

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

We believe the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to be a Prophet who is completely subordinate to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. We fully believe in the true meanings of *Khatamun Nabiyyin* and in the final Sharī‘ah.

Describing the attack on the Aḥmadiyya Mosque in Dulmial, Pakistan, by a mob celebrating 12 Rabi‘ul-Awwal, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) advised Ahmadīs to observe patience and abide by the law.

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya holds Seeratun Nabi conferences in over 200 countries. Al-Fadl published special *Khatamun Nabiyyin* numbers.

We can sacrifice our lives but will never turn our back on لا اله الا الله محمد الرسول الله.

On 16th Dec 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: We are in the Islamic month of Rabi‘ul-Awwal. This month has great significance in the Muslim world, and particularly in the Indo-Pak Subcontinent, because the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was born on the 12th of this month. Ḥazrat Sahibzada Mirzā Bashir Aḥmad Ṣāḥib (r.a) has cited an Egyptian scholar’s research according to which the correct date is the 9th of Rabi‘ul-Awwal. In any case, this is the month in which our lord and master the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was born. It is a pity, however, that while Muslims celebrate this day to commemorate the birth of the Benefactor of Mankind, their own hearts are estranged from one another. Allāh describes the believers as people who are very compassionate towards one another. Far from compassion, these people are thirsty for one another’s blood. Hundreds upon hundreds of Muslims are being killed at the hands of other Muslims. Such acts are abhorrent to God and His Messenger, and yet they perpetrate them in the name of God and His Messenger. They are setting examples of brutality in the name of God, Who is the Sustainer of the world and Most Compassionate and Merciful, and in the name of the Benefactor of Mankind, and are depriving women and children and innocent people of their homes, depriving them of food and shelter and killing them. Allāh says that the deliberate killing of one Muslim will lead you to hell. You can never be safe from the fire of hell by killing innocent people. However, these so-called custodians of the faith and worldly leaders with vested interests are making less knowledgeable and gullible Muslims to commit atrocities by promising them paradise. They have defamed Islām so much that the first impression that arises in the minds of Western people when they hear the name ‘Islām’ is cruelty and brutality.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: But there is one point on which these leaders and ulema come together and cooperate with one another. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that these ulema would be the worst of the creatures living

under the firmament of heavens and would create great mischief. This is what is happening today. These ulema are igniting fires instead of putting them out. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that at such a time the Promised Messiah (a.s) would appear and he would inform people about the true teachings of Islām and once again bring it together as one Ummah. But these ulema refuse to accept this. Instead they play with people's passions by feeding them with false notions, and create mischief by using concocted beliefs that are baseless. These mischief mongers inflame people's passions by claiming that Aḥmadīs do not believe in Finality of Prophethood. In response to this we can only say لعنة الله على الكاذبين "May the curse of God be upon the liars." Aḥmadīs believe in the meaning of the Finality of Prophethood that is told by the Holy Qur'ān and Hadīth, which is that no Prophet can now come who is not the Holy Prophet's ﷺ servant and is not bound by his Sharī'ah.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If we believe the Promised Messiah (a.s) to be a Prophet, it is only as a complete servant of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. This was also the view held by great scholars of the past. Ḥazrat Shah Waliullah Dehlvi write in *Tafhimat-e-Ilahiya* that Finality of Prophethood means that no one can come with a new Sharī'ah from God, but one can come without the Sharī'ah. Similarly, Ḥazrat Ayesha (r.a) said: "Do say that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is *Khatamun Nabiyyin*, but do not say that there shall not be a Prophet after him." Therefore, if we accord Ḥazrat Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad of Qādiān the status of a Prophet, we do so believing him to be a perfect servant of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Thus the claims of the ulama that Aḥmadīs believe Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad to be Prophet is only meant to create mischief. Muslims should look at their own condition and reflect whether or not there is a need of a reformer to appear and unite this ummah. This prophecy has surely been fulfilled.

Speaking of the recent events in Pakistan, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: About four days ago, some Maulawis and rioters attacked our mosque in Dulmial on the occasion of 12 Rabi'ul-Awwal. There were Aḥmadīs inside the mosque who did not let them in and closed the doors. However, upon the assurances of the police that they would protect the mosque the doors were opened. The rioters then entered the mosque and the police stood aside. The rioters took all the things in the mosque and burnt them. In their own estimation they did a great service to Islām. We, however, do not and will not fight the law. We do not care about material things, but if it comes to our faith in God's oneness and the Holy Prophet ﷺ, we will not abandon these even if we lose our lives.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that our opponents think that by holding such gatherings and making abusive speeches they are doing a service to Islām. However, the real responsibility to serve Islām was taken up by Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya when the Promised Messiah (a.s) made his claim and said that he had come to establish Tauhid and the honour of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, and that he had come for the rejuvenation of Islām. In the time of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (r.a), non-Muslims denigrated the Holy Prophet ﷺ. At that time Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (r.a) held large conferences all over India where Aḥmadīs and non-Aḥmadīs were invited to forget their differences and defend the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Even non-Muslims were invited to come and speak on the life of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, and many of them did come and gave lectures on this subject. When the first such convention was held in Oadian in 1928, two Hindu poets presented their eulogy of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Several newspapers praised these conventions and published reviews on them. Al-Fadl published a special

Khatamun Nabiyyin number. Thereafter these conventions have been held regularly by Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya. Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (r.a) even suggested that these conventions should not be confined to 12 Rabi‘ul-Awwal but should be held all the year around. This is the history of the Jamā‘at. Today, by the grace of Allāh, these conventions are held in more than 200 countries. It is only Aḥmadīs who are and will remain cognizant of the true status of Finality of Prophethood and inform the world about it. This is important because the Promised Messiah (a.s) said that if you wish to reach God, you must hold on to the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) read out some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (a.s) regarding the true meaning of Finality of Prophethood, obedience to and love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the purpose of the coming of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the revelation of the Holy Qur’ān, the character of the Muslims, and defending the honour of Islām and the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We are fortunate to have pledged Bai’at to the Promised Messiah (a.s) and it is our duty to carry on his mission. In Barahine-Aḥmadiyya, the Promised Messiah (a.s) cited one of his revelations and said: صل على محمد سيد ولد آدم و خاتم النبيين Send Durood on Muḥammad and the progeny of Muḥammad who is the lord of the sons of Adam and is the *Khatamun Nabiyyin*. This means that all blessings are because of him. Subhannallah, there is such proximity between this lord of mankind and the One God that being his lover makes one a beloved of God, and his servant becomes the leader of the world. The Promised Messiah (a.s) said that we should recite Durood with the intention that Allāh may send down His bountiful blessings on His noble Prophet and make him the source of blessings for the whole world, and that Allāh may manifest his greatness and his glory in this world and in the hereafter. We should not do it for ourselves, thinking that we will thus attain so much blessings, rather it should all be meant for the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: No matter what our opponents say and no matter what they accuse us of, we love the Holy Prophet ﷺ and we are more cognizant of his being the *Khatamun Nabiyyin* than anyone else. And all this has been bestowed upon us by the Promised Messiah (a.s). We pray that after every attack and atrocity of the enemy, Allāh may further strengthen us in our faith and enable us to send Durood on the Holy Prophet ﷺ more than before, so that Muslims too should understand his status and these lost souls should return to the right path, and the beautiful teachings of Islām should spread in the whole world. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 22 December 2016