

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة الله وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 25th October 2019 from Mahdi-Abad, Nahe, Germany.

Prior to the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) formally inaugurated the *Baitul Basīr* mosque by unveiling a plaque and leading the audience in a silent prayer. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then proceeded to the marquee for the Jumu‘a prayer.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 42 of Surah Al-Hajj, which is as follows:

الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنْنَاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَتُوا الزَّكُوْةَ وَأَمْرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۖ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ۔

“Those who, if We establish them in the earth, will observe Prayer and pay the Zakāt and enjoin good and forbid evil. And with Allāh rests the final issue of all affairs.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this verse Allāh reminds us that true believers are those who, when they attain power, their state of helplessness turns into peace and affluence, and they are able to practice their faith freely, they do not start fulfilling their own desires, rather they observe their prayers, frequent their mosques, serve the poor and the helpless for the fear of Allāh, and spend their money in this cause. They spend their money for the propagation of the faith and thus purify it. They aspire to attain piety and invite others towards righteousness and towards fulfil their obligations towards Allāh’s creatures. They shun evil deeds and teach others to do the same. Since they do all this for the fear of Allāh and in obedience to His commandments, Allāh blesses their actions, for all things are under His jurisdiction. Thus, anything that is done with the fear of Allāh and in keeping with His commandments produces the best results. If we understand this basic principle, we will inherit Divine blessings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: You have built this mosque, and a few days ago a new mosque was also inaugurated in Fulda and Wiesbaden. By the grace of Allāh, Germany Jamā‘at is continuing to build mosques under the 100-mosques scheme. And I am sure that members are making financial contributions in this regard in obedience to Allāh’s commandments so that they can raise the standards of their worship. Those who have migrated to this country from Pakistan have improved financially, and this should draw their attention to spending in the way of Allāh and build mosques where they pray and fulfil their obligations to Allāh with freedom. We do not have religious freedom in Pakistan. The law does not allow us to build mosques where we can worship freely and fulfil our obligations to Allāh.

But here we can build our mosques and Allāh has also granted us financial affluence. We should also strive to fulfil our obligations to our fellow human beings. We have pledged *Bai'at* to the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) in order to improve our spiritual and moral condition, thus our mosques should be a reflection of this. We must make a concerted effort to offer our prayers with full sincerity and devotion and come regularly to the mosque for prayer. We should focus our attention on Allāh during our prayers, and if it gets diverted we should keep bringing it back to Allāh. Try to realize that the prayer is an opportunity for us to talk to Allāh. We should not just make formal gestures and prostrate and utter words in Arabic, but we should also pray in our own language. We should strive for prayers that draw us closer to Allāh. Describing a Godly person and a believer, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: They are the ones who uphold their prayers. A righteous person (*muttaqi*) is one who fears Allāh. A true believer tries to maintain his concentration in prayer when it wavers. Righteousness (*taqwa*) requires that again and again we should bring our concentration back to prayer and to Allāh, this is what is meant by '*Qiyām*' or upholding the prayer. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: When a person remains consistent in his prayer, a time comes when Allāh guides him through His word.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: After one has attained guidance, prayer becomes for him like food. Just as man cannot live without physical food, similarly he is unable to survive without prayers i.e the spiritual food. He draws pleasure out of prayers that is akin to a thirsty person drinking cold water. Just as a hungry person finds satisfaction when he gets food, so do these believers attain happiness in true prayer. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We should offer our prayers out of eagerness and not as a burden. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) has also said that prayer is like an addiction for the believer without which he feels distressed. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: I have no words to describe the pleasure that a believer draws out of a well offered prayer. Therefore, we should offer our prayers with full concentration. Prayer is the source and ladder that leads to all progress. When we build mosques, they should be meant for offering such prayers, which are the means for leading us to Allāh and to be able to have discourse with Him. And we should not be despaired of attaining such a status, for Allāh does grant it through consistent effort.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: The prayer contains supplications and *durood*, but it is not forbidden for you to pray in your own language. Allāh says that our prayers should be heartfelt and anguished, and this is best attained when we pray in our own language whereby we understand what we are saying. At the same time the prayers that Allāh has taught us are also very important, and the best of them is *Al-Fatiha* which is the compendium of all prayers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is not merely sufficient to build mosques in obedience to Promised Messiah's (May peace be upon him) advice rather it is necessary that we undertake preaching and propagation of Islām's message in that area, for this we need Allāh's help as well. When we have both of these, then shall we be successful. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: The one

