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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 4 January 2019 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

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

Today is the first Friday of 2019. May Allāh make it a harbinger of blessings for all Ahmādīs. In this new year that Allāh has given us, let us strive to overcome our weaknesses and try to achieve the holy transformation that we have promised in our *Bai‘at* to the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says that Allāh is not pleased without good deeds. Having entered this Jamā‘at, strive to be pious and virtuous, shun every evil, and spend your time in prayers. To offer *Tahajjud* just on the first day of the year does not suffice for the whole year.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The new year of Waqf Jadīd starts in January. By the grace of Allāh, making financial sacrifices is a hallmark of the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). And it is because he has given us a special understanding of financial sacrifice in the light of the sayings of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 246 of Surah Al-Baqarah, which is as follows:

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقرضُ اللّٰهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضِعّفه لَهٗ أَضْعَافًا كَثِیْرَةً ۗ وَاللّٰهُ يَقْبِضُ وَیَبْضُطُ ۗ وَإِلَیْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ۔

“Who is it that will lend Allāh a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? And Allāh receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return.” (2:246)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh returns manifold and spending in the way of Allāh is only of benefit to us. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) says, “Shun miserliness, for it was the doom of many nations before you.” Therefore, making financial sacrifices is beneficial for our own selves. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says that you cannot love two things, and it is not possible for you to love money and God at the same time; you can only love one of them. Therefore lucky are those who love God. And if anyone of you loves God and spends in His path, then I’m certain that his wealth will be blessed more than others. Wealth does not come of itself but it comes with the Will of God. Anyone who foregoes a part of his wealth for the sake of God, will certainly find it. Those who love their wealth and do not serve the path of God as required, they will surely lose their wealth too. Do not think for a moment that by giving away a part of your wealth or serving in any other way you do a favour to God and His appointed one, rather it is God’s favour that He chooses you for the service.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, those who pledged *Bai'at* have understood this very well. New Aḥmadīs understand the spirit of financial sacrifice and many of them who are very poor make sacrifices with the same zeal as did the Companions of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). People who became Aḥmadīs 100 years after the time of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) and have never even met a Khalīfa are full of love for the faith and zeal for making sacrifices just like the Companions. This is a proof of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) because only God can produce such zeal in people's hearts. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some instances in this regard.

A brother from Ghana writes that 40% of his salary was deducted to pay back his loan, but he still paid his Chanda on his full salary. The day he paid his Chanda Waqf Jadīd he did not have any money left even for traveling to his work. But that same day he received some arrears from the government that amounted to five times the amount he had paid for Chanda.

A brother from Burkina Faso writes that he was ill due to anxiety and depression and was having suicidal thoughts. But after he started paying Chanda he felt relief and stopped taking sleeping pills.

A brother from UK writes that when he was reminded of Chanda he had no money. But very soon Allāh arranged for it and he received an unexpected tax refund from the bank. Allāh facilitates things for those who sincerely wish to pay Chanda.

A brother from Burkina Faso writes that his father got angry with him for paying Chanda waqf Jadīd and cut off his ties with him. But soon afterwards rain destroyed the crops of everyone, but he had a good crop. Seeing this, he father said that his son had been blessed because of paying Chanda to his Jamā'at.

A brother from Guinea says that he was planning to go on a journey, but he took out \$100 from his journey expenditure and paid Chanda Waqf Jadīd. Soon he received an envelope from a friend who sent him \$300 to help him bear the travel expenses. Thus his heart was filled with gratitude to God.

A President of a Jamā'at writes from Benin that he owed someone a significant amount of money. He had only 500 Francs with him which he paid for Chanda Waqf Jadīd. He says that the very next day he got some work which not only paid for his debt but also provided provision for his home. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These people do not attribute these events to chance, but believe that Allāh is providing for them.

A brother from Mali writes that his son was often very ill, but after he started paying Chanda he got better. This was only because of spending in the way of Allāh.

A brother from Ivory Coast paid his due Chanda of 17,000 within a few days despite having financial difficulties.

Iqbal Ṣāhib writes from India, that as a blessing of paying the Chanda, an Aḥmadī brother received an amount that he had lent but had no hope of getting back, and his temporary employment was also made permanent.

A brother from Romania writes: I have experienced that when I spend in the way of Allāh, my customers increase and God grants me more.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These people live in Europe and yet their faith is being strengthened in this way.

A brother from India writes that he appealed to an Aḥmadī teacher for Chanda and received it. With the blessing of the Chanda the teacher soon bought the school where he was teaching, and thereafter he bought three more schools and built a three-storey house.

Amir Ṣāḥib Liberia writes that some people accepted Aḥmadiyyat on the basis of a dream, and now they are making more and more financial sacrifices. A girl received 80 dollars and gave it all in Chanda. The next day she received a prize of 300 dollars.

After severe rain in Kerala, some brothers were given 100 rupees each in aid, which they all gave as Chanda Waqf Jadīd.

A sister from UK writes that previously she did not pay Chanda. But after she started paying it she got a job and her salary increased three times in one year. She also mended her relationship with her parents and got married.

A sister from a village in Liberia saw in a dream that she gave 100 Liberian dollars in Chanda. Soon her son sent her some money and she paid the Chanda.

A brother writes that previously he did not pay his full Chanda, but since he started doing so he is witnessing abundant blessings of God.

A brother from Australia gave a large sum in Chanda, and Allāh returned all the amount to him on the same day.

A new Aḥmadī brother from Australia says that he faced strong opposition and used to meet Ahmadis in secret. He started paying Chanda a month after pledging *Bai'at*.

A regional Mu'allim from Benin writes that a brother walked all the way to participate in the Jalsa and gave the money, he had saved, towards Chanda.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These are the people Allāh has granted to the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), and these are the people who do justice to their pledge of *Bai'at*. These demonstrations of sincerity, loyalty and sacrifice is evident proof of Allāh's help for the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). If our opponents could open their eyes, they would see that all these are signs of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). Our only task is to reform ourselves and submit to God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some statistics from the previous year and announced that Pakistan had held its first position, followed by UK, Germany, USA, Canada, India, Australia and Ghana. USA stood first in terms of per capita payment. By the grace of Allāh, more than 1.7 million members participated in Waqf Jadīd, an increase of 123,000 from the previous year. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that may Allāh bless the lives and possessions of all those who made sacrifices and enable them to make greater sacrifices in future. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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