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

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) made a comprehensive analysis of the Qur’ānic commandment regarding submission and obedience to the Almighty God, the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the *Ulul-Amr* (those in authority) and advised the Jamā‘at to fully act upon the said commandment.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: True submission results in one’s heart being blessed with light and the soul being granted bliss and happiness.

A nation cannot be called a nation and can never become united unless it follows the basic principle of obedience to those in authority.

On December 5th, 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) recited verse 60 of Sūrah *An-Nisa’* and gave its translation:

‘O ye who believe! Obey Allah, and obey His Messenger and those who are in authority over you. And if you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger if you are believers in Allah and the Last Day. That is best and most commendable in the end.’ (4:60)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this verse, God has laid down a basic principle for the true believers: they should strive to demonstrate perfect submission and obedience. In the Holy Qur’ān, God has commanded the believers to obey Allah and His prophet ﷺ and those in authority, that is, the government of the time. Thus, all the actions of a government that are in line with the Sharī‘ah include the government in *Ulul Amr*, that is, those ‘in authority over you’. If a government issues a directive that is contrary to the commandments of Allāh and His prophet ﷺ then the commandments given by God and His prophet ﷺ must be given preference. In worldly matters, however, a believer should demonstrate perfect submission to the law of the land.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted an extract of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and said: In this extract, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has himself made a number of things very clear.

He has explained that, ‘those in authority over you’, refers, in worldly terms, to the king, and in spiritual terms to the Imām of the Age. However, within the framework of worldly system of government a spiritual system can also function, and does function, and we are fortunate to be a part of the spiritual system. It is for the sake of the spiritual system which has been initiated by the Imām of the Age that God has established the institution of Khilāfat, which endeavours to establish God’s kingdom in the hearts and in case of a dispute settles the matters in light of what God and His prophet ﷺ have said. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that true submission results in one’s heart being blessed with light and the soul being granted bliss and happiness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Here, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام means to refer to the submission shown to the spiritual system of government. And, indeed, one can measure one’s own standards of submission by looking at how far one’s heart has been blessed with light and the soul with bliss and happiness. Submission to a worldly government results in peace and tranquillity for a person; however, spiritual light and bliss can only be acquired through being obedient to the spiritual system.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has made an important point about how we can enhance our spirituality. He said spiritual exercise is not as important as submission. Those who take pride in their Salāt and standards of worship but do not sincerely submit themselves to God can never obtain Divine grace.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام made another point about obtaining high standards of submission. He said one has to slay one’s selfish desires in order to truly submit oneself to God. One has to get rid of arrogance and egotism and has to bring one’s desires and wishes in line with the will of the Almighty God and His prophet, peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him. Idols can occupy the hearts of the greatest adherents of Divine Unity. Those who claim to worship the One God but have the idols of self-centeredness and pride occupying their hearts cannot show submission even on a small level.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام correlated the progress of a nation to submission and said that no nation can be called a nation and become one and united unless it acts upon the basic principles of obedience. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that to obtain progress one should associate oneself with the Jamā‘at, listen to the blessed words of the Imām of the Age and show perfect submission to him. No progress can be made without this. Therefore, we Ahmadīs who have associated ourselves with the Jamā‘at, should strive to obtain the highest standards of submission. This will not only enable us to reach a good end, but will also create a great revolution in the world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) referred to Napoleon and explained how submission and obedience in worldly matters resulted in great revolutions in the world, and said: Hazrat Musleh Maud, may Allāh be pleased with him, said that Napoleon and other leaders like him did not enjoy Divine support as enjoyed by a true religion, yet they brought about great

revolutions. However, the situation of those who take Bai'at [and become Ahmadīs] is different. The very meaning of the term, Bai'at is to lose oneself completely in submission. This is such a great concept of submission that an equal of this cannot be found in submission to someone in worldly matters.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related incidents from the lives of the Companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and shed light on their spirit of submission and obedience and said: The unity and obedience shown by the Companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ was so exemplary that it won the hearts of so many. We, therefore, need to adopt the same standards of unity and obedience. We should sincerely follow the example of the Companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. But, this will happen only when each one of us demonstrates true obedience and submission. Every Ahmadī, who has taken Bai'at with the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, has a responsibility to demonstrate such level of submission and obedience as attracts the attention of the world towards him. I, therefore, pray to Allāh that He may enable us to fulfil the expectations which the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had of us. Āmīn.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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