who only prays and does not strive, cannot succeed. Prayer alone is not enough, one has to make an effort as well. If a farmer were to throw the seed and not put hard work into it, it would not bear fruit. If we sow the seed and only pray for it, but do not irrigate or do the weeding, we will be deprived of any gain. There are many who say that they are righteous (*muttaqi*) and have been praying for a long time and yet do not receive Allāh's help. The reason for this is that they only pray superficially and are not mindful of spiritual progress. Nor do they look at their own sins and shortcomings and neither they try to overcome them in order to become truly penitent. They remain at the first step and thus they are no different from animals. Such prayers are cursed by Allāh and are not accepted. True prayer is that which brings with it progress. If a doctor gives a patient a prescription and he uses that medicine for ten days and yet finds that his condition is deteriorating by the day, he will definitely start to think that the prescription is not working for him and ought to be changed. Similarly, formal prayer is nothing, it has to be changed and we have to thoroughly reflect on why our prayers are not being accepted while Allāh Himself says that He accepts our prayers. It is only through worship that we can draw closer to Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If our prayers and our actions are intended to win Allāh's pleasure, then He will continue to turn our fears into peace. Remember, whatever you have achieved in this country is with the blessings of Allāh and it will only increase further through His blessings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We always need to keep the following saying of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) in mind: "Become such that Allāh's will should become your will and you should be satisfied with His will. Nothing should be yours, all should be for His sake. I am never happy with the numbers of my Jamā'at. The true Jamā'at does not mean just to place your hand upon mine and to pledge *Bai'at*. You can only be truly called a Jamā'at when you abide by the conditions of *Bai'at*, bring about a true transformation in yourselves and become completely pure of worldly contamination. You should free yourselves from the clutches of your ego and from Satan and become lost in Allāh. Fulfil your obligations to Allāh and to His creatures with enthusiasm. Have a deep desire for the spread of the Islām and become men of Allāh by giving up all personal desires and aspirations. Man should strive for piety and remain engrossed in prayer. A righteous person (*muttaqi*) is one who fears Allāh and avoids all that is contrary to His will. Consider your selfish desires and all that is of this world to be of no consequence before Allāh. Remember, Allāh is Independent and Besought of all, He does not care until we pray and turn to Him again and again. A prayer that is not offered with true agony and distress is of no use. Agony and a distressed heart is essential for acceptance."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh enable us to bring about a pure transformation in ourselves, to become committed in our prayers and raise their standards, to be able to purify our wealth, raise our moral standards, do good deeds and spread them. We should keep away from evil deeds and save our progeny and our environment from them. Along with building of a mosque, we should spread the message of true Islām to the people of this city and country and make them

worshippers of the One True Allāh. This can only come about when we first bring about a great transformation in ourselves. May Allāh enable us to do so.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will now mention some details about the mosque itself. This location has been given the name of *Mahdī-Abād*. This land was bought in 1989. It is a two-storey mosque with a missionary house. The covered area spans 385 square meters and can accommodate 210 worshippers. The upper floor is for men and the lower floor is for women. There are facilities for ablution, etc. The total cost of the construction was about 560,000 Euros. In addition to the contribution of local Jamā'at members, the expenditure was met through the 100-mosque scheme.

May Allāh bless all those who made these financial sacrifices and may they be able to fulfil their obligations to this mosque more than before. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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