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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 23 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) said: It is Allāh’s grace upon the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام that He has given him such followers who understand the spirit of their pledges and understand the spirit of sacrifice and set such excellent examples of character as are unprecedented in this age. The Jamā‘at has set wonderful examples of sacrifice by giving up their lives, time, and honour and wealth for the sake of Ahmadiyyat and Islām.

However, sometimes, due to lack of knowledge or owing to humanness, some will say something which is against the dignity of a true believer. For instance, someone has written to me that the period of trial for Ahmadīs in Pakistan is getting too long. Regarding this, we need to remember that the Ahmadiyya Jamā‘at has been established by God, and that the Jamā‘ats whom God Himself establishes, do not rely upon worldly governments and ways of protest for their progress. There is no hand of any worldly help in the progress of Divine communities. God opens up new avenues of progress for the Jamā‘at each time it undergoes a trial. Therefore, we need not be perturbed that the period of trial is getting too long in one country. What should be borne in mind is how far-reaching are the blessings of God for the Jamā‘at throughout the world.

As far as utilising worldly means to help our cause, indeed, this should be done and with the grace of God, we utilise such means to the extent we can. We make the world aware of the persecution and tell them that if they do not join in putting an end to the persecution, it will simply spread. Yet, we neither rely on any government nor on any human rights organisation, but only on God. We should always look towards God alone for help, as this constitutes the hallmark of a true believer.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The worldly people protest through violent rallies and riots. They respond to persecution with oppression because they have not been given Divine promises that the ultimate triumph will be theirs. Whereas we have been promised that in spite of the state-sponsored persecution God has decreed that we will be given those blessings which are bestowed upon the true believers through God’s special grace. We have been promised that the sacrifices we make will never go waste, and that the final victory will be ours. The best way to obtain this victory is, of course, prayer. The more we will turn to prayers and the more we will devote ourselves to our Lord, the sooner He will show

extraordinary signs in our favour. If all Ahmadīs should begin to understand the reality of trust in God, persecution against the Jamā‘at will soon be over.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام and his companions bore great hardships and underwent severe trials at the hands of the opponents of the Jamā‘at, yet the Promised Messiah عليه السلام remained hopeful and told his followers that by accepting his message, they have made themselves destined to suffer hardships and persecution. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام clearly said that to join him meant to tread the path that was covered with thorns and not roses. Therefore, all those who join the Jamā‘at should remember that they will have to undergo trials and persecution.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The verses recited at the beginning of the sermon are also on this subject. They advise us to remain steadfast in the way of Allāh and safeguard our faith. Also, in these verses, God has comforted the true believers who courageously lay down their lives for the sake of Islām. It is stated that those who give their lives in the way of God are not dead, but rather living. Therefore, the sacrifices we are making during this period of trial will one day come to an end. The trials should only further our cause and make us move faster on the path of progress.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام, while expounding the meanings of the verse:

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said: Those who affirm that God is their Lord and then they turn away from false gods and remained steadfast in the face of numerous trials and tribulations, angels will descend upon them giving them the glad tidings that they must not fear, nor should they grieve, but they should be happy and rejoice that they have inherited the joy which was promised to them.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: The excellence of steadfastness is that when one is encircled by calamities and finds his life, honour, and wealth at risk, even at such a time one should not lose heart, nor retreat like a coward, nor let one’s faithfulness be put in doubt in the least. One should not let one’s sincerity and perseverance be weakened at all.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is the spiritual station we should all strive to obtain.

Next, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the martyrdom of Khalil Ahmad Sahib son of Fateh Muhammad Sahib of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura, Pakistan and spoke of his noble character and services for the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also announced the sad demise of two other Ahmadīs, namely, Maulwi Ihsan Ilahi Sahib, who was a retired *Muallim* of Waqf Jadīd and Nasreen Butt Sahiba, a sincere and loyal Ahmadī, who passed away at the age of 41.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that he will lead the funeral prayers in absentia of the three Ahmadīs after the Jumu‘a Prayer.

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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