

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 1st April 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ started the sermon by appealing to Aḥmadīs to pray for all the Muslims of the world and reminding them of their obligations in this regard.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The rulers and kings of Muslim countries should do justice to the offices they hold. And the people too should realize their responsibility and not allow their countries to fall into the hands of extremists or aliens. Aḥmadīs in such countries should turn their attention to prayers and try to convince both sides that force is not the solution to anything and that prayer is the ultimate weapon.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Today I will address in particular the people of these countries who feel compelled to take matters into their own hands. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted several Aḥādīth in which the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم urged Muslims to be patient in spite of injustice of their rulers. These Aḥādīth point out various wrongs and unlawful actions of the rulers, but do not give people the right to rebel against them. Those who hold violent demonstrations against their governments and cause damage to property and engage in riots are acting against the Sharī'ah. These Aḥādīth tell us that we have to obey our rulers in all things unless they force us to act against the Divine law regarding which you have God's clear decree.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: God does not love the mischief-makers. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, "If your rulers are evil, do not abuse them, rather reform your own selves and God will reform them also and make them good. My advice to you is to become the embodiment of good and not to turn away from your obligations either to God or to His creatures."

In case of disagreement with one's rulers, the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم has said, "I tell you to be fearful of God and to show obedience even if an Abyssinian slave is made master over you. Those who live after my time will see great turmoil but I advise them to cling to my way and the way of my rightful successors." The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم once said, "After I am gone, you will face injustice, your rights will be usurped and others will be given priority over you and you will witness much that will displease you." The Companions asked, "O Prophet of God, what should we do

then?” The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, “You should give the rulers their due and seek your due from God.”

Ḥuḍūr إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: One of the conditions upon which an Aḥmadī pledges Bai‘at to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is that he will avoid falsehood, fornication, adultery, trespass of the eye, debauchery, cruelty, dishonesty, mischief and rebellion; and will not permit himself to be carried away by his passions.

Ḥuḍūr إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Qur’ān does not only address the people, but it also commands the rulers not to arrogantly cause disorder in the land, not to ignore the rights of the people, and not to allow the gap between the rich and poor to increase so much that it causes unease and paves the way for rebellion. Otherwise they will be inviting God’s punishment. The only path is that of Taqwa and if both the people and rulers adhere to it, they will all prosper.

At the end of the Sermon, Ḥuḍūr إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of the following members of the Jamā‘at: (1) Amatul Wadud Şāḥiba, wife of Syed Abdul Hayee Şāḥib, Nāẓir Ishā‘at, Rabwah; (2) Muḥammad Saeed Ashraf Şāḥib, son of Chaudhary Muḥammad Asharf Şāḥib of Lahore; (3) Naeema Begum Şāḥiba of Ohio, USA; and (4) Naeem Aḥmad Waseem Şāḥib of USA. Ḥuḍūr إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led their *Namāz Janāzah Ghā’ib* after the Jumu‘a prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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