

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On April 4, 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave a discourse on love of God with reference to the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and illustrated the reality of this love, the means to obtain it as well as its profundity and philosophy.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also explained what expectations the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had from his followers as regards love of God and said that in this connection each and every word of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is a beacon of guidance for us.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام: Love is not pretence or ritual; rather it is a faculty among human faculties. Its reality is that the heart likes something and is drawn to it. One who loves God partakes of His light in proportion to his capacity and aptitude and reflects the light accordingly. One’s love for God reaches perfection when one not only strives to obtain the knowledge of God’s attributes but also tries to adopt these morals and tries to become an image of his beloved – God. The standard of a true believer’s love for God should be that he should love God like he loves his own fore-fathers, rather much more. True believers love God the most.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) elaborated on the true meaning of the Qur’ānic injunction ويتساءدون القربى in light of the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and explained the importance of the rights of God on man and the rights of men on each other.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) illustrated the signs of true love of God with reference to the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام who said: Those who are perfect in their love for God are constantly seeking Allāh’s forgiveness. The source of true salvation is personal love for God, which, in turn, draws His love through one’s humility, supplication and constant *Istighfar*. When a person carries his love to perfection and the fire of love consumes his carnal passions, then, all at once, a flame of God’s love—which He has for his servant—falls upon his heart and cleanses him of the dirt of mundane existence. He then acquires the complexion of holiness of God, Who is *Hayyi* and *Qayyum*, and partakes of all Divine attributes by way of reflection. Such a person then becomes a manifestation of Divine glory.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: There are three ways to remove the aridity caused by sinfulness. One is to love God and the other two are *Istighfar* and repentance. Since the aridity of sinfulness comes about when man becomes estranged from God, the best way to remove it is to establish a firm relationship with God, and to love Him more than everything

else. All the good deeds that are rooted in love of God pour water on the fire of sinfulness and a time comes when it is completely extinguished. Sin is born when man distances himself from God. Therefore, the removal of sinfulness depends upon establishing a sincere relationship with God.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: The teaching presented by the Holy Qur'ān is such that by acting upon it one can see God in this very world. In order to be close to God, man needs to perform deeds that are free of dishonesty, pretence, arrogance, and are filled with love and fidelity. Besides, there has to be a complete rejection of *Shirk*, which is to hold partners with God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام: You should become absorbed in love of God in such a way that your own being is of no importance any longer and you begin to care least for anything beside God. Do not be a slave to your selfish desires, nor fear anyone except God. Your faith is in great danger unless it is saved by personal love of God. When man develops personal love for God, he becomes secure against the onslaughts of Satān. And, it is through prayer that man is enabled to develop personal love for God.

Elaborating on a true believer's love for God, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: A believer has the tenor of one who loves ardently and he is true in his ardent love. His passion for his Beloved, that is God, is of utter devotion, love and sincerity and he submits to God with humility, supplication and resolve. No worldly pleasure is a pleasure for him and his soul is nurtured by the ardent love of God... How unfortunate is the person who still does not know that there is a God Who has power over everything. Our paradise lies in our God. Our highest delight is in our God, for we have seen Him and have found every beauty in Him... God is a precious treasure, value Him for He is your Helper each step of the way...He reveals Himself to those who look for him with sincerity of heart and love. Those who lose themselves in order to win His pleasure become a manifestation of His miraculous powers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh enable us to attain the standards of piety set down by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. May Allāh enable us to sincerely bow down before God, so that we are able to obtain His love and pleasure. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

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