

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 4th May 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh, London.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted some accounts related by the Companions رضی اللہ عنہم of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام which show their zeal, passion and love for the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and how eager they were to visit Qādiān and see the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Mian Muhammad Zahuruddin Sahib relates, once we reached in the presence of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام in Qādiān we would forget all the rest. We would never like to be separated from him. It was nothing but sheer Divine grace that He caused worthless people like us to be born in this blessed age and then led us to his blessed presence. Hadrat Haji Muhammad Musa Sahib would regularly travel from Lahore to Qādiān to offer Jumu‘a prayer. He would cover twenty-two miles from Batala to Qādiān and back on bicycle. Hadrat Mian Zahuruddin Sahib says: When the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام arrived in Masjid Mubarak it seemed as if the sun had risen to its zenith. By God, his beauty was far greater than I had anticipated. I was completely satisfied after beholding his enlightened countenance. All other beautiful faces paled in comparison to his. Hadrat Sheikh Abdul Karim Sahib relates: Once the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام said: people think that since they have seen the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and pledged allegiance of Bai‘at to him, it is enough for them to be forgiven, whereas it is the prayer “Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help” that can guarantee the ultimate success. I have only come to show the path and so have I done.

Hadrat Dr. Umar Din Sahib says: I was so eager to shake hands with the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام that I would often elbow my way through the jostling crowd to reach him, yet my desire would always remain unsatiated. It is reported about Hadrat Dr. Abdullah Sahib that he used to save money so that he could make frequent visits to Qādiān to benefit from the blessed company of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. Hadrat Mian Charagh Din Sahib relates: When I saw the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام I became convinced that this can never be the countenance of a liar, so I immediately took Bai‘at. Hadrat Munshi Qādi Mahboob Alam Sahib set out to Qādiān on account of a blessed vision. He says: My first meeting with the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام took place just in front of the door of *Gol Kamra*. The moment I saw the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام I recognized that he was the same holy person I had seen in the dream and that he was true in his claim. I embraced him, started crying uncontrollably and could not stop for quite some time. Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ continued to soothe me with the advice, “Be

patient, be patient.” Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ asked me where I had come from. I replied; from Lahore. Then he asked; for what purpose? I replied; only to see you. He asked if there was any other purpose. I replied: No, I have come only to see you. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام said: some people come to ask me to pray for their various needs. Do you have any need of that sort? I humbly replied: I have no need. Then Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Congratulations! Such selfless visit to men of God is greatly beneficial.

Apart from these Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also quoted certain faith-enhancing accounts related by Hadrat Dr. Syed Ghulam Goth Sahib, Hadrat Sahib Din Sahib, Hadrat Ch. Ghulam Rasul Basra Sahib, Hadrat Malik Barkatullah Sahib son of Hadrat Malik Niaz Muhammad Sahib and Hadrat Malik Ghulam Farid Sahib Muhajir.

In the end, Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: These are the accounts of those who were ever eager to meet and see the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. They faced hardships in this cause, but these hardships looked so small in comparison to the great benefits they derived from the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, and his blessed company always increased them in their faith.

He said: May Allāh enable us not only to take delight in hearing these accounts but also to increase in our faith. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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