

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr started the sermon with the recitation of *Sūrah Al-Qadr*, which is translated as follows:

“In the name of Allāh, the Gracious, the Merciful. Surely, We sent it down on the Night of Destiny. And what should make thee know what the Night of Destiny is? The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months. Therein descend angels and the Spirit with their Lord’s decree concerning everything. Peace – so will it be even at the rising of the dawn.” (97:1-6)

Commenting on these verses, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: According to the Traditions, there comes, in the last days of Ramaḍān, a night that is called *Lailatul Qadr* or the Night of Decree. This night has a special significance for every believer, but we must remember that the worship and prayers of a single night will not ensure our forgiveness, or salvation or the acceptance of our prayers; nor will it make us the true servants of God. The fact is that man has been created for the purpose of worshipping and serving his Creator. When he keeps this purpose in mind and strives to attain His nearness, God blesses the devout and enables them to experience *Lailatul Qadr*.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: When a believer fulfils his pledge of faith and submission, and observes the fasting of Ramaḍān and recites the Holy Qur’ān reflecting over its meanings and worships with greater zeal and abides by God’s commands, then God, Who is most Merciful and always keeps His promises, not only listens to his prayers but also grants Him *Lailatul Qadr*. He comes down from heaven and says to His servant, ask Me this night and I shall grant you whatever you desire. Thus whosoever is fortunate enough to experience this night is given a status that is equal to the worship of a lifetime.

Quoting various traditions that shed light on the Holy Prophet’s صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم special regard for Ramaḍān, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: When the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم entered the last ten days of Ramaḍān, he would exert himself in worship and spend his nights in prayer. He would also wake up his household for prayers. This is the example that the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم set before us. May Allāh enable us to inculcate the same standards in ourselves and our households.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: If, for some reason, you have not been able to benefit from the first days of Ramaḍān, then in these last ten days you should shed all excuses and adorn your nights with worship. In some Traditions we have been directed to seek *Lailatul Qadr* in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramaḍān.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: The revelation of the Holy Qur’ān began in the month of Ramaḍān. It was the age of utter darkness and required the light of a perfect guidance. God, therefore, heard the supplications of the Perfect Man صلى الله عليه وسلم and revealed to him the complete Law in the form of the Holy Qur’ān, which not only dispelled the darkness fourteen hundred years ago but will also continue to dispel this darkness for all times to come. It is because the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is *Khātamul Anbiyā’* and the last law-bearing Prophet for all times to come. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, “Whenever a Divine Reformer comes to this world, he is accompanied by angels who descend from heaven and draw the worthy souls towards the truth. This happened in the case of every Prophet. The sons of righteousness were drawn towards them. And the mischievous ones, who were the progeny of satan, did wake up from their slumber and were attracted towards religion, but could not embrace the truth for they were lacking in ability.”

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: According to Sūrah Al-Qadr, angels continue to descend until the break of dawn. The Holy Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم life was also a *Lailatul Qadr* in which the angels descended with peace and blessings and continued to do so until the time came for him to depart from this world. He witnessed the success and triumph of the faith and this was *maṭla’ul fajr*, or the breaking of the dawn. The time we are living in is the time after the dawn. Every year in Ramaḍān God reminds us of this *Lailatul Qadr* and favours us by providing us this spiritual atmosphere. If we feel grateful for this gift and do what is required of us, we will be able to benefit from the eternal blessings of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. May Allāh continue to bless us with His bounties and may we always witness the breaking of the dawn in the form of perpetual peace and triumph. May it be so. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى to the members of your Jamā’at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A’lā,

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Dated: 02 Sep. 2010