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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) hoisted the Liwa Aḥmadiyyat, led the Worldwide Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at in silent prayer and delivered the Friday Sermon to inaugurate the 41st Jalsa Sālāna of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā‘at Germany.

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On 2nd September, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Karlsruhe, Germany.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: For the next three days the Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya Germany will be celebrating its Jalsa Sālāna that is starting today with this Friday Sermon. The institution of Jalsa Sālāna, which the Promised Messiah عليه السلام initiated for the sake of the reformation of his Jamā‘at, is going to complete 125 years this year. And, today we are witnessing the blessed fruits of that first Jalsa which was held in the corner of a mosque in the small town of Qādiān and was attended by only 75 people, who had gathered there to bring about a pious change in their character, reform the world and propagate the message of the True Faith by becoming helpers of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. God, therefore, blessed their work and intentions and has enabled the Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya Germany today to hold its Jalsa Sālāna in this vast complex that is spread over a large area. Considering worldly means, it is not possible for us even today to bear with such huge expenses, but God blesses the resources of the Jamā‘at.

Highlighting the objectives of the Jalsa, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The purpose of the Jalsa is to reform oneself, to be attracted towards Allāh, to increase in knowledge and Divine cognizance, bring about a pure change in one’s character and make it a permanent part of one’s life, to safeguard oneself against the frivolities of this world, to make a pledge to propagate the message of the True Faith to the corners of the world and to fulfill this pledge to the best of one’s ability and promote mutual love, harmony and brotherhood. And, this is something which our elders have done with great success.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If someone has come here considering this Jalsa to be a worldly festival, such a person is very unfortunate, for he is paying attention to worldly pleasures instead of pursuing the path of righteousness. Make sure you cut off your ties with the worldly pursuits during these three days and make a pledge to yourself that you will make the good deeds you have done here a permanent part of your life. Apart from the obligatory and optional prayers, one should also keep engaged in constant remembrance of Allāh.

Elaborating upon the Quranic instruction that **“there is to be no foul talk, nor any transgression, nor any quarrelling” (Chapter:2 Verse: 198)** during the days of the Hajj, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Holy Qur’ān has laid down a guiding principle. If someone attends the Jalsa with a view to act upon the principles God has laid down for us to safeguard ourselves from these vices, we can bring about

an extraordinary reformation in our conduct. If we observe these principles when we get together and hold conventions, we will be able to enhance the standard of our reformation. The Jalsa cannot be called an act of worship, but it can surely be called a training camp, which has been initiated to help us advance in spirituality. Hence, one should avoid being involved in frivolous activities here, instead one should submit oneself fully to Allāh and safeguard oneself against mutual quarrels and discord.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Every single person who participates in the Jalsa should remember that he has to pay attention to his reformation in every single act, however minor it may be, and that one should also attend all the programs of the Jalsa. Pay attention to the worship of the Almighty God, so as to enhance your spirituality. It is important to put an end to previous disputes and quarrels and shun one's ego if one has to truly benefit from the Jalsa and become an heir to the prayers of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. If someone cannot control his passions, he should not stay in the Jalsa and leave.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) elaborated upon how we can refrain from indulging in frivolous activities and said: God says that those who humbly worship God refrain from indulging in frivolities. Shedding light on the term 'لغو' Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that the term 'لغو' encompasses the entire range of absurd activities, such as falsehood, immoral conduct, playing cards, gambling, indulgence in idle talk, and making unnecessary criticism of others. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: 'The believers who have truly obtained salvation are those who cut off their ties with frivolous actions, words, deeds, gatherings, relationships and passions.'

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about a picture of people who were playing cards during *Aitkaf* and said: This amounts to practically ridiculing God. There are people who are not even influenced by holy places and gatherings.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God is close to those who refrain from indulging in frivolous activities and adopt good morals and use civilized language. It is Allāh's grace that He covers up our faults and does not let our shortcomings be exposed to others. If we are not following high standards of worship to the Almighty God, our morals are not praiseworthy and we are indulging in frivolous activities, we are becoming instrumental in defaming the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted some extracts from the Promised Messiah عليه السلام on the importance of Prayer and improving one's ties with others.

Towards the end of the Friday Sermon, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) instructed members of the Jamā'at to fully cooperate with the administration of the Jalsa and pray for the volunteers of the Jalsa and said that may Allāh enable us to truly benefit from the Jalsa. *Āmīn*

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

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