

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 03rd January 2020 from Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In his book *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam*, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) has outlined eight means to help us find and recognise Allāh and to strengthen our faith in Him. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says:

“The fifth means of achieving the purpose of life appointed by God Almighty, is striving in His cause; that is to say, we should seek God by spending our wealth in His cause, and by employing all our faculties in furthering His cause, and by laying down our lives in His cause and by employing our reason in His cause; as it is said:

جَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللّٰهِ. [09:41]

مَنْ رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ. [2:4]

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا. [29:70]

Strive in His way with your wealth and your lives and with all your faculties; and: Whatever We have bestowed upon you of intelligence and knowledge and understanding and art, employ it in Our cause. We surely guide along Our ways those who strive after Us.”

On another occasion, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) said, “It is not possible for you to love wealth as well as Allāh. You can love only one of them. Fortunate is one who loves Allāh. If any of you loves Him and spends his wealth in His cause, I am certain that his wealth will increase more than that of others.”

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) further said, “It is important for every member, every individual who belongs to our Community to pledge that he shall [regularly] give a certain amount of Chanda. Whosoever makes this pledge for the sake of Allāh, Allāh will in return bless his wealth.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the Grace of Allāh, there are hundreds of thousands of sincere members in our community who, when their attention is drawn towards the importance of Chanda, become even more eager to make financial sacrifices in order to win the love of Allāh. This is why I have been reminding the Jamā'at for many years that all new converts should be made a part of the financial system of the Jamā'at. Even if a person can only contribute one cent, he should do

so in keeping with their capacity. Many such examples were witnessed in the time of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the financial sacrifice made by Ḥadrat *Munshi Zafar Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) and said: Allāh blessed the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) with such followers who were ready to make every kind of sacrifice for the love of Allāh. This example was set by the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and followed by the Companions of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), and it continues to be demonstrated by the members of the Jamā'at to this day. We are witnesses to the financial sacrifices made by Ahmadīs to various appeals despite difficulties. But Allāh does not keep a debt and returns it manifold.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Since today marks the start of the new year of Waqf Jadīd, I will relate some examples with regard to Chanda Waqf Jadīd.

Brother *'Abdullah* is a new Ahmadī from Gambia who lives in a village and grows maize, but for the last few years his harvest had been poor. This year he sold his ground nuts in order to pay Chanda Waqf Jadīd which amounted to about 700 Dalasi, and he hoped that Allāh would thus bless his harvest. He says that as a result of this financial sacrifice, Allāh increased his harvest so much that he reaped three times more than the previous year. He then paid an extra 1000 Dalasi as Chanda Waqf Jadīd.

A brother from Indonesia paid 500,000 Indonesian rupees as Chanda Waqf Jadīd. Few days later he bought a piece of land from someone for 15 million rupees, which few days later he sold to another person for 50 million. He says that he is convinced that it was only the result of paying Chanda Waqf Jadīd that he got this profit of 35 million. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: A worldly person might have attributed this to his own business acumen, but this person, who wished to attain the love of Allāh and made sacrifices for His sake, realized that it had been a result of the Chanda that he had paid for the sake of Allāh.

Brother *Ibrahīm* from Haiti says that a few days ago he lost a file while going home from work. The file contained some important documents and 13,000 Gourde in cash. He traced his way back but did not find the file. He says that he pledged to himself that, regardless of the loss, he would pay the 1000 Gourde in Chanda Waqf Jadīd which he had promised, and so he borrowed some money to pay the Chanda. He says that the same day he paid the Chanda he received a phone call from someone saying that he had found his file and that he should come and collect it. When he met the person, he told him that he had looked at the contents of the file to find his address. All his papers and money were intact. He says that he offered gratitude of Allāh and was certain that it was through the blessing of paying Chanda that he had found the file which was certainly lost.

A brother from Qādiān writes that his Chanda Waqf Jadīd was due and the year was coming to an end. His brother reminded him of this and urged him to pay as soon as possible. But when he checked his bank account it contained only one-third of the amount that he needed to pay. He at once paid the amount that was available and was worried about how he would pay the rest. A little while later, another amount was deposited to his account which enabled him to pay his full Chanda as he had

pledged. He says that he always paid his full Chanda prior to the close of the year, but this time it had been difficult for him because of the illness of his child. And yet Allāh had miraculously arranged it for him, which strengthened his faith.

An elderly sister from Guinea-Bissau says that she had set aside some money to pay her Chanda Waqf Jadīd. But one day as she was going to visit her brother she lost the money on the way. She looked for it everywhere so that she could pay the Chanda but could not find it. So she borrowed some money from her daughter and paid the Chanda. After paying the Chanda she once again went to look for the money, and had hardly gone a few meters when she found the plastic bag that had contained the money lying on the road. She was delighted and at once paid the full Chanda according to her pledge. She now goes about telling people how her money had been returned through the blessing of the Chanda.

Sister *Fatimah* from Tanzania who earned a livelihood by selling bananas and fruit paid her two days of earning as Chanda Waqf Jadīd and motivated her family to take part in Waqf Jadīd. Another elderly sister heard of the appeal for Chanda and came to the mission house herself to pay Chanda Waqf Jadīd.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) expressed his amazement at how eagerly members of his community make financial sacrifices when their attention is drawn towards it.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) in the end of his Friday Sermon announced the start of the 63rd year of Waqf Jadīd and said: By the Grace of Allāh, members of the Jamā'at were able to make a total sacrifice of £9.6 million in Chanda Waqf Jadīd, which is an increase of £500,000 from the previous year. In terms of the overall contribution, UK stood first, followed by Pakistan and Germany. By the grace of Allāh, the total number of members who participated in Waqf Jadīd was around 1.8 million, which is an increase of 89,000 from the previous year. After mentioning the first ten Jamā'ats in various countries in terms of overall contribution, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh bless all those who participated in these financial sacrifices.

At the end, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the conditions prevailing in Pakistan, India and the world as a whole and said that while we offer congratulations to one another on the New Year, every Ahmadī should remember the responsibility this places on us and thus spend all our faculties and efforts for fulfilling it. Every one of us should make a special effort in our prayers and towards establishing a special relationship with Allāh. Only then we will be able to reap His blessings in this new year. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Amīn*.

Wassalām,

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