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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 22 of surah Al-Ra‘d, which is translated as follows:

“And those who join what Allah has commanded to be joined, and fear their Lord, and dread the evil reckoning.” (13:22)

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In this verse Allāh has enjoined the strengthening and fostering of mutual relations. A true believer, who possesses a believer’s insight, can never think of doing anything contrary to the will of God. When he has once established a relationship, he never goes back on it. A believer obeys God perfectly and, having loved Him completely, turns to His creatures in keeping with His commandments and fosters relationships of kinship, brotherhood and kindness.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Believers are those who fear God. Fear in this sense is the fear of losing something after having recognized its great beauty and value. In other words, it is not the fear of injury, rather it is based on the certainty that something is of the highest value. For a believer, God is the greatest of all and he never wishes to lose Him. Even those of little faith never wish to sever their link with God.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: When a person truly fears God in this sense, he then turns to God’s creatures, fulfils his obligations towards them and tries to establish and sustain relationships. It is a pity, however, that when we look at people’s conduct, it is far from exemplary. They read the Holy Qur’ān, read the translation, fear God and do not wish to be rejected by Him, and yet they do not fulfil their obligations to their fellow beings. This is a clear contradiction. All Ahmadīs should examine themselves in this regard.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Qur’ān teaches believers to treat one another with the utmost love and kindness. But this is not what we see since worldly interests have taken precedence over the will of God. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ gave examples of several countries where, instead of fulfilling these obligations, people’s rights are being usurped. The Holy Qur’ān declares believers to be brothers to one another, and also commands that if there is a dispute among them it should be settled. Fear God and partake of His attribute of kindness. A great reward is promised to those who do righteous deeds.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Qur’ān encourages brotherhood, peace, fostering of mutual relationships and forgiveness. This is the message which the Holy

Prophet ﷺ gave in his last Hajj sermon. He said: Your lives, you property, your honour is as sanctified as this day, this month and this place.

Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ cited some Ahādīth which are briefly as follows: Whoever desires increase in wealth and a long life and wishes to be remembered after death should have good relationship with their relatives. Have mercy on those beneath you and respect your superiors. All people are God's children, so treat them with kindness. God is kind to those who are kind to others. Three things save a person from fire, (i) kindness, (ii) loving one's parents, (iii) being kind to one's servants. Fire has been forbidden upon those who are close to the people, i.e. who don't hate others. Allāh honours him who forgives; to forgive is not a disgrace. Whoever loves others for the sake of God will find God's shelter on the day where there will be no other shelter.

Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ exhorted the office-bearers of the Jama'at to show kindness to their subordinates, to adopt higher morals and to treat others with mercy and compassion. May Allāh grant us true understanding of love and kindness and enable us to follow His commandments. *Āmīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of an African-American Ahmadī Nāsira Saleema Raza Sahiba who lived in Zion (USA) and led her funeral prayer in absentia after the Jumu'a prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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