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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 20th March 2020 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Three days from now is the 23rd of March, the date on which the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) formally took the oath of allegiance, announced his claim of being the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and formally laid the foundation of Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya. In Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya, this day is known as “Yaum-e-Masīh-Mau‘ūd”. To commemorate this day, Jalsas are held to shed light on the Promised Messiah’s claim and the purpose of his coming. Today I will read out some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in this regard. Since many countries will not be able to hold Jalsa Yaum-e-Masīh-Mau‘ūd due to the pandemic, Ahmadīs should listen carefully to my sermon and also to the programs that will be broadcast on MTA to commemorate the occasion.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was sent to the world as a servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) for the purpose of spreading the Holy Prophet’s message to the whole world. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “I invoke Allāh’s blessings upon the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), because it was for his sake that Allāh established this Jamā‘at, and all these blessings and signs of Divine support are but a gift of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him)... I will say this openly and clearly—and this is my faith and my creed—that no human being can attain spiritual grace and blessings except by obeying the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) and following in his footsteps.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh sent the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) for the reformation of the world on account of the spiritual grace and blessings he had received from the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). He was sent by Allāh to revive the glory and majesty of Islām in the world.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “God has sent me to reform mankind.”

Further explaining the purpose of his advent, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, “I will reiterate this again and again and will not desist from expressing the fact that I am the one who has been sent at the appointed time for the reformation of mankind so that the true faith can be rekindled in people’s hearts.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, “Brothers, it was incumbent upon me to explain to you what you had misunderstood. Had you been already on the right path, there would be no need of my coming. I have said before that I have come for reformation of

this ummah in the manner of the Son of Mary. The reason I have come in his likeness is that my mission is similar to his. After his appearance, the Messiah freed the Jews from many of their false and baseless doctrines. One of these was that they awaited the return of the Prophet Elijah, just as the Muslims of this day await the coming of Son of Mary, the Prophet of Allāh. Thus, by declaring that the Prophet Elijah would not return from heaven and that John was the Elijah, and whoever wanted should accept him, thus, Messiah corrected their error. He told them the truth even though, as a result, the Israelites labelled him an apostate. The same was the treatment meted out to me the like-of-the Messiah and I too was called an apostate. Is this a minor resemblance?”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) did not only address the Muslims, rather he addressed people of all nations and religions and told them of his importance to them. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, “Let it be clear that the purpose of my advent in the present age is not for the reformation of the Muslims alone; rather, I have come to reform the people of all the three religions: Muslims, Christians and Hindus. Just as God has appointed me the Promised Messiah for the Muslims and Christians, so am I the Avatar for the Hindus....For the past twenty years I have been proclaiming that, just as I have appeared in the spirit of the Messiah, Son of Mary, for the purpose of removing sins which have filled the earth, so have I come as Raja Krishna who was one of the most revered Avatars of the Hindu faith. In other words, spiritually speaking, I am the same person, nor is this my own fancy or speculation, rather the God of heaven and earth has revealed this to me, and not only once but many times, that for the Hindus I am Krishna, and for the Muslims and Christians I am the Promised Messiah.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Explaining the significance of his coming, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “Allāh has great degree of reverence for His religion. Therefore, in His wisdom, He has sent a man right at the head of the century which was marked with corruption in order to invite people towards guidance.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “In the past if anyone from among the Muslims turned apostate, there would be such hue and cry, but today Islām has been so trodden under the feet that up to a hundred thousand people have become apostates....The pure and holy religion of Islām is attacked so freely that thousands of books have been published containing foul language against our Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). If all the material that is published against Islām were to be piled up in one place, it would form a mountain. The Muslims are in such a sorry state that it seems as if they are all dead. If God had remained silent even at this time, what would have happen then? God’s one onslaught is mightier than a thousand onslaughts [of man] and can bring about the dominance of Islām.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “God is All-Knowing and All-Seeing, and He has adopted a method that will destroy the enemy.” Again, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “The actual mission for which God has appointed me is to remove the estrangement that has come between man and his Creator and re-establish the relationship of love and sincerity between him and his Lord. God has also appointed me to put a stop to religious wars by proclaiming the truth, to create religious harmony, to reveal

