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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 Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 29th May 2020 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “I am grateful to Allāh for having blessed me with a loyal and devoted Jamā‘at. It is my experience that whenever I have made an appeal to them for any purpose, they come forward with great enthusiasm and desire to excel one another to the best of their ability. I find in them true sincerity, love and devotion.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We have witnessed countless examples of sincerity and devotion among the Companions of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). These accounts are often related by members of old Ahmadī families. They are also found in the literature of the Jamā‘at and in the sermons and addresses of the Khulafā’. Such loyalty and sincerity is the hallmark of this Jamā‘at and it is the guarantee of its unity.

When, after having been informed by God, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) told the Jamā‘at that the time for him to leave the world was near, he also raised their spirits by giving them glad-tiding of Khilāfat that would come after him. In his book *Al-Wasiyyat* he writes: “It is essential for you to witness the Second Manifestation. It’s coming is better for you because it will last till the Day of Judgement. But the Second Manifestation cannot come until I depart. And when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you and it shall stay with you forever.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In keeping with this Divine promise, the system of Khilāfat was established after the demise of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). The relationship of the members of the Jamā‘at with Khilāfat is one of total sincerity and devotion, regardless of whether they are new Ahmadīs or old Ahmadīs, young or old, men or women, and even Ahmadīs living in far-off lands who have never even met the Khalīfa. As soon as a message of Khalīfatul Masīh reaches them, they do their utmost accordingly. They express their love and devotion in amazing ways. These are practical demonstrations of the fulfilment of God’s promise. The love of Khilāfat for the Jamā‘at, and that of the Jamā‘at for the Khalīfa is proof of God’s help and succour. This is not just a claim, for it is substantiated by hundreds of thousands of examples which, if they were to be compiled, would fill numerous volumes.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some instances of the way in which Ahmadīs have expressed their love and devotion to Khilāfat ever since the demise of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that took place 112 years ago. Huzoor (May Allāh be his

Helper) said: The opponents thought that Ahmadiyyat would come to an end after the demise of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). But what has actual happened is that the Jamā‘at’s devotion to Khilāfat and to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has continued to grow. This was bound to happen for it had been prophesied by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) himself. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the following examples in this regard.

The Editor of *Al-Badr* wrote the following in the context of the illness of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him): These days we are receiving many letters from members of the Jamā‘at. In response to these letters, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh said: “I pray for all those who write to wish me recovery.” The Editor wrote: The lovers of Khilāfat are expressing their love in amazing ways. *Hakīm Muhammad Hussain Sahib Quraishi* writes: One day I prayed to God, “O Lord, the needs of the time of Noah were limited. But only You know of the needs that are before us today. Hear our prayers, therefore, and grant our Imām a life as long as that of Noah.”

One day Ḥaḍrat ‘Abdullah of *Khiwa Bajwah Sahib* was sitting in the company of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) and he said to Huzoor (May Allāh be pleased with him), “Please tell me something that I can do.” Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) replied “I am not aware of anything that you have not already done. All that remains for you now is to memorize the Holy Qur’ān.” Thus, ‘Abdullah Sahib, who was about 65-years-old at that time, started to memorize the Holy Qur’ān and completed it. Such was the eagerness of these people to obey the instructions of Khalīfatul Masīh.

When the Shuddhi movement was in full swing, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh II (May Allāh be pleased with him) became very much disturbed by these events. In one of his sermons Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) instructed Ahmadīs to go to these areas on their own expenditure and try to bring back those people to Islām who had become Hindus. The Jamā‘at responded to this with great fervour. Highly qualified people, government employees, teachers, traders, and members from every walk of life went to preach in those areas. As a result of these efforts, thousands once again returned to the worship of the One God.

Mahr Mukhtar Ahmad Sahib was a devoted Ahmadī from Khanewal District. In 1974, during the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him), the opponents of the Jamā‘at made life very difficult for him. Because he was also a prolific preacher, his own family opposed him and boycotted him. But this made him even more firm in his faith and he started preaching even more. Consequently, the opponents also increased their persecution of him. *Mahr Sahib* then sold his agriculture land and shifted to Rabwah where he acquired some land on contract and started growing crops. When he met Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) and told him how he had sold his land and shifted to Rabwah, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) did not approve of this and said that he should not have abandoned his own area. *Mahr Sahib* then returned to Khanewal and re-acquired the land at a higher price that he had sold earlier. After that he came to see Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh and told him that he

had done as Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) had instructed. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) was very pleased with this, and *Mahr Sahib* would always be overjoyed to remember this incident.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) said: The extraordinary transformation brought by the Jamā‘at in Africa was a result of the sacrifices of old missionaries. Some very influential Ahmadīs told me that even they did not have a true idea of how far their people had grown in their love for Ahmadiyyat and how they were willing to give maximum time to spread its message. One such gentleman told me that he could never have imagined that his country would extend such assistance and such love to the Khalīfa of the Jamā‘at. It was beyond his imagination. He said that only heads of states were given such treatment. He said that this was not a result of the Jamā‘at’s efforts but was happening through some unseen power, which is surely the power of Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: During my Khilāfat I visited Nigeria in 2004. It was a two-day tour that had not been planned beforehand. But after going there I realised that it would not have been right if I had not visited Nigeria. Jalsa Sālāna Nigeria had been held just a few days earlier and had been attended by a large number of people, therefore it was thought that not many would be able to come from far flung areas on this occasion. But it so happened that 30,000 people gathered in order to see me only for two hours, and their expressions of love and devotion could only be seen to be believed. Such expressions of love from people who had not even seen the Khalīfa before was indeed unbelievable. During the closing prayer, men and women were crying with such anguish that only God could have produced such love in their hearts.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In 2008 I visited Ghana. The Jamā‘at had bought about 500 hectares of land and most Ahmadī men and women had gathered there before my arrival. The land had previously been used as a poultry farm which had been turned into an accommodation with minor changes, but it was still very congested. Despite all this, no one made any complaint. Many of those who attended the Jalsa were affluent businessmen and teachers and doing other jobs. If someone did not find accommodation indoors, he would lay down his mat and sleep outdoors. The Ghanaian people are generally known for their patience, but on this occasion they showed extraordinary perseverance. When someone asked the people who were sleeping in the open that it must have been difficult for them, they said that they had come to attend the Jalsa in the presence of the Khalīfa, and that minor inconveniences did not matter to them.

About three thousand people from Burkina Faso also attended the Jalsa, including 300 Khuddām who had travelled on bicycles. Because of the large numbers, some of them could not get food. Later I told their missionary to apologize to them for this and to make sure that it did not happen again. When the apology was conveyed to them, they said that they had achieved the purpose for which they had come, and that food did not matter because they eat food every day.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These examples are not of born-Ahmadīs or children of the Companions of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), rather they are people living thousands of miles away in places that do not even have proper roads. They

accepted Ahmadiyyat only a few years ago and yet they showed such devotion as to leave one wonderstruck. We should always keep praying that Allāh may continue to increase us in our sincerity and devotion.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These are just a few examples that make it clear that only God can inspire people's hearts with such devotion and sincerity, and that no worldly power can take this away from them. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) had said that we would see Allāh's promises to him coming true. Most of us have indeed seen them come true.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that from 27th May 2020, which is Khilāfat Day, MTA channels have started broadcasting in a new sequence according to different regions of the world. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) read out the details of these 8 channels and said: May Allāh bless this new system and enable MTA to convey the message of Islām wider and farther. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'ālā,

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