

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

One should not love the world so much as to forget God. A believer does not love anyone as he loves God. Inculcate the love of God in your hearts.

A believer, instead of hankering after the world, should look to the betterment of his Hereafter. The love of God, not the world, should be our aim.

May Allāh grant Muslims countries the understanding to become united and not give Islām’s enemies the opportunity to harm them. May the Muslims recognize God’s Messiah, because only through him can there be peace in the world.

On 8th December 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh* V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 15 of Surah Al-e-‘Imran, which is as follows:

رُئِیْنَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبَّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِیْنَ وَالْقَنَاطِیْرِ الْمُقَنْطَرَةِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِصَّةِ وَالْحِیْلِ الْمُسَوَّمَةِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ
وَالْحَرْثِ ذَلِكُمْ مَتَاعُ الْحَیَاةِ الدُّنْیَا وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ حَسْبُ الْمَأْتَبِ

“Beautified for men is the love of desired things — women and children, and stored-up heaps of gold and silver, and pastured horses and cattle and crops. That is the provision of the present life; but it is Allāh with Whom is an excellent home.” (3:15)

Ḥūzoor ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: This verse describes the people who have forgotten God and the world has become their sole objective. The Companions of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم also carried out worldly endeavours and owned substantial properties, but they were not materialists. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: God does not want you to give up the world, rather He says that “successful is the one who purifies himself”. A believer should always bear in mind that his love for the world should not be such as to make him forget God.

Ḥūzoor ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The word ‘*Shahwa*’ means strong desire and constant yearning for something. It also means a desire that is carnal and low, such as lust. When a person becomes so engrossed in love for worldly things that he is always thinking about them, then they become satanic desires, and this is common with the materialists. People cross all limits in the unlawful pursuit of women and wealth. Even when they marry they do it for wealth and want to marry a wealthy woman. The world is their sole objective. Despite the fact that Allāh has given the Muslims beautiful teachings and warned them against these things, many are still not mindful of the true purpose of their lives.

Ḥūzoor ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The turmoil in the Muslim world today is because the Muslims have deviated from their faith. Their leaders are busy in accumulating

wealth with both hands while the *Ulema* are less concerned about faith and more about getting people to follow them so that they can come into power and accumulate wealth. Why is it that, despite having abundant resources, poor people in Muslim countries are getting poorer and some can hardly afford one meal a day. Even in Saudi Arabia, despite its petrodollars, poverty is increasing, while the princes are doing very well and spend millions of dollars in a single day. They accumulate wealth through unlawful means and spend it on unlawful things. May Allāh grant them the understanding to make the proper use of their wealth and spend it upon the needy people.

Hūzoor عليه السلام said: The United States has accepted Jerusalem as Israel's capital and announced that it will move its embassy there, even though many countries have not accepted this and there is a lot of criticism. All this is happening because of weakness on the part of Muslims. Conflicts between Muslim countries have given others the opportunity to make this announcement. The American President doesn't want peace in Muslim countries so that he can do with them what he wants. Even though Saudi Arabia has announced that this decision is unacceptable, only a few days ago it was in total agreement with the USA. It is also receiving arms from Western countries to fight against Yemen.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: The example of the person who remains engrossed in the world is like one suffering from the itch and feels relief by scratching himself but in the process injures himself. Inappropriate desires end up creating agony. A believer should seek God's pleasure. The more one is estranged from the frivolities of the world, the more one finds satisfaction. The one who is hungry for the world has a fire in his heart and is always in agony. In youth a person remains oblivious of death and finally when he realizes this, he is not strong enough to do anything. Youth should be valued. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said to Lala Sharampat who was sitting in his company: You must have planned to do many things in your life, and some of them you might have achieved, but think back on them now and you will find that they are like a bubble that bursts and nothing is left in your hands. Past comforts are of no satisfaction, and their memory increases one's agony. A wise person realizes that the time that is gone is gone and thinking about it is futile. Look how when one is an infant everyone cares for him and carries him about and it is like a kind of bliss, but think about it now and you will not find it. Both ease and hardship are temporary. In youth one has the power to earn wealth and he forgets what is to come. Sometimes one is at once overtaken by the hardships that one wants to avoid. If one's children don't turn out to be good, he suffers and wishes that he had spent his life in the remembrance of God. The world has seen many powerful people, but all their grandeur and glory availed them naught and they were consigned to dust.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: Wise is he who turns towards God and considers Him to be One and without partner. No one can help you unless God so wishes, and no one will help you in calamity. Remember therefore that there is None other than God, the Sustainer, who puts a child's love in the mother's heart. Do not associate any partner with Him. Remember, that the one who surrenders himself to God, God comes to him. God is not deceived by anyone. Man tends to forget everything when he is blinded by the love of the world. The greatest sin that has destroyed Muslims is the love of the world which they are ever engrossed in. They do not even think of the time when they will be laid in their graves. Had they feared God, they would have benefitted greatly. A

believer, instead of hankering after the world, should seek the betterment of the Hereafter. Hūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The believers love God, and our faith can only be preserved if we do not associate anyone else in that love. A believer does not love anyone more than he loves God. One incurs all blessings and acceptance, not by reciting words and phrases, but by being lost in the love of God. Hence a believer cannot even imagine that the desire for worldly things should become a craving for him. What he requires is the fear of God and contentment. This is why Allāh says: Become pious and you will become a man of God. Inculcate the love of God so that you can do justice to your worship of God. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم says, if you become contented with what you have then will you become grateful. Allāh accepts the penitence of one who repents. A person who wakes up with peace of mind and has food to last for one day has all the bounties of the world. May Allāh grant us true contentment and may the love God, and not of the world, be our sole objective.

Citing a recent article in a German newspaper, Hūzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that Washington no longer enjoys the power that it once had and the world is gravitating towards China. Muslims should understand this. USA has announced the shifting of its embassy to Jerusalem with the aim of pleasing Israel. It seems likely they will increase their efforts to make Muslims fight one another. Let us pray that Muslim countries become united so that the enemy does not achieve his objectives. Let us pray that Muslims may recognize the Messiah, sent by God, so peace may be established in the world by gathering around him. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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