THE PROMISES OF DIVINE HELP MADE TO THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS) AND THEIR MANIFESTATION

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Highly Esteemed Chairperson and Distinguished Participants of this blessed gathering!

The Promises of Divine help made to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) are a vast ocean embellished with beautiful, precious pearls out of which I have chosen a few to present to you this morning.

The flickering shine of these gems is the blazing manifestation of Allah Almighty's help and support. It is the affirmation of the purity and truth of the Saviour and Reformer of this Age.

Since the creation of humanity, God Almighty has been commissioning Prophets and Messengers for the purification of mankind to quench their spiritual thirst.

In order to prove the truthfulness of His Messengers,

God Almighty helps and supports them by manifesting extraordinary signs. At every moment and occasion, Allah grants them supremacy over others, so that, the world can witness that it is God alone, Who is supporting them, giving them incredible phenomenal success against the opponents. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"Most surely We help Our Messengers and those who believe, *both* in the present life and on the day when the witnesses will stand forth" (Al-Mu'min 52)

This Divine practice has been in force always.

وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّةِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا (الاحزاب:61)

This practice has never changed and indeed the examples of this divine support have been witnessed throughout the history of Prophets; from Prophet Noah successfully reaching safe haven during the great flood, to Prophet Abraham's survival from the fire:

يناركوني برداً وّسلماً علىٰ ابراهيم

(Chapter 21 Verse 70)

"O fire, be thou cold and a means of safety for Abraham"

This Divine practice has manifested itself with Prophet Moses (کلیم الله) and also in support of Jesus (May peace be upon him). The Almighty and All Powerful God caused the Prophet Moses to safely cross the sea and He protected Jesus (may peace be upon him) from death on the Cross.

My esteemed Chairperson, this Divine support and help is also evident at every step in the life of the greatest of all the Prophets, the pride of the world, the Seal of the Prophets, Muhammad, the Chosen One (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) when the blood thirsty enemies were attacking from all sides, and plotting to kill him.

He (saw) was poisoned but miraculously survived; attempts on his life were made by pelting stones and raising swords against him, but God's Protection and help remained constant.

In this age and time, Allah the Exalted commissioned Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian as the Messiah and Mahdi. God Almighty honoured him with the title

'Champion of God in the mantle of the Prophets.'

جَرِى الله فِي حُلُلِ الأنبِيَاء

That is why the Promised Messiah (as) through the Commandment of God, revealed:

I am sometimes Adam, sometimes Moses, sometimes Jacob and also Abraham.

The purpose and aim of this declaration was that all the situations and circumstances which the previous Prophets experienced were to happen during the lifetime of the Promised Messiah (as) and that God would, just like He did before, help him, support him and bring him to success in his service of Allah.

Even before his Divine commission, at the demise of his father, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Murtaza Sahib, he naturally felt that his father was the main source of family sustenance and with his passing away, the means of family livelihood would be affected.

At this thought, Allah the Exalted immediately provided comfort and a promise of sustenance to His beloved servant, through the Revelation:

أَلَيْسَ اللهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ

'Is God not sufficient for his servant?'

(Revelation June 1876, Tadhkirah Pg. 20)

Through this Revelation the Promised Messiah's heart was filled with gratification, contentment and his faith in Allah's support soared beyond imagination. Accordingly, God Almighty supported the Promised Messiah (as) to such an extent that not just the household requirements were met, but God Almighty became his custodian forever in all matters.

When the Promised Messiah (as) initiated his mission spreading the Word of Allah and reforming mankind, the Lord of the Heavens took this commission upon Himself and through His mercy and Guardianship, manifested the fulfilment of the prophecy

in another way. ٱلْبَسَ اللهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ

God Almighty's extraordinary Promise of being sufficient clearly manifested at every step of his life in a most astonishing manner.

His astounding scholarly exposes on Islam, were a welcome wisp of fresh air foreshadowing the spring of Islam. At times

his pen was designated as 'The Sword' and at times victory was trumpeted through words like '*This paper will tower above others*'.

He was granted great signs through eloquent orations like *'The Revealed Sermon'* in Arabic, to such an extent that enemies were left flabbergasted. The Promised Messiah (as) was granted the miracle of writing commentary of the Holy Quran in the Arabic language.

The Promised Messiah (as) was given support and help in every manner throughout his lifetime and that help and support was assured for his viceregents the divinely appointed Khulafa, and the Jamaat he founded.

