true family woman and advocate. I am going to miss her.”

To view the Janazah service in its entirety, visit media.noi.org

JANAZAH SERVICE FOR SISTER KAREN FARRAKHAN

by the National Assistant to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan,
Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad

[Editor's note: The following contains an edited excerpt of the message delivered Saturday, August 17, 2024, by the National Assistant to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad at the Janazah service for Sister Karen Farrakhan, the wife of Student Supreme Captain Mustapha Farrakhan. Sister Karen was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and a devoted Muslim. She departed this life on August 8, 2024. To view the Janazah service in its entirety and hear this poignant, powerful message, visit media.noi.org.]

**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL, THE ALL-WISE,
TRUE AND LIVING GOD, THE LORD OF ALL THE WORLDS.**

To Brother Mustapha Farrakhan and the children of Sister Karen: Nafeesa, Jamilah, Shaheerah, Ruqayyah and Mustapha Jr., the grandchildren and the beautiful blessed beloved Farrakhan and Tinsley family, we offer our deepest condolences. You are in our prayers and thoughts, and we ask Allah to lift the burden of sorrow from your hearts and give you, His peace.

The peace we seek from Allah (God) comes from our acceptance, our surrender to His will, His irrevocable will. And this is what makes us Muslims. This is what makes us believers in God. No matter what your religion is as a believer in God, we accept and surrender to God's will. Jesus said, "Not my will but Thy will be done." So, whatsoever the Lord permits, we accept His will. And every believer in God who follows Jesus and the Muslims who follow Jesus the Messiah and the Great Mahdi, we learn through trials to accept God's will even when we don't understand why God does what He does.

So, beloved brothers and sisters what is death? Is death the end? How should we understand and accept death since funerals are not for the dead but are for the living because none of us can escape death. We do everything to live and fight for life.

We're reflecting on the beautiful life of a beautiful woman; but we are also reflecting on our own mortality and what are we doing with God's time. How will we be remembered?

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan wanted to speak today He is in pain and mourns with his son and family the loss of his daughter-in-law whom he loved dearly. He loves his son, he loves his grandchildren, but he's under Divine orders and instructions from his teacher, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, who told the Minister after Saviours' Day after his message: be silent, be quiet and watch the words I gave you to say unfold and manifest. This is not easy for him, this is his family. He's a man that carries the word of God, the



spirit of God. So, imagine how hard it is for him. He's not permitted to speak in the public until God tells him otherwise. He is an obedient servant of God. And that's what makes Jesus, Jesus. All praise is due to Allah.

He does not disobey his Father even if it makes people uncomfortable. He obeys His Lord. And the family understands and accepts the will of Allah. But the Minister is not leaving us comfortless. He's here with us, Allah-u-Akbar!

So he's physically here with us today and he gave me some words to share that Allah willing will give you and me comfort. Comfort for all of those who are suffering, mourning and grieving the loss of a loved one by giving us a proper perspective on life and death and to strength-

en our faith in God. He shared with me a story that he wanted to share with us today and the story is real. He said quote:

"Son, it happened to me while I was in Sedona, Arizona, during the time that I usually go there to spend the last days of December and the first days of the New Year into the first or second week in February for the preparation of our annual Saviours' Day convention. During that time period a few years ago my daughter BJ (Betsy Jean Farrakhan) who always takes a little vacation, and she was also in Arizona. She threw a party for me and for all those who came with me at a beautiful restaurant in Sedona that from the windows we could look out and see the beautiful mountains and the rock formations. It's a spiritual place that you feel that you're in the right space while there.

"And the news came that my brother Kobe Bryant had died in a helicopter crash. We all were in shock. But the further news that his daughter Gianna, 13 years of age, was with her dad on that flight and she perished with him. The news came on, people were talking about Kobe, and Shaquille O'Neal was greatly affected by that loss, and I saw him on television, and I saw the tears in his eyes. And I thought about all of those who played basketball who were touched by Kobe's life, now in shock over his death, and is now compounded because Gianna died with her dad.

