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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 23rd November 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ spoke about the terrorist attacks in Pakistan, which coincided with the month of Muharram, as well as the Israeli aggression against the Palestinians and the turmoil in Syria. Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ discussed their causes and outlined the Islamic way of resolving such matters.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ also spoke about the sacrifices made by the Companions of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and the lofty examples of piety and righteousness set by them. Hadrat Abu Bakr رضی اللہ عنہ occupied the highest status among all the Companions. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: Hadrat Abu Bakr رضی اللہ عنہ, Hadrat Umar Al-Farooq رضی اللہ عنہ and Hadrat Uthman رضی اللہ عنہ were righteous and pious people whom God chose for His special blessings. I swear by God that He made them the beacons of Islām and the vanguards of His army.'

Regarding Hadrat Ali رضی اللہ عنہ, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: 'He was extremely righteous and pure and belonged to those who are the most beloved of the Gracious God. He was from a good family and was from among the chiefs of the time. He was the lion of the Supreme God. He was very generous and had a pure heart and attained a high status in virtue.'

Again the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: 'I love Ali رضی اللہ عنہ and his two sons and I am the enemy of those who oppose them. I am full of adoration and praise for both Hassan رضی اللہ عنہ and Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ. I believe that Yazid was a detestable worm of the earth and an aggressor, whereas Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ was pure and purified. He was indeed among the chosen ones whom God purifies with His own hand and fills with His love. No doubt he is among the chiefs of paradise. To bear an iota of rancour against him causes one to be deprived of faith. His *Taqwa*, his love for God, his steadfastness and patience, and his piety and worship are all a beacon for us.'

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: 'Hadrat Imam Hasan رضی اللہ عنہ and Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ were God's chosen ones. They were greatly gifted, saintly and exhibited exemplary character. They were the progeny of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم both in the physical and spiritual sense. But the primary relationship, however, is the spiritual one. In short, the teachings, wisdom and spiritual light radiated by the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم should be reflected in his followers. Only those who are born anew as a result of the Holy Prophet's صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم light and knowledge are truly worthy of being called his progeny.

Addressing the Jama'at, Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Persecution should make us even stronger in faith and more firm in righteousness, and we should turn to prayer with greater zeal than ever. Hadrat Hussain's رضی اللہ عنہ sacrifices are a beacon for us. During *muharram*, Ahmadīs should pray for steadfastness and offer *Durud*. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ prayed that Allāh may protect us against the enemy's mischief and that our sacrifices may lead the pure-hearted into the fold of Ahmadiyyat. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also asked the Jama'at to pray for suffering innocent Palestinians.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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