In 1893 God Almighty granted the Promised Messiah (as) another extraordinary promise of divine support by revealing to him:

يَاتِيْکَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيْقٍ ِيَأْتُونَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيْقٍ يَنْصُرُکَ رِجَالُ نُوحِیْ اِلَیْهِمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ۔ Hearken! The help of Allah is near. His help will reach you from every distant track. Your helpers will come from every distant track. Men will help you whom We shall direct from heaven! (Tazkirah 39)

In the same manner, God promised the endowment of a spiritual progeny through the revelation:

In this Revelation, there was a promise from God of a spiritual Community. (Haqiqatul-Wahi volume 22 page 249)

This Divine promise of support and help was given at a time when the Promised Messiah (as) and the remote hamlet of Qadian were unknown. But in the blink of an eye the word of Allah was fulfilled and people constantly started coming to Qadian.

The influx of people started to increase day by day and there was not a day when people would not come to meet or enquire about the Promised Messiah (as) or for that matter accept the truth. They visited Qadian despite the so-called scholars and clerics that issued edicts of violence against the lion of Allah, struggling in their endeavours to stop people from travelling to Qadian.

The Promised Messiah (as) states:

'Many Maulwis have placed hurdles. They have tried their utmost to obstruct people from coming to Qadian. This animosity has increased to such limits that Fatwas were summoned from Mecca and Medina. Approximately 200 maulwis issued edicts of apostasy. In fact, they declared that I deserved to be killed; but they failed in all their endeavours against me. The result was that my community spread to every village and town of Punjab and the seed of my community was planted in many places in India. Even some Europeans and Americans were blessed with Islam by entering into the fold of my Community. Crowds upon crowds came to Qadian to such an extent that due to the traffic of horse carriages the roads to Qadian began to crack.'

(Haqiqatul Wahi page 262)

Respected Chairperson, this recognition and eminence given to the Promised Messiah (as) was not due to any family honour, worldly education and upbringing. In reality, it was due to a Divine decree that brought people in flocks from all over to the Promised Messiah (as) to seek an audience and lasting Divine peace and security. This is indeed a manifest sign of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (as) and the stunning support and succour that was availed to him by God Almighty.

People from every walk of life, continue to have the blessings to accept Ahmadiyyat which is swiftly spreading minute by minute and today hundreds, hundreds of thousands, in fact millions and millions of people are finding comfort and security in submission to the Promised Messiah (as).

A poet has related this condition in a beautiful manner in these words:

"I set off alone towards my destination, but people started accompanying me, and a caravan began to form."

It is no more a caravan. It is a sea of humanity, a glimpse of which we can have right now here in this gathering. Through the blessings of God Almighty, this sea is progressing further into every continent of the world, marching with great glory, testifying to the truth of the Divine promises and the supremacy of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

In the same manner God Almighty gave the following glad tidings to the Promised Messiah (as). Allah said:

"I shall give you a large party of Islam"

As a result of this revelation the Promised Messiah (as) made the grand statement. He said:

"If someone were to die and return in two or three Centuries, they would find that the world is filled with Ahmadis like the sea is filled with drops of water.' (Tasheezul-Azhan Qadian January 1913 page 39)

And indeed today we see its magnificent fulfilment in progress.

In another Revelation, the Promised Messiah (as) saw an angel with a very bright and quite large loaf of bread which he gave to him and said:

"This is for you and for your dervishes who are with you" (Revelation 1874 Tazkirah pg. 14)

This revelation came at a time when the Promised Messiah (as) was not at all known, nor was there any group of dervishes with him.But according to Divine promises, people began visiting Qadian to meet their beloved the Promised Messiah (as). In the beginning, he would personally take care of their accommodation and hospitality.

However, when the numbers increased, the Promised Messiah (as) established the public kitchen *'Langar Khana'* and guest houses, which continue providing services to this day; and with the expansion of Ahmadiyyat through God's Grace, this facility is available throughout the world and millions of people relish its benefits.

The Promised Messiah (as) described this touchingly:

لْفَاظَاتُ المَوَائِد كَانَ أُكْلِى وَصِرِتُ اليَوم مِطْعَام الأَهَالِي

"There was that time when my nourishment came from the left overs of the table cloth. And there is this time, when people of different nations are being nourished from my table cloth."

