

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 10th February, 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Speaking about the immense importance of *Surah Al-Fātihah*, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: *As-Asalat* is one of the many names of this Sūrah. It has been divided into two parts, the first refers to Divine attributes and the second contains prayers for man. Whenever we pray we should reflect deeply upon Allāh's attributes in every *Rak'ah*.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: *Surah Al-Fātihah* has a special affinity with the times of Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. We Ahmadīs should try to benefit from the truths contained in this Sūrah so as to increase our knowledge and wisdom. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ read from various writings of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام regarding the meaning of the second verse of Sūrah *Al-Fātihah* viz. الحمد لله رب العالمین. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, in short, that all praise belongs to the One who is worthy of worship and encompasses in His being all the perfect attributes, His name being Allāh. He possesses all the good qualities that man can envisage. He is perfect in his qualities and attributes and excellences in every aspect and is completely free of every thing base and unworthy. The true essence of praise is only due to Him for He is the source of all light and all blessings, He is All-Knowing and All-Seeing. He is the Benefactor and all beneficence emanates from Him in this world and the Hereafter. الحمد لله also means that those who do evil deeds and take someone else to be worthy of worship perish because they have turned their eyes away from God's excellences and lofty attributes.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: God has decreed to create a new heaven and new earth through the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. This means that such transformation will be brought about by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام that people will begin to worship God and fulfil their obligations as His creatures and recognize Him as their Lord and Sustainer. Today a new earth and new heaven has been created and we are fortunate to be part of it.

Explaining the term رب العالمین the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: Just as Allāh provides for the physical needs of all His creatures without distinction, in the same way, He sends reformers for the spiritual well-being of mankind in all places, as He has also done in this age. He who denies this denies Allāh's attribute of being the Sustainer of the worlds. رب العالمین (the Lord of the Worlds) possesses all the perfect qualities and excellences. Only those can recognize Him who deliberate upon the Holy Qur'ān and seek Allāh's help. The door to the understanding of this Sūrah is opened to those who purify their

intentions and free themselves of all rancour. This is what we should seek having pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah ﷺ. May Allāh enable us to lead our lives according to Allāh's commandments and gain understanding of His attributes.

At the end of the Sermon, Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Fateh Begum, wife of Maulana Ahmad Khan Naseem Sahib and mother of Naseem Mahdī Sahib, Ahmadiyya Missionary in USA; and also Hakim Bibi, wife of Maulwi Ghulam Rasul Sahib, Mu'allim, of Pakistan and mother of Mubarak Ahmad Zafar Sahib, Additional Wakīlul Māl London. Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led the *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* of the deceased after the Jumu'a prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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