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The Amīr/National President

Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 18th of July 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verses 54-55 of Sūrah *Al-Zumar*, gave their translation , which is as follows:.

“Say, “O My servants who have committed excesses against their own souls! Despair not of the mercy of Allāh, surely Allāh forgives all sins. Verily He is Most Forgiving, Merciful.

And turn ye to your Lord, and submit yourselves to Him, before there comes unto you the punishment; *for* then you shall not be helped.” (39:54-55)

And said: God Almighty has given a message of hope to His servants in various verses of the Holy Qur’ān saying He is Most Forgiving and Ever Merciful. The verses contain the beautiful message that Allāh is Ever Merciful and Gracious towards everyone who, after having committed sins, is fearful of His punishment. Indeed, God says: O my servants! Despair not of my mercy, I am the Lord, and I have the power to forgive you your sins and wrap you in the raiment of my mercy.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Due to this message of hope and mercy, despair becomes a sin for the believers. In fact, the words of mercy from God Almighty show us the ways to love Him and act upon His commandments, so that we may continue to receive His blessings by getting ever closer to Him. Therefore, Divine message is like an illuminated path for those who have lost their way. It is a message of life for those who are spiritually dead. In fact, it is a promise of liberty for the ones who are in the grip of Satan. Therefore, the benevolence and mercy of the Gracious and Merciful God requires that we deepen our love for Him by acting upon His commandments, by attaining nearness to Him, and by trying our level best to put an end to our shortcomings and sinfulness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The teachings of the Holy Qur’ān and the traditions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ inform us that no one is unforgiveable. Hence, everyone can be reformed; everyone can become recipient of Divine grace, provided he or she makes a sincere effort to change himself/herself for the better.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) presented some traditions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ regarding the blessings and forgiveness of God Almighty and regarding His special grace that descends during the month of Ramadān.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that the first ten days of Ramadān are filled with Divine mercy; the second ten days contain forgiveness and the last ten days grant one deliverance from Hell. If we fast during Ramadān doing justice to the requirements of this sacred month and worshipping the Almighty God and offering *Nawāfil* to Him, we shall be rewarded with such forgiveness that not only our previous sins will be forgiven but also we will obtain the ability to shun sinfulness for good.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The second ten days of Ramadān are going to end in a day or two and the last ten days will then begin, which will bring with them countless blessings because there comes a night in them which is called *Laila-tul-Qadr*, the night in which prayers are answered and one witnesses the miracle of one's closeness to God. Therefore we should pay special attention to prayers and other acts of worship during the last ten days of Ramadān.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: To shun sinfulness and stay away from committing sins and to attain deliverance from Hell, one needs to make a special effort. Those of us who are trying to make this Ramadān the means of obtaining Divine grace and blessings as well as getting deliverance from Hell, will be truly fortunate. May we stay away from sins forever and may we put an end to our shortcomings, and may this Ramadān lead us towards performing the righteous deeds with greater frequency.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We ought to pay attention to the true repentance during Ramadān. This will enable us to obtain nearness to God. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: Repentance, in reality, is a source of great help for the attainment of high morals. And it makes a man perfect, for a person who wants to bring about a change in his morals and perform good deeds; he must repent with a true heart. There are three conditions for repentance: the first condition is to get rid of evil thoughts which cause evil propensities. The second condition is to show remorse, which means that the person should express remorse over his sins and evil actions and should ponder over the fact that the pleasure derived from acts of sinfulness is only fleeting and temporary. The third condition is to inculcate in oneself a firm resolve that he or she will never revert to the evils they have shunned. If a person adheres to this resolve, God will bestow upon him the strength for true repentance.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: Cleanse your actions and be ever occupied with the remembrance of Allāh and do not become heedless... Forever keep repentance alive and never let it die... The weapons through which we are going to achieve predominance are *Istighfār*, *Taubah*, knowledge of the faith, keeping the greatness of God in our mind and offering the five daily prayers regularly. *Salāt* is the key to the acceptance of prayers. When you offer the *Salāt*, make prayers during it, and do not be heedless, and safeguard yourself from every evil whether it be related to the duties owed to God or to His creatures.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh make us among those who truly repent before the Almighty God and may we become the true beneficiaries of all the blessings associated with the month of Ramadān. *Āmīn*

Next, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of the martyrdom of Muhammad Imtiaz Ahmad Sahib son of Mushtaq Ahmad Tāhir Sahib of Nawabshah, and the sad demise of Naseer Ahmad Anjum Sahib, Professor of Jāmi‘a Ahmadiyya Rabwah, and Sahibzada Mirzā Anwar Ahmad Sahib son of Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of their services to the Jamā‘at and announced that he would lead their funeral prayers in absentia after the Jumu‘a Prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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