

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Start of the 84th year of Taḥrīk Jadīd. The importance of making financial sacrifices in the path of Allāh, and Allāh’s favours upon His sincere servants.

In the past year, Pakistan stood first, followed by Germany, UK and USA.

An appeal for financial contribution for the rebuilding of the portion of Baitul Futūh destroyed by fire.

On 3rd Nov 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīḥ* V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 93 of surah Al-‘Imran that is;

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

Translated as follows:

"Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well."
(3:93)

Huzoor said: The subject of this verse has been understood by believers in its various aspects. It was demonstrated most of all by the Companions of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم who sacrificed their wealth, lives and time for the faith. These were the people who understood true piety, *Taqwa*, morals and made financial sacrifices through which they attained Allāh’s pleasure. For example, after this verse was revealed, Ḥaḍrat Talha رضی اللہ عنہ gave his most beloved orchard in the path of Allāh. Today, by the grace of Allāh, these levels are attained only by those who believe in the true servant of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. While worldly people are engrossed in accumulating wealth, Aḥmadīs offer their wealth whenever they are called towards making financial sacrifices, and this is because of the way the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام trained his Jamā‘at.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: "In the world, man has great love for wealth. This is why it is written in books of dream interpretations that if one sees that one has extracted his liver and handed it over to someone, it signifies giving over of wealth. This is why for the attainment of true righteousness and faith, it has been stated that 'Never shall you attain true righteousness unless you spend your most prized possessions. (3:93). Much sympathy and compassion for the creation of God requires the spending of wealth. One cannot benefit others without making self-sacrifice."

Many Aḥmadīs strive to attain the highest standards of sacrifice, and when they read the Qur’ān and Ḥadīth and the sayings of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, they become certain of how God blesses the lives and possessions of those who spend in His path. When man sacrifices out of his most cherished possessions,

God returns it to him 700-fold. When Aḥmadīs make sacrifices, they do so with the certainty that God will treat them in the same way. The Holy Prophet ﷺ says that Allāh accepts and rewards even one date sacrificed in His path.

Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh accepts lawful wealth and does not accept that which is acquired through unlawful means. The Holy Prophet ﷺ says that God accepts your sacrifices with His right hand and increases them until they become like mountains, just as you rear a calf until it become a big animal.

Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: These instances are not confined to the past. Even today those who make these sacrifices have such experiences. Their wealth increases, and so does their faith. Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ cited some instances of this.

A brother in Cameroon was jobless and in dire circumstances. One Friday when Secretary Taḥrīk Jadīd appealed for Chanda, he gave him 100 Francs. Within a week he obtained a job at 100,000 Francs a month. He said that this was because God has accepted his Chanda.

A brother in Congo Brazzaville was very hard up. He paid 100 Francs in Chanda Taḥrīk Jadīd, and the next Friday he looked very happy and said that he had sold 4,000 Francs worth of timber the same day.

A brother in Mayotte island who worked in motorcycle workshop and gave the maximum Chanda. He says that the amount of Chanda he gives is returned to him manifold at the end of the month.

The Lajna secretary for Taḥrīk Jadīd in Canada desired that in keeping with the words of Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ، she should offer her whole salary in Chanda Taḥrīk Jadīd. However, she did not have a job. Soon she found a job and paid her salary of \$5000 in Taḥrīk Jadīd.

Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: From the beginning of the Jamā‘at to this day, Aḥmadīs have experience of Allāh’s promise in this regard. Indeed, this spirit of sacrifice is the hallmark of Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya. Allāh sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام for the purpose of spreading the message of Islām, which is being done through the translation and publication of the Qur’ān and the books of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in many languages. It also includes the building of mosques, mission houses and Jāmi‘as. All these require financial sacrifices. For the service of mankind, schools and hospitals are being built. All this is being done through the sacrifices of sincere members who believe that God will reward them for their sacrifices. If there is any shortcoming, it is on the part of the office-bearers who do not adequately draw the attention of the members. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: “It is essential to remind people to pay Chanda, and even the less affluent brothers should be encouraged to pay Chanda.” Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: In keeping with my appeal, the number of participants is also increasing, and particular zeal is being shown by Aḥmadī children.

Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: Since the new year of Taḥrīk Jadīd begins in November, today I will announce the beginning of the 84th year and presents some statistics for the 83rd year. According to reports received so far, the Jamā‘at had the privilege to contribute £12,580,000, which is £1,543,000 more than the previous year. In terms of overall contribution, excluding Pakistan, Germany is foremost, followed by UK, USA, Canada, India, Australia, Indonesia, middle east, and Ghana. In terms of individual contribution, the Middle East stood first, followed by Switzerland, UK, USA, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Norway and Canada. Among African countries, Ghana stood first followed by Nigeria, Mali,

Cameroon, Liberia and Benin. The total number of contributors was more than 1,600,000, with 200,000 new contributors. In Pakistan, Rabwah stood first, followed by Islamabad, Lahore Township, Azizabad Karachi, Delhi Gate Lahore, Rawalpindi, Multan, Peshawar, Quetta and Gujranwala. At district level in Pakistan, Sargodha stood first, followed by Faisalabad and Umerkot.

Ḥūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: I would like to make a new appeal, which is for the UK Jamā‘at in particular and for members all over the world in general. This appeal is for the reconstruction of the portion of Baitul Futūh that caught fire two years ago. Since Khalīfa was stationed in UK in 1984, people from all over the world come here. Some Jamā‘ats come with large delegations, and it is becoming difficult to accommodate them after this fire. It is a big project. Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ* IV رحمه الله تعالى had appealed for five million pounds, but then appealed for five million more. Now about 11 million is required for the reconstruction, about half of which is available through the insurance and contributions by members. Members should make donations to meet the other half. Ḥūzoor أيده الله تعالى said: Those who had not participated in building of the mosque should take this opportunity to make their contributions. One-third of the amount should be paid in the very first year.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥūzoor أيده الله تعالى informed the Jamā‘at أيده الله تعالى of the sad demise of Adil Hamooz Nakhoozah Ṣāḥib from Yemen and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥūzoor أيده الله تعالى to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

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