"And as I looked at my brother Shaq and I spoke to those around me and I said: 'Oh this is so terrible because people will lose faith in God over a tragic circumstance that no one has control over but the pain of it. God why? Why did you do this? Why did you permit this?' So, I begged Allah to help me to ward off the loss of faith in Him because He's the ultimate cause of death. And that day when we left that restaurant on our way back to Phoenix before we even got to the highway there's a church in the rocks and I told them 'let's stop here I want to pray.' And when I walked down the aisle of that church, above my head was a statue of Jesus, in the agony of his crucifixion.

"But I was thinking on the loss of faith and the emptiness in human life when we lose faith, partic-

ularly in God. And I prayed and the tears fell out of my eyes falling onto the floor of that church. And when I finished, I had to think now of how to pray, how to teach death and what it is that people might be recovered in their pain but their faith in God restored because without God we are nothing. We have nothing without God.

“And it was seeing the tears in Shaq’s eyes, who refers to my daughter-in-law, Karen, as ‘Auntie.’ But it was Shaq that I saw and it was (me) feeling him hoping he wouldn’t lose faith because of his little brother that he played ball with. They were teammates, colleagues, they shared a relationship. So, I thought of this scripture where Allah calls death the evil accident of time. It’s in the 52nd chapter of the Holy Qur’an. Is death an evil accident? We don’t plan on it. It’s not like going to the movies,” the Minister said, “or to a concert or to have dinner at a restaurant, it’s called an evil accident of time.

“We never want to give the name evil to the God who created life and love and the joy of life and the joy of love and the contentment and peace that comes from knowing His will and doing His will and being grateful in the very dark time of death; not for the evil accident, because each one of us is going to meet that. So, I wondered to myself, will you counsel people when death comes and their tears are so touching to us, their evident pain causes an identification of us with the person who is in pain because we are connected as human beings, brothers and sisters to life and its source.”

When the Minister was three years old in Boston he said: “We had a little apartment that was directly across the street from the funeral parlor of one of the most wonderful funeral directors that I can recall in my life. “And sometimes I would be sitting on the stoop just two or three stairs to the ground and look across the street and I would see the people coming out just wailing, crying and sometimes screaming and I’m sitting there and I’m weeping with them because I felt their pain. I didn’t realize that there’s a mark on me from God that allows me to feel the pain of others. So, I don’t like to give pain, not that I don’t give pain, but our mothers always say you know: ‘This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you.’ But it’s our behind that’s on fire with the lashes that she’s giving but how could she say to you or me ‘it’s going to hurt me more than it hurts you?’

“But as you grow in life, and you have children whom you love they do things to spark your anger ... and you’re talking to them before you’re applying the strap. Because it hurts you to hurt the child that you love and brought into this world but now you got to make it cry, with pain.

“So, the child says: ‘I won’t do it any more mom. I’m not going to do it any more dad.’ But you feel this because you made me angry and then you lied about it, so you have to take some extra lashes. It’s painful, it hurts. But what child when you’re whipping it believes your story that it’s hurting you more than it hurts them? And the truth is it does. But you still got to whoop that behind. When death comes, brothers and sisters, and it strikes someone whom you love, the pain of loss depending upon the quality of love for that individual can become overbearing. And even though the Qur’an tells you that God never gives you more than you are able to bear. You won’t know that

until you have something in life that you don’t feel that you like that you don’t have the strength to bear.

“And it’s in those moments that you make a call that God hears. I’ve heard your cry. Mustapha’s been crying out to God, the children crying out to God. And David said, ‘At times, are you silent? Do you hear me? Have you turned a deaf ear?’ And God is testing and trying us in our cry to Him. And He’s sympathetic when He hears the cry, He actually feels the pain. He’s not insensitive. He’s mathematical. He understands. But guess what? As the Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us, you cannot not make God anything else other than a human being. That’s why He feels. That’s why He loves. That’s why He speaks. An inanimate object can’t feel.