the religious truths that have long remained hidden from mortal eyes, and to display the true spirituality that is submerged under the darkness of selfish passions. I have also been sent to demonstrate practically, and not just in words, how Divine powers enter man and how they are manifested through prayer and concentration. But, first and foremost, I have been sent to re-establish forever the lost belief in the Unity of God that is pure and luminous and unadulterated by any form of idolatry. All this will not come about by my power but by the Mighty hand of the Lord of heaven and earth. While God has taken upon Himself the task of my spiritual training and has inspired me, through His revelation, with a zeal to bring about this reformation, He has also prepared hearts that are ready to accept my words. Ever since God sent me, a great revolution has begun to take shape in the world.”

Then the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “Happy and blessed is he whose heart is pure and who desires the manifestation of Divine grandeur, for God gives priority to such people over others. As for those who oppose me, God will decide between us. He sees the hearts and knows which one is filled with ostentation and worldliness, and which is full of zeal and anguish for God. Remember, spirituality is never attained until the hearts are purified. When the heart is purified, it attains a special power for spiritual growth and all the means necessary for this are provided.”

Advising his Jamā‘at, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “My last word to you is to protect your faith, lest you show heedlessness and arrogance and be counted in the eyes of God as rebellious. Look, God came to your help at the time when you needed it. Strive, therefore, to reap all the good fortune. God saw from His Heaven that the one He honoured was trampled under people’s feet and that the Prophet who was the best of all the Prophets was ridiculed and called a liar and fabricator, and that his Word, the Holy Qur’ān, was reviled. And so He remembered His promise:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

“Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.” [15:10]

Today is the day of the fulfilment of this promise. God has shown you with powerful onslaughts and all kinds of signs that this Jamā‘at has been established by Him. Therefore, O progeny of Muslims! Do not denigrate the works of God.” Thus the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) warned people against opposing the one that was sent by Allāh. When Allāh has sent him, He will also help him and show signs in his support. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “A Warner came unto the world, but the world accepted him not; yet God shall accept him and demonstrate his truthfulness with powerful signs.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today the Ahmadiyya Jamā‘at, which is spread over more than 200 countries, is witness that Allāh is continuing to demonstrate the truth of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). May Allāh enable us to be among those who strive to promote his mission and may He grant us strength of faith and the ability to fulfil our obligations. *Amīn*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the light of current coronavirus pandemic, I have already given some instructions and I would like to remind the Jamā‘at that the virus

is spreading very fast and is now having a severe impact here [in the UK] too. The government has been forced to take strong measures. Epidemics and pestilences affect everyone, therefore, everyone needs to be very careful and follow government directives. Elderly people should try not go out of their homes and should also be careful about coming to the mosques and try to offer their prayers in their local mosques. In order to enhance the immune system it is important to rest and have the required amount of sleep. Adults require six to seven hours of sleep and children require eight to ten hours. Also, try not to eat processed foods because they also cause infections to spread, especially chips that are sold in packets. These should be avoided because they slowly weaken the body.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Doctors are also urging people to drink more water and to keep their hands clean. If you can't find sanitizers then keep washing your hands. Like I said before, performing Wuḍū carefully five times a day is a good means of keeping clean. If you happen to sneeze, whether in the mosque or at home, keep a handkerchief on your nose or cover it with your elbow. In short, cleanliness is crucial and should be adhered to.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Prayer is the ultimate resort. Let us pray that Allāh may save us all from this epidemic. Also pray for Ahmadīs who have been diagnosed with it or who the doctors think might have it or who are suffering from any other disease. We should also pray for the world in general that Allāh may save it from the epidemic and grant cure to those who are sick. May Allāh grant health to every Ahmadī and increase them in faith and conviction. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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