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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 13th December 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, UK.

Continuing with the subject of self- reformation discussed during the last two sermons, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has clearly laid down that those who, out of the seven hundred commandments of the Holy Qur’ān, treat even a single commandment with disregard, are likely to close the door of salvation upon themselves. Hence, we need to think twice before we take any step or action in our lives.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Among the hurdles hindering one’s progress towards self- reformation is the perception that certain sins are not serious. This encourages one to believe that there is no harm in committing sins that one perceives as minor. In fact, we need to remember that no sin is minor. God has set down punishment for all sins – whether minor or major – and has said that man will be held accountable for them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him, has shed light on the issue of sinfulness and righteousness in detail and on different occasions spoken about the nature of different sins or virtues. Piety and sinfulness are relative terms: their definitions and implications vary from person to person. Unless one considers all sins to be mortal, one cannot get rid of any of them. We can say that major sins are those which one finds difficult to shun and which have become part and parcel of one’s nature. And, major acts of virtue are those which one considers difficult to perform. Therefore, if we truly want to reform ourselves, we will have to tread all paths of virtue and abandon all paths of evil. To resist evil and establish piety in the world, every individual needs to understand that all acts of righteousness, regardless of how minor they apparently seem, are worth performing, and that all evil acts, no matter how small they appear, are to be discarded. Unless each one of us believes this to be true, evil will continue to plague society and create hurdles in the path of our journey towards self- reformation.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Another element that helps the process of self- reformation is the environment one is surrounded by and the tendency among young children to follow the ways of their elders. The same phenomenon helps man learn from his parents their language and morals. If parents are righteous, the children too, under the pious influence of their parents, will become pious and righteous. However, if a child finds his parents quarrelsome or witnesses other evils at home or in society, he or she too begins to adopt the same morals. The parents, therefore, need

to vigilantly monitor their own behaviour as well. Nowadays, parents also need to make sure that their kids make a positive use of television and internet and should keep a watch over them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The best time to inculcate good morals in children is childhood. Children keenly observe their parents and unconsciously absorb their influence. A child tends to imitate his parents in everything good and bad. Hence, parents need to realize that if they are sincere in their quest for self-reformation, and if they want their children and their next generation to adopt good morals, they will have to initiate the process of self-reformation from themselves. A child kept in good company will eventually become righteous, and vice versa. Parents, therefore, have been assigned the responsibility of making their children steadfast in offering five daily prayers and adopt truthfulness. Parents have also been entrusted with the task of setting an example for their children, so that they too follow the good example.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh enable us to reform ourselves as well as our children. *Āmīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the martyrdom of Khalid Ahmad Al- Buraqi Sahib of Syria and offered his funeral prayer in absentia. Also, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about his piety and righteousness and highlighted his services for the Jamā'at. May Allah rest his soul in peace. *Āmīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

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