“You can’t say, ‘It cries. It heard me. It stretched its hand. It spoke to the prophets. It’s a loving God.’ And that’s why He says, ‘Man has been made in His Image



“O soul that art at rest, Return to thy Lord, well-pleased, well-pleasing, So enter among My servants, And enter My Garden!”

—Holy Qur’an 89:27-30

and after His Likeness.” So, when God hears the cry, He actually feels the pain of a people because they’re crying out in their pain.”

The Minister gives the example of the Children of Israel in the Bible of Pharaoh, the crying of the people out of their pain of which they’re tormented by an unjust tyrant.

“But look at God: ‘I heard the moaning and the groaning of my people based on the wickedness of their taskmasters, so I think I’m going to go down and see whether or not the cry is altogether what I have heard.’

“I would tell Mustapha: Job in the Qur’an said, ‘And when my servant cried out in his distress.’ Job was tried severely. He lost everything, but he never lost faith. He never cursed God. He was never bitter, never angry with God. Because whatever God permitted in his life, he surrendered and accepted it. And even to the failing of his health, so he reached that point where he could not bear anymore. And our prayer to God is: “Our Lord,

impose not on us afflictions which we don’t have the strength to bear and do not lay on us a burden as thou didst lay on those before us. Deliver us, O Lord, from our pains, from the heaviness of our heart.’ And the believer in God can be stretched to the very limit. And when Job was stretched to that very limit, the Qur’an says, ‘and we delivered him from his afflictions.’”

“It’s a loss, but God in the process has been making you, each of you, and bringing you closer to Himself. Because what He does today is for tomorrow. It’s for something coming down that you got to have, and we’ve got to have the requisite faith to survive and stand the ground when Satan makes his move against the righteous. The Qur’an says the devil threatens you with poverty. He threatens you with fear. So, God has to remove fear from His servants. God has to have, not many. He only needs a few. He needs a few because he’s not looking for quantity. He’s looking for quality. Gideon started off with 30,000 soldiers, up against an army of 120,000. But God reduced it all the way down to 300, and the 300 sent to flight, 10,000 times their number.”

So, God tries us with loss. He seizes us with distress and affliction. For what purpose, God? That you may humble yourself. It’s too much ego in us. But when God is trying to make a servant and a people after Himself, we don’t equal His Love. We can never love like God, but we strive to approach His Love. But that man right there (Student Min. Ishmael pointing to Minister Farrakhan), He’s the personification of God’s Love. God is Love. Allah-U-Akbar!

“So, the God that comes, (the Minister’s words) to deliver us from pain, He says, ‘No soul dies except by his permission.’

“Have you considered the sparrow? He’s concerned about the death (this is God) of the sparrow. He knows what he goes through in its death. How does He mitigate the pain caused by His Decree? He’s not an unloving God. How is the pain of the loss of a loved one mitigated, especially when it’s your child, it’s your children, your wife, your husband, your lifelong friend? How is that pain mitigated? How is death represented to us?”

So, beloved, the scriptures say: “O grave, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” That’s why the Qur’an says, “We don’t speak of those who die or are slain in my way, the way of God, as dead. They are alive, but you perceive not.” You’ve been made a better Karen, a better Mustapha. Each of us are evolving toward perfection. She’s alive in you. Yes, she is. There is a part of her, a version of her, already in your genetic makeup.

“O grave, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? We felt the sting of death,” the Minister said, “by looking at our loved one return to the earth, knowing that we, too, one day will return to the earth.” But when you think of the fact that you cannot get out of this universe, you’ll always be a part of it.

So, beloved family, brothers and sisters, we thank Allah. We thank Him so much for Sister Karen. We thank Him so much for touching our lives with such a beautiful, beautiful soul.

As-Salaam Alaikum

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& MOTHER KHADIJAH FARRAKHAN
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