

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

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

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 2 May 2014, Hadrat 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) read extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام illustrating upon the reality, importance, and way to attain closeness to God as well the high expectations the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had from his Jamā‘at in this regard.

Huzoor أيده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام: All the high morals and virtues are found, in their truest sense, in God alone. As much as one breaks free of one’s self and one’s desires and gains nearness to God, one is able to reflect Divine qualities in one’s person accordingly. The reflection of high Divine morals reflects on the hearts of those people alone who follow the Holy Qur’ān perfectly. God holds dear only those who completely lose themselves in His love and submission and engage themselves in His worship and passionate remembrance. The medium, example and teaching by following which we can obtain closeness to God is none other than the perfect surrender to the wishes of the Holy Prophet صلى اللہ علیہ وسلم. We just cannot obtain any excellence, honour and closeness to God without being perfect followers of the Holy Prophet صلى اللہ علیہ وسلم. Whatever is granted to us is granted as a reflection and blessing of the Holy Prophet صلى اللہ علیہ وسلم.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: When man, having shunned all his selfish desires, surrenders himself completely before Divine will and pleasure and imposes a type of death upon himself, dyes himself completely in the personal love of God and out of pure love shows obedience to Him, obtains eyes that see only Him and ears that hear only through Him and heart that shows complete submission to Him and the tongue which would speak only at His command, then comes the stage where all search ends and man’s ego dies completely. Divine light then wholly engulfs such a person granting him the ability to see and speak to God and partake of the bounties of Paradise in this very world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام: ‘*Istighfar* which strengthens the roots of faith has been defined by the Holy Quran in two ways. The first meaning of *Istighfar* is to stop committing sin, which overwhelms a person when he is separated from God, and to anchor one’s heart in His love, and to seek His help by losing oneself in Him...The other meaning of *Istighfar* is to free oneself from sinfulness, to hasten towards God and to be captivated by His love—just as a tree is held firmly by the earth—so that, by growing in piety, the human heart may escape from the aridity and decadence of materialistic pursuits.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: Closeness to God is granted to those who sincerely follow the Holy Qur'ān. God then shows His signs for those who are blessed with such a station of closeness to God.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: The example of prayer is like a sweet water spring to which a believer has access and can satiate himself whenever he wants... The most appropriate form of such prayer is *Salat*...The chief accomplishment of prayer is that man is granted closeness to God...Man should turn towards His Lord, so that He too may turn towards him with love and mercy...To be able to do good works is a great blessing of God. God is pleased with those who perform good deeds and grants such people His closeness. I can say it with certainty that man is purified by Him. As man gets closer to God, God grants him His converse and consoles him. Hence, you need to reflect whether or not you have come to possess this great station.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: Be very wary of God's curse, He is Holy and with honour. The wicked cannot attain God's nearness, neither the arrogant, or the unjust, or the disloyal can attain it. Anyone who does not have the sense of honour for His name cannot attain His nearness. Those who fall on this world like dogs, ants or vultures and find comfort in worldly things, cannot attain His nearness. Each impure eye is distant from Him and each impure heart is unaware of Him...Become God's friend with sincerity of heart, complete honesty and eagerness, He too will become your Friend. Be kind to your subordinates, your wives and your needy brothers so that kindness is shown to you in heaven. Truly become His so that He too becomes yours.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) urged Ahmadīs around the world to pray for their brothers in Pakistan as conditions in Pakistan are deteriorating fast for them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) urged Ahmadīs across the world and specially those Ahmadīs who belong to Pakistan to establish a sincere relationship with God and strive for His nearness by praying that Allāh may cause the evil rule of Satan in this world to come to an end, so that the kingdom of those who are close to Allāh the Exalted is established in the world. May God enable us to pray to Him most earnestly and seek His pleasure and closeness. *Āmīn*

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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