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Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة التدوبر كايتذ

Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya is, and will continue to offer sacrifices in order to spread the message of peace and for spreading their faith that is Islām.

An exhortation to the Jamā'at to show patience and steadfastness in the aftermath of the police raid on Tahrīk Jadīd offices in Rabwah.

Many prophecies, of the Holy Qur'ān and those mentioned in Hadīth in support of the Promised Messiah's (a.s) claim, have been fulfilled.

If we are to be a part of the Jamā'at's progress and victory, we have to turn to prayers, develop our spirituality, and establish a relationship with Allāh.

On 9th Dec 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Those who have veils on their eyes and who have decided not to believe can never witness God's help and His signs. It has always been the way of those who reject God's Messengers that even after witnessing signs they ask to be shown a sign. Therefore, on account of their extreme transgression, God seals their hearts so that they are unable to perceive the truth. Sometimes God visits such people with His wrath as a sign for His Messengers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The same was the case with the enemies of the Promised Messiah (a.s). They saw signs but even after witnessing them they just ignored them. Some of these 'leaders of the unbelievers' became manifestations of God's wrath. The Promised Messiah (a.s) detailed numerous signs of God's help that had been shown to him. He also told of the many signs and prophecies foretold by the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم that had been fulfilled in his favour. The religious leaders, however, did not accept these signs and led others astray as well — as they continue to do even today. The Promised Messiah (a.s) wrote about the many signs of his truthfulness that had been manifested at various times, such as the eclipse of the sun and the moon, the plague, the digging of canals, setting up of new settlements, the breaking asunder of mountains, the publication of books and magazines, the invention of new means of transport, and many more signs foretold by the Holy Qur'ān and the Holy Prophet ^{صلى}الشعليوسلم. Hazrat Muşleh Mau'ūd (r.a) said that instead of looking at these signs, people just resort to levelling ridiculous allegations against the Promised Messiah (a.s).

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: Allah had consistently told the Promised Messiah (a.s) that his Jamā'at would have to make sacrifices in the same way as the followers of past Prophets did. The Promised Messiah (a.s) once saw in a dream that he had entered the house of Nizām-ud-Din, which means 'the administration of the faith'. Therefore this dream means that ultimately Jamā'at Ahmadiyya will become 'the administration of the faith' and will prevail over all others. As to how this supremacy will come about, the Promised Messiah (a.s) says that that some will achieve it in the way of Hassan (r.a), and some in the way of Husain (r.a). Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Hazrat Hassan (r.a) achieved success through peace, and Hazrat Husain (r.a) through martyrdom. Thus the Promised Messiah (a.s) was told that the Jama'at will reach the status of Nizām-ud-Din, but it will do so partially through peace and love and harmony, and partly through sacrifices and martyrdom. If anyone thinks that we will attain supremacy without peace and love and sacrifices, then he is severely mistaken. We will at times have to opt for peace and reconciliation, and at times we will have to follow in the way of Hazrat Husain (r.a), which means that we will prefer to die rather than submit to the enemy. Both these ways are destined for us. For us it is neither solely the part of the Messiah (a.s), nor that of the Mahdī (a.s), it is a path in between that we have to tread. One supremacy will come through peace and harmony and the other through making of sacrifices, and then will the Jamā'at enter the house of Nizām-ud-Din and succeed. Both these examples are being shown by the Jamā'at today. We are spreading the message of peace and harmony, and we are also making sacrifices. Where there is help from God, there is also opposition from the people. This is the way it has always transpired with the followers of Prophets, but this opposition does not frighten us, rather it increases us in our faith.

Speaking about the recent raid of the CTD on the Offices of Taḥrīk Jadīd and Zia-ul-Islām Press in Rabwah, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: After the recent raid in Rabwah by the Counter Terrorism Police, which has been set up to counter terrorism, in which two of our missionaries and some workers were taken away, I have received letters from Rabwah, even from women saying that we are not afraid, our faith is and will remain strong, we will face every hardship and make sacrifices. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this is the spirit each one of us should have. Allāh has promised that the final victory belongs to our Jamāʿat. Opposition has always been there and always will be.

These people are afraid of us because we tell them to fear God and to seek refuge from His wrath. And they respond by saying, "Who are Ahmadīs to tell us to fear God? And who can be a greater terrorist than one who tells us to fear God, therefore, they should be arrested and killed." May Allāh give these people true understanding and save the country from the maulawis who are the real terrorists and who have spread mischief in the country, and no life is safe from them. May Allāh also grant this special police the courage that instead of going after peaceful and patriotic citizens who abide by the law, they should apprehend those at whose hands the lives of the citizens are not safe, who are destroying the country from its roots, and also those who are busy pillaging the country. Ahmadīs should pray that Allāh may keep Pakistan safe and save it from the clutches of the aggressors. Ahmadīs make sacrifices and will continue to do so, and Allāh will cause these sacrifices to bear fruit.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Aḥmadīs are also being persecuted in Algeria at the hands of the government. May Allāh enable that government to realize that Aḥmadīs are peaceful citizens. They accuse Aḥmadīs of conspiring against the government, whereas nowhere do Aḥmadīs ever fight against their government. We will remain peaceful, and we have to make sacrifices for this, we will do so. Insha'Allāh.

Hazrat Muşleh Mau'ūd (r.a) said that the worst kind of antagonism is shown by one's own kin, because they cannot bear for someone from among them to be honoured. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also cited the revelation revealed to the Promised Messiah (a.s) that the family's ancestral line would terminate, except for his own. And this is what happened. When this revelation was revealed, there were 70 members of that family, and today there are none. They disappeared and so did their progeny. This too is a great sign of the truth of the Promised Messiah (a.s). Then Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) shed light on the revelation to the Promised Messiah (a.s) "Tai Aai" (The Aunt came) and said that it comprises three prophecies. First, that his Khalīfa would be from among his progeny. Second, that the paternal aunt would enter the Jamā'at. And the third was about the longevity of the maternal aunt, who died in 1927. This was a great sign. There are many other prophecies that consist of just two words.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: When the Promised Messiah (a.s) visited Delhi, he also visited the tombs of saints and said: "I pray so that the souls of these saints may be moved, and so that their descendants do not deviate from the light that God has sent to guide the world today. Surely, the time will come when Allāh will open their hearts to acceptance." Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Even today it is the duty of the Delhi Jamā'at to spread the message of the Promised Messiah (a.s). Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the most important thing is to pray.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Christianity found acceptance about 300 years after Jesus. If we look at our own situation, we will find acceptance long before that. Whether it is Pakistani maulawis, religious leaders, or worldly powers, they are of no consequence in the eyes of God. They can never bar the Jamā'at's progress. However, in order to achieve this progress we cannot depend solely on the missionaries, and we should all join in with our prayers and by raising our spiritual standards. These are the two things that will end the opposition to the Jamā'at and open the path to our progress. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the sad demise of Sufni Zafar Ṣāḥib, a missionary from Indonesia and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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