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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

We can experience the true zeal for worship only when we close all other doors and submit before God.

It is only through God’s grace that one is able to perform righteous deeds and to experience the spiritual pleasure during worship.

We should always offer *Istighfar* to be saved from the onslaughts of Satan and to be protected against the poison that destroys man.

On 25th September 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul–Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Fazal Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some people ask how they can acquire a true zeal for worship, because despite their efforts they are unable to experience this condition. Such people should remember that our duty is to keep trying and to persevere. If we remain firm in the belief that we receive everything from God, it is then that we experience the state that draws us closer to Allāh and increases our zeal for worship and enables us to draw pleasure out of it.

Once someone asked the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, “How can we acquire zeal for worship?” The Promised Messiah عليه السلام replied that we cannot on our own acquire the zeal for good deeds and for worship; it is only acquired through God’s grace and by God-given ability. It is essential, therefore, that we should never grow weary and should always keep praying to God that He may grant us the ability. We should never tire and should keep praying consistently. When we do so, God, by His grace, at last creates the conditions whereby we can acquire the zeal and desire for worship. In other words, we acquire a longing for worship and experience pleasure and sweetness in its performance.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام also says some people think that we do not need to strive for these things and that we can acquire nearness to God and zeal for worship merely by being touched by someone’s breath. This cannot be for this is not God’s practice or His wont. Anyone who tests God in this way in fact ridicules Him and is consequently cast away from Him and destroyed. Remember that the heart is in the hands of God, without His grace one becomes faithless. Hence, it is important to always keep praying and seeking God’s help so that He might keep us on the right path.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when a person becomes oblivious to God, he becomes a satan. The moment one become oblivious of God, or

forsakes Him, or forgets Him, he will be attacked by Satan and will become himself a satan. It is therefore important to keep offering *Istighfar* so that we are saved from the poisons and passions that can destroy us. We should offer *Istighfar* so that we are saved from the poison that brings us closer to Satan and destroys us.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is essential to persevere and to have firm faith that there is nothing other than God. When we turn to God having closed all other doors, it is then that we acquire the state whereby we experience the true zeal for worship. We have to submit to God and seek His help constantly. Since Satan is ever ready to attack us, God says we have to keep offering *Istighfar* in order to attain the zeal for worship. *Istighfar* is also essential for safeguarding against satanic onslaughts. When we chase Satan away through *Istighfar*, we come under God's protection. We then acquire a longing for prayer and for *Istighfar* and we pray that we might find newer ways of attaining nearness to God. When we attain this stage, God then showers us with His grace. May Allāh enable us to become His true servants, to perform good deeds and to persevere upon them. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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