

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 12th Rabī al-ʿAwwal, there appeared the light that spiritually illuminated the world, established God’s kingdom on earth, and brought back to life the dead of centuries.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ was the supreme reformer who brought back the long-lost truth to the world. With his coming the world turned from darkness to light.

We can truly celebrate his coming only by following his example and by raising the standards of our worship and our morals.

On 1st Dec 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīḥ V* ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: On 12th Rabī al-ʿAwwal, there appeared the light that spiritually illumined the world, established God’s kingdom on earth, and brought back to life the dead of centuries. It was regarding him that Allāh said:

وما ارسلناک الا رحمة للعالمین

***And We have sent thee not but as a mercy for all peoples.* (21:108)**

Ḥūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: While people profess to love the Holy Prophet ﷺ, their actions are at odds with his teachings. The Holy Prophet ﷺ was mercy for all mankind, but often the of Rabī al-ʿAwwal is marked by violence. Our every action should reflect the fact that we are the followers of the Prophet who was the King of Peace and who possessed the sublime morals. This day should be celebrated in an atmosphere of peace and love and fraternity, and yet in many countries and particularly in Pakistan it is being celebrated in fear with phone services blocked and heavy police presence. Although they vilify Aḥmadīs every day, on this day their abuse takes on a greater ferocity. The sit-ins that were held in Pakistan recently caused great disturbance to common citizens resulting in a lot of financial loss. And all this happened on the beck and call of these so-called ulema in the name of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. And it is the same Prophet who taught us to give other people their rights and not to sit in the pathways. They are doing all this for their vested interests and it has nothing to do with the example of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. They may do what they want, but as Aḥmadīs it is our duty to follow the example of the Holy Prophet ﷺ with all our ability.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “I always look in amazement on the high status of this Arabian prophet, Muḥammad the Holy Prophet, may thousands of blessings and peace be upon him. It is impossible to gauge the limit of his high status and it is not possible for man to gauge his spiritual power. It is unfortunate that his status has not been recognised as it should have been. He is

the very stalwart who brought back and restored the *Tauhid* which had vanished from the earth. He loved God to the highest standard and his soul absolutely dissolved in [displaying] sympathy towards mankind. Therefore, God, who knew the secrets of his heart, granted him superiority over all prophets and over everyone, whether a predecessor or a follower. He granted him his desires in his very life. He is the fountain of all blessings. Whoever claims to have any excellence without benefiting from him is not human, as the key for every excellence has been given to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and he has been endowed with every treasure of the comprehension [of Allāh the Exalted]. If one negates the opportunity of benefiting through him, one remains deprived forever. What are we and what is our significance? I would be considered ungrateful if I did not confess to have found true Unity and recognizing the living God through the light of this Prophet. The radiance that glistened from his guidance fell upon us like sunlight.” Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: It is by following the Holy Prophet ﷺ that we can learn true *Tauhid*, and this is the basis of the Promised Messiah’s ﷺ claim.

Highlighting various aspects of the Holy Prophet’s ﷺ life, Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet ﷺ set the highest standards for worshipping Allāh. Ḥadrat Ayesha (r.a) says that he used to offer 11 *rak‘at* in *Tahajjud*, and the duration of these *rak‘at* was very long. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that it was his holy example that brought about a great transformation among his companions. He used to spend his night in prostrations before his Lord. When we look at how he found the Arab barbarians in a pit of darkness and raised them to great heights, we cannot but stand in awe at the great transformation he brought about. The Holy Qur’ān describes the devotion of his companions as follows:

سَيِّتُونَ لِرَبِّهِمْ سَجِدًا وَقِيَامًا

Spend the night before their Lord, prostrate and standing. (25:65)

We do not find such an example in the entire history of the world. And these are not mere tales, they are facts that the world had to accept. Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: We too should raise the standard of our worship like Companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Until 100% of us become regular in *Ṣalāt*, we cannot rest content.

Ḥūzoor ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ said: Such was the character of the Holy Prophet ﷺ that even the enemy could not accuse him of falsehood. When a Jewish scholar saw him, he said that this was not the face of a liar. When these so-called *ulema* take to the pulpit, they cannot prove the supremacy of Islām. Aḥmadīs should raise the standard of their truthfulness and should become one in word and deed in order to invite people towards God. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that our Holy Prophet ﷺ was the great reformer who brought the long-lost truth back to the world. No other Prophet shares this honour with our Holy Prophet ﷺ that he found the world in utter darkness and the darkness turned to light with his coming. He did not die until the people he had come to reform had discarded the garb of idolatry and donned the robe of *Taqwa*. Not only that, but those people touched such heights of faith and sincerity and devotion that the like of it is not to be found in the entire world. No Prophet attained this level of success other than our Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Hūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: One of the Holy Prophet's ﷺ great moral qualities was his humility. Haḍrat Ayesha says that he would invariably respond to anyone who called him. He was never arrogant. Most of the time his eyes remained downcast. Those who are cognizant of God's greatness are meek and humble because they are ever in awe of His majesty and independence. The Holy Prophet ﷺ was the greatest teacher. He says that evil is the one whom people stop meeting because of his ill-conduct. If you hear your neighbour saying that you are good, then you can tell that your conduct is good. Every Aḥmadī should uphold these principles.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: Study the life of the Holy Prophet ﷺ so that you may learn of his morals. Even if an old and frail woman asked him to stand up, he would keep standing until she allowed him to go. He would also perform the household chores. All this reflects his simplicity and frankness. The Holy Prophet ﷺ was tested in terms of patience, steadfastness, forgiveness, compassion, courage, generosity, and there is no moral excellence that was left out.

Hūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Today we can truly celebrate the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ by following in his footsteps. Let us keep his example before us in everything we do. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, "The most complete and flawless man and the perfect Prophet who came with absolute blessings through which there was a spiritual revival and manifestation of the Day of Judgement, and through whom an entire world of the spiritual dead came to life, that blessed Prophet was the Seal of all prophets, Leader of the pure, Seal of all Messengers and Pride of the Prophets, Muhammad the Chosen One. O Beloved God! Send down Your blessings and mercy on this Beloved Prophet, which You have not sent down on anyone since the beginning of time. If this Noble Prophet had not appeared in the world, we would have no proof of the truthfulness of Prophets of lesser rank. It is by the virtue of this Prophet that these people have been accepted as truthful. O Allāh send down Your extensive blessings and Mercy upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ, his family and his companions the like of which You have not sent upon anyone else."

At the end of the sermon, Hūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise Salma Ghani Ṣāḥiba of USA and led her funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 6 December 2017