

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The momentous prophecy regarding Muṣḥeḥ Mau'ūd is not specific to any one person. It is founded on a prophecy contained in the Ḥadīth فیتروج ویولد له # [he (the Messiah) shall marry and have progeny]. In this prophecy the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام was given the tiding of a Promised Son who would be the Promised Reformer.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام blessed us with the knowledge that there is but one living Prophet, and he is Muḥammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, who leads us towards God; and there is but one book, the Holy Qur'ān, which is the repository of all truths and verities and guidance.

In January 1886, under Divine guidance, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام retreated to *Hoshiarpur* for forty days of prayer and fasting, during which God conferred upon him many glad tidings regarding the spread of Islām. He also gave him the tiding of a son who would be called Muṣḥeḥ Mau'ūd (the Promised Reformer). The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام published this prophecy in his book *Sirāj-e-Munīr* on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1886. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ read out the text of the prophecy which contains 52 qualities of Muṣḥeḥ Mau'ūd. It was a significant prophecy, for it foretold the birth of a son who would become the means for spreading Islām and *Tauḥīd* and for revealing to the world the true status of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. In keeping with the prophecy, Ḥaḍrat Muṣḥeḥ Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ was born in 1889, which happens to be the same year in which Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya was founded.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said, if we study the 52 years of Ḥaḍrat Muṣḥeḥ Mau'ūd's رضی اللہ عنہ Khilāfat in the light of the 52 qualities mentioned in the prophecy, we find that all of them were fulfilled in his life. He grew up quickly and speeded up the work of the propagation of Islām. He built mosques and mission houses and, in his time, the Jamā'at had been established in 35 countries and the Holy Qur'ān was translated into many languages. The setup of the organisation of the Jamā'at devised by Ḥaḍrat Muṣḥeḥ Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ endures to this day and one can hardly think of a way to improve upon it. The same is true of the setup of the Jamā'at's auxiliary organisations.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام himself said that Mian Maḥmūd was the son mentioned in the prophecy. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II رضي الله عنه did not pronounce himself as the Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd until God himself told him so. He announced that God had told him that he was the son whose tiding had been given to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام for the propagation of Islām to all corners of the wrold. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى quoted several non-Aḥmadī scholars who acknowledged his high status.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه gave the world new intellectual dimensions that people widely acknowledged. No one ever came into contact with him without being deeply impressed by his vast knowledge, wisdom and spiritual prowess. Apart from his weekly sermons, he wrote many books and gave many speeches and lectures which are now being published in book form by Fadl-e-Omar Foundation. I take this opportunity to urge the Foundation to speed up its work and also to turn their attention to translating these works into other languages. We realize the magnificence of the prophecy by studying the works of Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه, but its true purpose will only be fulfilled if people from among us keep coming forward to carry on the task. Everyone of us should try to become a *Muṣleḥ* (reformer) in their own sphere. Let us spread the pristine teachings of Islam through our knowledge and word and action. Let us also pay more attention to reforming ourselves, our children and the society at large.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Qanta Orchard Ṣāḥiba, wife of late Maulana Bashir Aḥmad Orchard Ṣāḥib. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى led her funeral prayer after the Jumu'a prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 24 Feb. 2011