Respected Chairperson! Allah the Exalted revealed another immensely inspiring glad tiding:

"I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth"

at a time when Christians, Hindus, and Arya were attacking Islam from all sides. Regrettably, the Muslims also did not leave the Promised Messiah (as) in peace. It was as if the entire world was planning to suppress the voice of the Promised Messiah, to destroy his message and movement, and contriving to kill him. In fact all kinds of methods and tactics were being put in place to destroy him.

In these circumstances the champion of God, yes! God's lion, alone and without any worldly help, declared that "My God

has informed me that 'I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth'"

Then what happened? The worldly people were defeated in all their plans and tactics. All their strategies and devices were reduced to ashes whilst all their schemes backfired onto them. The word of the All-powerful God, which reinforced and supported the Promised Messiah, was fulfilled. The message of Ahmadiyyat began spreading out of Qadian and India into the whole world, infusing it with its sweet heavenly fragrance.

Today, through MTA the message 'Ja-al Masih'

'the Messiah has come' has reached every corner of the earth. And the people of every continent and country are witnessing the fact that God Almighty has spread the message of 'Muhammad's (saw) Messiah' as promised.

Today, the people of Australia, New Zealand, USA, Europe, Asia and Africa are drinking from the goblet of MTA and the people of Arabia are also benefitting from this spiritual fountain. The message of truth is reaching millions through electronic media. Moreover, the tours of Huzur-e-Anwar (may Allah be his Helper) to the major cities of the world are a living testimony to this incredible triumph of Ahmadiyyat Islam.

The Prime Minister of Canada said: "Your Worldwide leader, Hazrat Mirza Masrror Ahmad, is a man of peace. These are difficult times but the manner in which you persevere is exemplary."

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom said: "Your tremendous services are just a few of the many reasons that Britain can be proud of you. This is true faith in action. Your message of peace and your philosophy of love continue to flourish in Britain and throughout the world."

Paul Monteiro, Associate Director of the White House, USA, said: "All of you in your Community are a central part of what makes this country great and the faith that you hold as Muslims are a key part of what strengthens this country that we all love."

The United States House of Representative, on Huzoor's visit in June 2012, passed a Resolution welcoming him and recognising his commitment to world peace, justice, nonviolence, human rights, religious freedom and democracy.

Congresswoman, Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the US House of Representatives said: "His Holiness and his Community are a critical thread in the fabric of American life and success."

And there are so many such other tributes from the leaders of the nations and countries in the world. In fact, these are all the fruits of those promises which were made by Allah the Almighty to the Promised Messiah (as) and we are a witness to their fulfilment in this Age and time. The voice that rose from the remote hamlet of Qadian is now becoming the voice of the world.

The worldwide impact of MTA has shaken the opponents of Ahmadiyyat. One such so-called scholar, the leader of the Ahl-e-Hadith, Abdul Haq, had this to say:

"Qadiyani television has entered every household in Pakistan by presenting the recitation and commentary of the Holy Quran to all the different nations, lectures on Hadith, and every type of praise of God and the Holy Prophet (saw). The Qadianis are affecting the mindset of our youth. And this is ruining all efforts which our respected elders made in the past 100 years. People have started asking how the man with the white beard and turban, who is in agreement with all the Islamic beliefs, who constantly calls Hazrat Muhammad (saw) his Master and who starts weeping when relating about the beautiful life of the Holy Prophet, can be a Kafir?" (Al Ihtesaam 24 January 1997 page 17)

God Almighty in 1893 revealed to the Promised Messiah:

إِنِّى مُهِيْنٌ مَنْ أَرَادَ إِهَانَتَكَ وَإِنِّي مُعِينٌ مَنْ أَرَادَ إِعَانَتَكَ

'I will humiliate him who seeks to humiliate thee. And I will become the helper to him who seeks to help thee"

Accordingly where God Almighty, through His Grace, granted the Promised Messiah (as) helpers and associates who sacrificed their lives serving his cause.

At the same time, according to Divine Promise, the enemies of the Promised Messiah (as) were shattered and humiliated in their efforts to harm the 'Lion' of Allah.

Amongst the many such unfortunate were Dr Alexander Dowie, who claimed to be 'the Messiah' and challenged the Promised Messiah (as) in a prayer dual but as a result died himself on 19th March 1907, according to the Prophecy made by Promised Messiah (as). And with his death his mission and establishment were wiped off this earth literally.

Then there was, Pundit Lekhram, the notorious slanderer of the Holy Prophet (saw) and an enemy of Islam, who according to the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (as) became a monument of the manifestation of this Divine prophecy on 6th March 1897.

