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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 26th July 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīh V delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verses 152-154 of Sūrah Al-An‘am, which are translated as follows:

“Say, ‘Come, I will rehearse to you what your Lord has made inviolable for you: that you may not associate anything with Him as a partner and that you must treat parents with exceeding kindness, and that you kill not your children for *fear of poverty* – it is We Who provide for you and for them – and that you approach not foul deeds, whether open or secret; and that you kill not the life which Allāh has made sacred, save by right. That is what He has enjoined upon you, that you may understand.

‘And approach not the property of the orphan, except in a way which is best, till he attains his maturity. And give full measure and weight with equity. We task not any soul except according to its capacity. And when you speak, observe justice, even if the concerned person be a relative, and fulfil the covenant of Allāh. That is what He enjoins upon you, that you may remember.’

And say, ‘This is My path *leading* straight. So follow it; and follow to other ways, lest they lead you away from His way. That is what He enjoins upon you, that you *may become able to guard against evils.*” (6:152-154)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the last Friday sermon I said that Ramadān has a remarkable affinity with the Holy Qur’ān, but this can only benefit if, along with reciting the Holy Qur’ān, we reflect upon its commandments and make them a part and parcel of our lives. This undoubtedly brings about a great transformation and inculcates high morals. Such people emerge from the barbarian state and become civilised and godly, and they are likened to a pure tree. The fact that the Holy Qur’ān was revealed in the month of Ramadān can benefit us only if we mould our actions to its commandments.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some of these commandments have been mentioned in these verses, and they show us the way to God and to piety, and show us how to fulfil our obligations to God and to our fellow beings. These commandments are as follows:

- Do not associate partners with God
- Be kind to your parents
- Do not kill your children for fear of poverty
- Do not even think of usurping the possessions of the orphans, and give them what belongs to them when they come of age without making any excuses
- Be fair in weight and measurement
- Abide by justice in all cases
- Fulfil your pledges
- Remain firm on the right path in all circumstances.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said these are the means through which we can walk the path of *Taqwa* and establish a relationship with God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that *shirk*, or idolatry, is a sin which God says He will never forgive. Describing the various forms of *shirk*, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in this age the *shirk* of the means has become rampant. When instead of depending on God people start depending on means. Thus they forget the purpose of their creation. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) stressed the need for shunning all forms of *shirk* and turning to the worship of God and putting all faith in Him. God is the only Living Being, we should love Him alone for all else is of no avail. When the love of God dominates all other loves, that is when we become free of all kinds of *shirk*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that another commandment is to be kind to our parents. We are commanded to pray for our parents, "My Lord, have mercy on them even as they nourished me in my childhood." And never say unto them any word expressive of disgust nor reproach them on account of their old age. The Holy Prophet ﷺ says, "Unfortunate is the person who finds his parents in old age and fails to win paradise by serving them."

Another commandment is not to kill our children for fear of poverty. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is the beauty of the Holy Qur'ān that it first exhorts sons and daughters to care for their parents and then commands parents to give the best upbringing to their children so that they may not remain morally or spiritually dead. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that all Ahmadī parents should make efforts for the proper education and upbringing of their children and attach them to the Jama'at. Parents should give priority to their children instead of other things. The primary duty of their education and upbringing lies upon the parents.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that he would speak on the remaining commandments in the next sermon. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that may Allāh enable us to pay special attention to these commandments in these blessed days of Ramadān. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh.
Wassalām,

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