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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 07 September 2018 at Karlsruhe, Germany.

Our Imam, *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) said:

By the grace of Allāh, *Jalsa Sālāna* Germany is starting today. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says that the *Jalsa* isn't a worldly fair, rather it is a totally spiritual gathering. Those who come here should do so purely for the sake of Allāh so that they do not only grow in knowledge and spirituality but also learn about their obligations towards their fellow brothers and strive to fulfil them. They should come to cultivate the fear of God and grow in piety, purity, chastity, compassion, love, fraternity and become example for others in this regard. They should also be courteous, humble and righteous. *Taqwa* means to avoid anything in which there is likely to be even a suspicion of evil. If we adopt these teachings we will surely fulfil the objective of attending the *Jalsa*. Otherwise merely listening to speeches and showing temporary emotions and raising slogans is of no avail.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says that *Taqwa* starts to become manifest in the believers in this very world. Just like poison and antidote affects the body at once, so does *Taqwa*. Therefore it is not possible that a person abides by *Taqwa* and yet it does not have an impact on him. One who abides by *Taqwa* never ventures to attempt an evil, and his thoughts start to become purified. Everyone should introspect in this regard.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: I say this again and again, because the purpose for which God created this Jamā‘at was that the true knowledge which was lost to the world and the true piety and virtue which cannot be found in this age may be re-established.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The things to which I want to draw your attention today can only be put into practice if you have the fear of God in your hearts and your hearts are filled with the desire to fulfil the objectives of the *Jalsa* as narrated by the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). These include; attaining of knowledge,

living up to the highest standards of compassion, love, brotherhood, humility and truthfulness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these qualities should be found both in the workers as well as the guests, and this can only come about if there is *Taqwa* in their hearts.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I want to remind both volunteers and guests about their responsibilities. The volunteers should keep their feelings and emotions in check. They have to be mindful of the guests and use kind language. There should be love and brotherhood when volunteers deal with volunteers, when guests deal with guests, or when office bearers deal with workers. If anyone loses his temper, this will have a negative impact on the guests. Volunteers should not say or do anything to hurt each other or the guests. Both office-bearers and workers should be able to control their emotions. They have to exhibit the best behaviour during the days of the *Jalsa*. The guests who have come here to gain spiritual, intellectual and practical progress can do so by watching the behaviour of the workers. In this way the workers will merit two-fold reward: one for the service they are rendering, and the second for the good example they are setting and reminding the guests of the lofty character that everyone coming to the *Jalsa* should demonstrate. If someone says something in an inappropriate or angry way, and the worker keeps calm and responds with kindness, this will practically teach the person and make him mindful of his error.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We should always look at the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), for Allāh says that he is the role model for us. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was subjected to the greatest atrocities by his enemies and yet the Companions say that they never saw anyone who smiled more than the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). He always wore a smile, and this is the example set for us by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). Therefore, the workers should demonstrate good humour and smile more than before. Also, there should be no discrimination between the guests. The workers should not be seen to give more attention to their acquaintances and ignoring others. Every visitor should leave with good memories of the *Jalsa*, and this depends a lot on the behaviour of the workers. Since there are also non-Aḥmadī guests at the *Jalsa*, every participant can become a means of Ṭablīgh by exhibiting the practical example of the beautiful teachings of Islām. In this way you are all silent preachers of the message of Islām. To fulfil your duties to your best, it is important to have humility and love for others.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The guests should also remember that they are coming to this *Jalsa* to acquire *Taqwa* and to improve their practical, intellectual and spiritual condition. If they bear this in mind, there will be no resentment against anyone, particularly the workers. Guests should cooperate with the volunteers and demonstrate good behaviour so that the volunteers should also be encouraged and continue to have zeal for their work, rather than that

they are disheartened by the behaviour of the guests and avoid volunteering in future years. Every Aḥmadī should demonstrate a pious example. When Aḥmadīs demonstrate humility, compassion, love and brotherhood, people will notice these things. All men and women should bear this in mind.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If there is any shortage or problem with food, bear it with patience, because the real food for which you have come here is the spiritual one which you should strive for. Also, do not go to the *bazaar* when the *Jalsa* is in session. Respect the atmosphere of the *Jalsa* in *bazaar* too. Although I have urged the volunteers to show patience and forbearance, this does not mean that the guests should test their patience and create difficult situations for them. Whenever a volunteer of any department asks you to do something or gives you instructions, accept it cordially and cooperate with them. Listen to the programs of the *Jalsa* and do not go out without genuine reason. Every speech has a message for an Aḥmadī that can help to transform his or her life. During the *Jalsa* and while walking around, keep remembering God and offering *Durood* and *Istighfār*. Also be regular in prayers with congregation and also wake up for *Tahajjud*. If workers are unable to offer prayers in time, they should arrange to offer prayers with congregation after their duty is over, or the shifts should be managed in such a way that they are able to pray before they start their duty.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed: May Allāh enable us to partake of the blessings of the *Jalsa* and benefit from the prayers that the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) offered for those participating in it. *Amīn*.

In the end of the Friday Sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave some instructions regarding security and vigilance.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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