

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 07th April 2023 at Baitul *Futūh* Mosque, Morden, London, UK
Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh says about Islām in the Holy Qur’ān:

الْيَوْمَ اكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِيَّ وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

‘*This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion.*’ (5:4)

Hence, Muslims are greatly fortunate that Allāh has bestowed upon them a complete and perfect *Sharī‘ah*.

When Allāh says that He has perfected the religion, it means that all human abilities, whether moral, spiritual, or physical, can only be perfected by following the Holy Qur’ān. And when He says that He has completed His favour upon us, it means that it is only the Holy Qur’ān that fulfils all the needs of humankind and that there are no needs that have not been addressed by the Holy Qur’ān, whether they are material needs or the means of attaining spiritual and moral heights. In this verse, the Holy Qur’ān declares that the survival of humanity is now dependent on this teaching. This teaching is for all people and all times, whereas the teachings revealed to the prophets who came before the Holy Qur’ān were limited to their own ages. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that this proves that the purpose of the coming of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) has been fulfilled and that he was the perfect and last prophet who received the perfect *Sharī‘ah*.

The opponents say that if these are the beliefs of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), and he considers the Holy Qur’ān to be the last *Sharī‘ah* and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to be the last prophet, then what is the purpose of his claim and what was the need for his coming in this age? In answer to this question, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: If you were indeed following the teachings of Islām, there would have been no need of my advent. However, the fact is that the condition of the world in general, and of the Muslims in particular, demands a Reformer.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) reiterated time and again in his writings and discourses that, as a servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), he came to spread the *Sharī‘ah* of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān to the world. This is the task he undertook, and it was for its continuation that he established Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at which is carrying on his mission in light of his writings and his commentary of the Holy Qur’ān. All Aḥmadīs should ask themselves to what extent they are fulfilling this objective. In fact, one of the ten conditions of *Bai‘at* is that one “shall completely submit himself/herself to the authority of the Holy Qur’ān...”. If we all follow this teaching during *Ramaḍān*, not only will we enhance our individual spirituality, but we can also create a society that resembles paradise.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The revelation of God began with Adam, like a seed, and the seed of God's law reached maturity during the time of the Holy Qur’ān and became a full-grown tree.

Describing how the Holy Qur'ān is superior to the words of any human being, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: It is an established fact that any difference in intellectual and literary ability becomes apparent in one's speech, and it is not at all possible that those who are superior in terms of intellect and knowledge be the same as others in terms of eloquence. The truth entails another truth: that the word of God must be superior and incomparable to human speech in its apparent and intrinsic perfections. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: People who possess knowledge and spirituality cannot be compared to a common man. The word of God must be superior to the human word. Divine knowledge encompasses everything, and human knowledge cannot be compared with it. Therefore, the Holy Qur'ān claims perfection in every way, and nothing can ever match or surpass it. Heavenly blessings and divine signs are only found in those who are fully devoted to the Holy Qur'ān. It is a special distinction of the Holy Qur'ān that those who act upon it attain extraordinary blessings.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The eloquence and proficiency of the Holy Qur'an has encompassed all truths and verities pertaining to the faith in a succinct manner. It has erased the false notions of other faiths. It provides remedies for all maladies. There is no truth that it has not expressed. There is not a single word in it that is unnecessary. There is not one statement in it that is irrelevant. Its eloquence is so perfect that it encompasses teachings for all people, from the first to the last. Its teachings are such that their interpretations provide knowledge for every age. Has anyone ever seen a book that encapsulates an ocean of knowledge in so few words?

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Allāh has repeatedly said that in order to attain salvation, one must, first of all, consider God to be One and without a partner, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to be a True Prophet, and the Holy Qur'ān to be the Book of Allāh. God's curse be on those who claim that they can produce the like of the Holy Qur'ān. The Holy Qur'ān is a miracle that cannot be matched by any human or Jinn, and it contains knowledge and excellence that human knowledge cannot encompass.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: If I had not been given any signs and had not been blessed with Divine help, if I had taken a path different from the Holy Qur'ān, or introduced something into it, or abrogated something, or taken a different path from the Messenger of Allāh, then it would be reasonable for people to say that this person is an enemy of the Messenger of Allāh and an enemy of the Holy Qur'ān. The fact, however, is that I have not changed anything in the Holy Qur'ān, and I have not changed any part of the *Sharī'ah*; instead, I am ever ready to serve the Holy Qur'ān, its injunctions, and the pure religion of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

Speaking about the Holy Qur'ān's teachings on justice and equity in light of the sayings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These are principles that guarantee world peace. If nations involved in wars understand these principles, peace can be established in the world. If they do not uphold justice, destruction is inevitable.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: If anyone could show me any truth that is not found in the Holy Qur'ān or any truth found in any other book that is superior to what is in the Holy Qur'ān, I will be prepared to accept the penalty of death. Today, the Holy Qur'ān is the only Divine Word that contains perfect teachings regarding *Tauhīd* and reverence for God. The Holy Qur'ān does not attribute any defect to God, nor does it impose its teachings by force. It corrects the flaws in people's words or deeds and provides defence against every evil when it spreads.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may enable us to read the Holy Qur'ān, understand its teachings and follow them in our practical lives, and that even after *Ramaḍān*, we continue to benefit from the Holy Qur'ān in the same way as we do in this month.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) advised the members of the Jamā'at to pray fervently during the month of *Ramaḍān* that May Allāh safeguard the Jamā'at from the evil machinations of the opponents, that may Allāh shield us from their harmful intentions and bring them to justice. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also advised to make special prayers for world in general, as well as for the Muslims of Palestine that Allāh may protect them from oppression. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

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