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The Amīr/National President

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Some anecdotes related by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and reported by Ḥazrat Muṣṭah Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه which contain moral lessons for us.

In order to strengthen our bonds with Khilāfat, every Aḥmadī should watch MTA and benefit from the Jamā‘at’s websites.

Jamā‘at press is the best mean for keeping contact with Markaz. It enables those who live far away to remain in touch with the community.

On 4th March 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the past few sermons I narrated some of the stories and fables told by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and related by Ḥazrat Muṣṭah Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه. Today I will relate some more of these anecdotes. These are not just stories but some of them are actual events. They contain moral lessons for us, draw our attention to certain issues, and are a means of reformation. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام cited the anecdote of the potter and the gardener in relation to two men from Qādiān who had a dispute and were involved in a lawsuit. Both of them had asked the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to pray for them. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that they were his followers; he didn’t know how he could pray for the victory of either of them, so he prayed that the rightful may win. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the same happens today when Aḥmadīs lodge a case in Qaḍā’ or in courts and write to him to pray for them. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said although it is permitted to seek recourse to the courts for the settlement of disputes, it is better to avoid doing so if issues can be settled through dialogue or third-party mediation. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is not right to be stubborn in such cases and is improper to put the Khalīfa in a difficult position by writing to him to pray for success in such matters.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Allāh has commanded us to be respectful to our parents, to obey them and fulfil our obligations towards them. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related a story to illustrate this point. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that at times people only listen to the speeches of speaker to enjoy their verbosity. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has said that you should not come to a gathering to listen to a certain orator that you like, rather you should note what is being said in the gathering and benefit from it. Similarly, it is not right for speakers to make forceful speeches just to arouse temporary passions. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) illustrated this with the story of a villager who came to listen to an orator.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has said that we should reflect and deliberate over the Holy Qur’ān and strive to acquire knowledge and verities from this holy book. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited an episode about Ranjit Singh that illustrates the fact that knowledge is not sufficient without experience. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that members of the Jamā‘at cannot progress and cannot even survive unless they are firmly attached to the root, and for this purpose community papers and

journals are the best means in this age. These keep those who live in far off places linked with the Jamā‘at. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام used to say, “Aḥmadiyya *Al-Hakam* and *Al-Badr* are my two arms.” Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the story of an Aḥmadī *tonga* driver who used to do Da‘wat Ilallāh by asking the passengers to read him the newspaper. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in this age Allāh has made this easier for us by granting us the gift of MTA. Therefore all Aḥmadīs should watch MTA programs for their own knowledge and training and for staying firmly attached to Khilāfat. It is also important that our missionaries tell people about MTA and websites of the Jamā‘at.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we should associate with people who are pious and who offer their prayers punctually. I want to particularly say this to Aḥmadīs in Rabwah and Qādiān where a large population of Aḥmadīs resides in a small place and there are mosques everywhere for them to attend regularly. They should also avoid people who harbour misguided notions about the institutions of the Jamā‘at.

Once a man came to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and demanded that he show a miracle. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام replied that he was not a conjurer and that Allāh’s works were full of wisdom. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) rebutted an objection levelled against Tahrīk Jadīd and said that for the Jamā‘at to progress it is essential that those who have been made responsible should actively try to get work done. We should work in such a way that it produces solid results. We should analyse our actions with regard to attaining spirituality and nearness to God and the acceptance of our prayers. We need to reform ourselves and take care of our ways of worship. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that man should become like a persistent beggar and continue to ask from God. But employing the required means is also necessary alongwith prayers. May Allāh enable us to act upon these teachings. *Āmīn*.

At the end of the sermon Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at of the martyrdom of Mr. Qamarul Zia of Sheikhpura, Pakistan and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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