

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

An advice to give truthful testimony at all levels and establish equity and justice in the world by keeping in view the blessed examples of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the Promised Messiah عليه السلام .

The commandment to establish equity and justice given in the Holy Qur’ān was not to be found before in any other religious book.

If we are to fulfill the oath of Bai’at sworn to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and to spread the message of Islām throughout the world, then we will have to adopt all high moral values.

On 10th Nov 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīḥ V* ايده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 136 from the Chapter Al Nisa, verse 9 from the Chapter Al Maidah and verse 182 from the Chapter Al Araaf, that are as follows;

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا أَوْقَاتٍ بِالْقِسْطِ. شَهِدُوا لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَن تَعْدُوا وَإِن تَلَّوْا أَوْ تُعْرَضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا

O ye who believe! Be strict in observing justice being witnesses for the sake of Allāh, even though it be against yourselves or against parents and kindred. Whether he be rich or poor, Allāh is more regardful of them both than you are. Therefore follow not low desires so that you may be able to act equitably. And if you conceal the truth or evade it, then remember that Allāh is well aware of what you do. (4:136)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا أَوْقَاتٍ لِلَّهِ شَهِدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدُوا أَعْدَاؤُهُمْ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

O ye who believe! Be steadfast in the cause of Allāh, bearing witness in equity; and let not a people’s enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allāh. Surely, Allāh is aware of what you do. (5:9)

وَمِن مَّنْ خَلَقْنَا أُمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِالْحَقِّ وَبِهِ يَعْدِلُونَ

And of those We have created there are a people that guide men with truth and do justice therewith. (7:182)

Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said: The standard of justice and equity established by the Almighty God in Islām is not to be found in the books of any other religion, but unfortunately today's Muslim leaders and Ulema are the ones who have forsaken justice. We do not see the standards of justice that God Almighty expects from a believer being established in our households. In matters of domestic conflicts, men and sometimes women too as well, make false allegations in their cases and give false testimony. There are a large number of people who do not tell the truth in claiming their own rights, and who usurp the rights of others. They even deceive the courts. Sometimes the ones dispensing justice give the wrong verdict for their own personal gains. It is as though the entire system has been corrupted and thereby evil is spreading in the society. Then there are rulers who are unjust at a national level, neither are they just with their subjects and nor are they fair in their international dealings. As far as the Ulema are concerned, they claim that Muslims are the best Ummah while they have made religion a means of getting personal benefits. Muslims are indeed the best Ummah, but only if they act upon Divine Commandments and follow the injunctions of the Holy Qur'ān. Of course Islām presents the solution to all problems, but only if justice and equity is established in accordance with its teachings.

Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said, you should always be just no matter what! The testimony of a believer should be in accordance with Divine Commandments. This can only happen when you have complete faith in the Almighty Allāh, and that you will realize only when a person is ready to testify even against himself, when he is ready to testify against his wife, children and relatives if need be. Following selfish desires drives us away from justice. Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said; a lot of problems in our contemporary society exist only due to lack of justice. It is common to make ambiguous statements, even though God Almighty says that one should not make ambiguous statements no matter what happens. These things occur on a daily basis. Such matters are forwarded to the Qaḍā' Board where truth has been concealed and even in matters of trade dealings vital details are omitted. Some scholars of faith, who appear to be at the forefront of serving the community sometimes, commit such acts as perplex a person. You should always keep in mind that God Almighty is well aware of all that you do, He cannot be hoodwinked. You can reap the benefits of this mortal world, and if you escape the punishment in this world, you shall be held to account in the hereafter. His Holiness quoted an incident from the life of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام about giving truthful testimony and said that such was the example of the true followers of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in whom we believe, so keeping this in view, we should scrutinize our testimonies.

Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said some people receive benefits in these western countries by showing their income to be less than it actually is, however, the authorities have now started to investigate such incidents. He said, an Aḥmadī should be ready to bear worldly loss, but he should not hide the fact, you must tell the truth, your testimonies should be based on truthful statements, then your Lord, who is the Sustainer, shall create some means through His own providence and bless your earnings as well. If you are not just, then there will be no peace in your households, and neither in your society. Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said, the parents of some girls have complained that if an engagement is called off then the boy's family is prone to

visit any other family where they are trying to marry their daughter, and they tarnish the reputation of the girl with their falsehoods. Some families of grooms have also made the same complaint. Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that the Almighty Lord has blessed us so that we all became as brothers; however we are prone to be envious in order to satiate our egos, and we try to seek revenge on each other, while forsaking the fear of God Almighty. So even if someone thinks that he has been wronged, they should consign the matter to the Almighty.

Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that you should also be fair and just to other nations. At certain places there are religious differences, whereby injustice may occur, but it does not behoove a believer to respond in kind and fail to live up to the norms of justice. A believer should establish justice, be righteous and consign his matters to the Almighty God. It is incumbent upon a believer to show by example what a perfect Muslim he is, so that all of his actions and words should be for the sake of God Almighty, for this is the hallmark of a true believer. Testifying for the sake of the truth actually means following the Islāmic teachings. Your actions and your example should become a standard for other religions. Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that enmity among nations creates a vicious cycle of animosity, therefore it has been said that even enmity should not persuade you to forsake justice. Injustice is increasing only because people do not comply with the prerequisites of justice. He said that the Holy Qur'ān had presented a very beautiful commandment that even the enmity of another nation should not make you unjust; this commandment has not been presented by any other religious book. The right to justice is the same for Muslims and non-Muslims, but it is very unfortunate that Muslims have tarnished the reputation of Islām with their acts despite this teaching. Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ quoted an incident of justice from the life of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and said that we should endeavor to approach these standards at all levels, only then will we be able to attain our goals. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام came to propagate the teachings of Islām and its benefits to the entire world in order that the whole world may gather under the standard of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. This can be done only if we establish justice with truth. If we are to fulfill the oath of our Bai'at and propagate Islām throughout the world then we will have to adopt high moral standards.

Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that if our testimonies are not in accordance with truth and justice, if our social interactions are not in accordance with the sayings of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, if our hearts are not free from envy of our enemies then our Tablīgh will not be such as leads to True Guidance. On observing our condition and the standards of our justice, other nations would tell us to act upon these teachings ourselves. He said that we should open up paths of Tablīgh through our actions, may God give us the opportunity to mould our lives so that we act upon His Commandments, and are able to discharge our duties according to the oath of Bai'at that we have sworn to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and so that we become examples of guidance for others to follow.

At the end, Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ mentioned the services of Late Hassan Muhammad Khan Arif Ṣāhib of Canada upon his demise. He said that he had dedicated his life after completing bachelors, he was also imprisoned in the path of Allāh, remained the vice Wakīl-ul-Tabshīr for 30 years. He also served in various other offices for short periods of time and was also in charge of the committee *'Ābādī*. He also

served as Wakīl-ud-Dīwān, Wakīl-ut-Ta‘līm, Wakīl-uz-Zara‘at, Wakīl-ul-Māl and Officer of Amānat. He retired in 1981 and immigrated to Canada where he acted as editor of Aḥmadiyya Gazette for 26 years till 2006. He was among the earliest Mūṣī’s and was in the first rank in the Chanda Taḥrīk Jadīd. He wrote the book “Muqaddas Kafan” (the Holy Shroud) in 1978. He married the daughter of Fazal-ur-Rehman Ṣāḥib Faizi, Sayeda Akhtar Faizi Ṣāḥiba in 1944; they were blessed with 4 sons and two daughters who reside in the USA and Canada. He was regular in his Tahajjud prayer and used to pray with crying supplications. He had a close bond with Khilāfat. He raised the standard of the Aḥmadiyya Gazette. He had a very good memory, and an extensive knowledge of Islāmic history. He used to study newspapers eagerly, and recount the faith-enhancing incidents of the companions of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. I have known him since my childhood; but after Khilāfat he underwent an astonishing transformation. May God give him a high station in heaven and give his children and their progeny the opportunity to cultivate a strong bond with Aḥmadiyyat. *Amīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥūḏoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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