In addition there was Maulwi Muhammad Hussain Batalwi, who remained an enemy throughout his lifetime. He left this world in great frustration and agony. Today, in his own town Batala, no one is aware of his existence and neither can he be traced among the graves of the dead.

There are countless claimants who claim to challenge Ahmadiyyat. And there is neither any shortage of those who claimed to be victorious over us. But what is the truth? Out of the ones who openly expressed and acknowledged this was Maulwi Abdul Rahim Ashraf Lailpuri, who opposed Ahmadiyyat throughout his life, he wrote:

'Many of our respected people challenged Qadiyaniyat with all their powers and all their abilities. However, despite this, the truth is open to everyone that the Qadiyani Jamaat became more and more established and continuously expanded and spread."

He went on to say:

"We are compelled to accept this bitter truth, that despite the efforts of these great people, the Qadiyani Jamaat has increased and continues to increase."

None of the Muslim leaders who were part of the opposition to Ahmadiyyat in 1974, died a natural death. All of them died a death of utter humiliation and despondency.

After making decisions against Ahmadiyyat, The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto was dismissed, arrested and became Pakistan's first and only (till this day) Prime Minister who was given the punishment of hanging, and the prophecy of كَلْبُ يَمُوْتُ عَلَى كَلْبِ عَلَى كَلْبِ was fulfilled in him.

Despite the whole world's insistence not to kill him, he was hanged in the 52^{nd} year of his life. Not only this, his progeny even became an example and a tragic admonishment for the world.

Then Pakistan's Dictator, Zia Ul Haq deprived the Community of all kinds of freedom. And consequently God Almighty didn't stay silent and through the prayer dual challenge of the Khalifa of the time, Zia Ul Haq, despite all his power and might became a sign forever of the fulfilment of this prophecy.

The world knows the fate of the detestable despot. He was left totally burnt and ripped to unrecognisable pieces in an aeroplane crash. His limbs were scattered all over and he was completely annihilated by the Command of Allah fulfilling in an awe-inspiring manner the prophecy

إنِّى مُهِيْنٌ مَنْ أَرَادَ إِهَا انْتَكَ

'I will humiliate him who seeks to humiliate thee"

In spite of all kinds of opposition and unfavourable circumstances every adversary who opposed this Champion of Allah suffered ignominy and disgrace.

The Promised Messiah (as) repeatedly cautioned and warned the world of earthly and heavenly disasters. The Promised Messiah (as) in his book Haqiqatul Wahi writes:

'In my support, the Signs of God are flowing like the strong current of a river. There is hardly a month which passes in which a sign is not manifested. No one looks at these signs. They do not perceive what God is saying. On one side, the plague is indicating that the Day of Judgment is near, and on the other, very unusual earthquakes, the like of which have never occurred in this country, are warning that God's anger is erupting.' (Haqiqatul Wahi volume 22 page 199)

History tells us that the past Century has been repeatedly hit by such natural disasters, earthquakes and floods which are clear proof of the Promised Messiah's (as) truthfulness. And these tragedies and catastrophies, genocides and killings are continuing with breath-taking intensity to this day. On the martyrdom of Hazrat Sahibzada Sayyed Abdul Lateef Sahib (may Allah be pleased with him), this is what the Promised Messiah (as) had to say:

"O land of Kabul! You are a witness to the heinous crime committed on your soil. O miserable land! You have, in the sight of Allah, been condemned as you are the scene of this most atrocious crime."

Indeed, who can dispute the truth and fulfilment of this prophecy? The unimaginable destruction of land and life in Afghanistan speaks for itself.

And we are witnessing prophecies such as BalaiDamishk that is 'The calamity of Damascus' being fulfilled as well. (1907 Tadhkirah)

The world is a witness that the current situation in Syria and Afghanistan is very much like a doomsday trumpet calling the people of these lands to heed to the Divine decree and seek peace and prosperity in the spiritual enclave of the Promised Messiah. Allah has assured that according to the Prophecy of the Holy Prophet (saw), endorsed by Allah Himself, Khilafat in the footsteps of Prophethood will be established and will last till the end of the world. Thus, after this reassurance by Almighty Allah the Promised Messiah (as) addressing the Jamaat wrote: "This is the way of God. And since He created man on the earth, he has always been demonstrating this way by helping His Prophets and Messengers and granting them predominance, as he says,

Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty. (58:22)

So, in turn God with His powerful Signs brings to light their truth. He lets them sow its seed with their own hands." The Promised Messiah (as) explaining this writes: "So, dear friends! Since it is the way of Allah from times immemorial that God Almighty shows two manifestations so that two false joys of the opponents be put to an end. So do not be grieved for it is essential for you to see the Second manifestation too, and its coming is better for you because it is everlasting, the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement. And that Second manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, then God will send His Second manifestation for you which shall always remain with you as it is promised by God. And this Promise is not for my person. Rather, the promise is for you as God says: 'I shall make this Jamaat who are your followers, prevail over all others till the Day of Judgement.''' (Risala Al Wasiyyat, Ruhani Khiazaen, Vol. 20, pgs. 205-206)

And when the Promised Messiah passed away, the earth and the Heaven once again witnessed the fulfilment of the Promise

That is, 'And that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear.' (24:56).

The great Revolution that the Promised Messiah (as) had brought about with his advent was Willed by Almighty Allah to continue and be sustained through the great institution of Khilafat.

Those who once again thought the Jamaat would disintegrate were bitterly frustrated. They forgot that this tree has been planted by God Almighty.

And today, the history of Ahmadiyyat bears witness to the fact – and the whole world knows it – that no one remembers the opponents of Ahmadiyyat, yet, by the blessings of Khilafat, Ahmadiyyat is flourishing in the world and millions of people devotedly profess Ahmadiyyat the true Islam.

Respected chairperson! I would like to share with you another great sign of divine help and support of the Promised Messiah (as). God Almighty, in the fulfilment of the prophecy يتزوج و يتزوج له greated the Promised Messiah (as) such pure progeny who would help spread the message of Islam globally. We have all witnessed the glorious periods of the Second, Third

and Fourth Khilafat and the magnificent achievements being accomplished worldwide during the present Khilafat.

The Promised Messiah (as) during a vision said the following about his son Hazrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad (ra) that: 'Now you sit in our place, and we shall depart' اب تو ہماری جگہ بیٹھ اور ہم چلتے

At the demise of Hazrat Mirza Mansoor Ahmad, referring to this revelation, Khalifatul Masih Fourth (rh) said in a Sermon:

'I would like to turn the attention of the Jamaat towards praying for Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Mansoor Ahmad. And after him for his son Mirza Masroor Ahmad Sahib as well, that God makes him a proper and good successor, so that the meaning of 'sit in our place' comes true. And that Allah Himself, protects and supports him"

This prayer that was uttered through the blessed lips of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Fourth and followed by millions around the world rose to the throne of the heaven and turned into a reality in a matter of a few years. The Fazl Mosque in London is glorified with its historical importance that the prophecy 'sit in our place' made in 1903 regarding Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Sharif Ahmad Sahib (ra), after 100 years, on 22nd April 2003 was fulfilled in the person of his Promised Grandson who according to Divine decree was granted the blessed name Masroor, under the shadow of The Promised Messiah (as).

And by another glad tiding, Allah assured of great victories that he would achieve and the great support and protection of Allah he would be blessed with in the revelation:

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And with that Divine support and guidance, the true jihad of liberating humanity from the deep gorges of spiritual darkness into the effulgence of Islam Ahmadiyyat continues by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community worldwide. So my dear ones! And dear ones of the Promised Messiah (as) and the flourishing branches of the tree of his being! Move on and be ready to make any sacrifice required for the strengthening of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya, so that by holding fast to the rope of Allah, we may spread to the ends of the world the message of the Holy Prophet (saw) and of the Promised Messiah (as).

This jihad must continue and each one of us has a responsibility and a role to play in the fulfilment of the Divine Promises given to the Promised Messiah (as).

Respected Chairperson! The river of the fulfilment of the Divine Promises is gushing along and nurturing the tree planted by Allah. And as the green branches of that sprawling tree let us rise to the challenges of the day and passionately live up to the needs of the time, let us always be prepared to live and die for Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya and strive on to join the angels of heaven in proclaiming

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and pray that Allah continue to help support and guide our beloved Khalifa and bless him with superb health and exceptionally long life to lead us to the decreed victory of Ahmadiyyat in accordance with the Divine Promises to the Promised Messiah (as). May Allah enable us to remain truly faithful to our covenants and fulfil our responsibilities with excellence. Ameen.

And my last words are that All Praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds....