

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

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 25<sup>th</sup> of July 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) said: The last ten days of Ramadan are passing by quickly. People give importance to two matters in these last ten days: one is *Laila tul Qadr*, the Night of Destiny, and the other is known as the Farewell Friday. Of these the significance of the Night of Destiny is real as proven by the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the Holy Qur’ān. However the concept of the Farewell Friday has been concocted by the Muslims through their own incorrect interpretation. The Holy Prophet ﷺ was given the knowledge of the specific date of the Night of Destiny from the Almighty God, however, traditions tell us that due to an altercation taking place between two Muslim men, the Holy Prophet ﷺ forgot the exact date of the Night. However, the Holy Prophet ﷺ instructed the Muslims to look for the Night among the odd numbered nights of the last ten days of Ramadān.

Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said that the hour which is called the Night of Destiny bears special relationship with a nation’s internal harmony and unity, and that the Night of Destiny is taken away from the nation that loses harmony and unity.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Sadly, many Islāmīc countries severely lack harmony and unity; consequently, other nations have the nerve to hatch plots against them. This is the reason why Israel continues to brutally kill innocent Palestinians. Were the Muslims united and following the path of God, then based on their immense strength, such barbarity would not have been committed against them. We can only pray that Allāh may save the innocent people from the atrocities being committed against them, and that peace may be established sooner than later.

Explaining the meaning of the ‘Night of Destiny’, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Decisions regarding man’s progress are made during *Lail*, that is, during the time when darkness overtakes the world.

Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ likened the aforesaid progress of man to the physical prosperity of man and said that the Holy Qur’ān tells us that man’s physical development takes place in periods of darkness. The development of the fetus in the womb also is a collection of such darknesses and it is there that final shape of the physical development is decided. It is a proven fact that the environment and diet of a mother affects the psyche and health of the unborn child. This is the reason why the Sharī‘ah has instructed that special care be taken during the days of a baby’s development in the darkness of the womb. In short, just as physical development takes place in darkness, spiritual development too takes place when the world is overtaken by spiritual darkness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The progress of a body of people depends on its early sacrifices and the level of the longevity of its progress is its Night of Destiny. The ones who

are beloved of God have to endure trials. We should reflect that the trials we are facing in some places are Night of Destiny for us; and for the sake of Divine Love we seek the true Night of Destiny even more fervently. However, if we ignore the standards of keeping unity and harmony, then we will not be able to avail of the Night of Destiny. If we continue to make sacrifices considering them to be the Will of the Almighty God, we will continue to make progress. It is, therefore, necessary to fulfill the requirements which are means of attaining the Night of Destiny because in that case the dawn that breaks after this Night is extraordinary.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Night of Destiny is the name of that moment of sacrifice that gains Divine acceptance and is productive of commendable results. In this context, I would like to mention that there are countries where the situation is highly adverse for the Ahmadīs. However, this situation is indicative of the breaking of the dawn for the Jamā'at. Many new Jamā'ats are being formed due to this Night of Destiny in various parts of the world. Therefore, in order to avail further blessings of the Night of Decree, we should increase in unity and harmony, mend the cracks in our relationships and remove personal grudges and estrangements.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Man's *raison d'être* is to worship the Almighty God as His servant, so this worship must not be associated with any special day or Friday, rather every Salāt and every Friday is important. It is, therefore, the duty of a true believer to make his best efforts to act upon Divine commandments and pay special attention to worship. This Friday has not come so that we see Ramadān off by offering this Friday prayer alone, rather it has come so that we avail of the blessings of this Friday and preserve the blessings in our heart forever. We should make the Holy Qur'ān part and parcel of our lives throughout the year and should try to act upon it with the same fervency as we have recited it during Ramadān.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Jamā'at should continue to pray for the safety of the Palestinian Muslims.

Next, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of the sad demise of Naeemullah Khan Sahib of Kyrgyzstan and his services for the Jamā'at. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that he would lead the funeral prayer in absentia of the deceased after the Jumu'a.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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