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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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today the day of ‘Īd has coincided with Jumu‘ah. For such occasions, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) instructed that whoever wishes can offer Zuhr prayer instead of Jumu‘ah prayer. But he (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) himself chose to offer Jumu‘ah prayer as well as the ‘Īd prayer. In the light of this guidance, I instructed Amīr Sahib UK that those who wish to offer Zuhr prayer may do so, and those who wish to offer Jumu‘ah prayer may likewise do so.

On one such occasion, Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: Our God is so generous, He has given us two ‘Īds in one day. Why would anyone who is given two fine chapattis (subcontinental bread) reject to eat one of them unless he was under some compulsion. This is why the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) gave permission that if someone wants to offer Zuhr prayer, because of some compulsion, he can do so and such a person should not be criticised.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: For today’s sermon I have chosen some excerpts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in which he described the purpose of his coming. Our opponents claim that by believing in the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) we have undermined the status of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him)—God forbid! These days they are priding themselves on the decision of legislative assemblies in Pakistan to make it mandatory to add the words *Khātām-un-Nabiyyīn* whenever the name of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) is mentioned. This would indeed be a laudable act if their actions were also in keeping with the practice of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). But, their conduct is completely opposite to that of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). They think that passing such legislation they have put a hurdle in the path of Aḥmadiyyat, but little do they understand that no one is more cognizant of the Holy Prophet’s status as *Khātām-un-Nabiyyīn* than Ahmadis and that this understanding has been given to us by the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

Addressing his opponents regarding the purpose of his coming and the success of his Jamā‘at, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The purpose of my coming is twofold. Firstly, to inculcate piety and chastity among the Muslims. Secondly, to break the cross of Christianity and to destroy its false god. In view of these objectives, my opponents should ask themselves whether it is possible for an impostor to succeed. I would

say that the lies of an impostor are enough to bring about his destruction. On the other hand, an objective that is undertaken in order to glorify God and to demonstrate the blessings of His Prophet, and that is initiated by God Himself, is protected and nurtured by angels. Remember, if my mission is only a worldly endeavour then it will be wiped off the face of the earth. But if it is from God—and it is indeed from God—then it will grow and flourish even if the whole world stands up to oppose it, angels will protect it. Even if a single person does not stand by me, I am certain that this mission will still succeed.... Our Jamā‘at is growing in an extraordinary manner.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today we see that sincere members of the Jamā‘at are found in over 200 countries. When the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) wrote this, the Jamā‘at numbered in hundreds, but today hundreds of thousands join Aḥmadiyyat each year.

Describing the perfect faith of his Jamā‘at and their obedience to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I state it truthfully and swear by God Almighty that me and my Jamā‘at are Muslims. I consider the slightest deviation from Islām to be a spiritual death. It is my firm belief that it is only through true obedience and love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) that one can find God’s grace and blessings and nearness, not otherwise. There is no path to righteousness other than that of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). At the same time, I do not at all believe that Jesus went to heaven with his mortal body or that he is still alive. If it is derogatory to speak of the death of Jesus, then why is such a derogatory concept permissible in the case of the Holy Prophet ?

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: We would not be hurt if you shed the same tears upon hearing of the demise of the Holy Prophet (as you do with regard to Jesus). While you gladly accept the death of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), the Seal of all the Prophets, you are not ready to accept the death of one who did not even consider himself worthy of tying the Holy Prophet’s shoelaces. The whole world and the Muslims needed the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) far more than Jesus. When the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) passed away, the Companions were grieving so much that Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him) drew out his sword and said that he would behead anyone who said that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) was dead. It was then that Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) very sagaciously addressed the Companions and recited before them the verse;

***“Muhammad is only a Messenger. Verily, all Messengers have passed away before him.”*** (3:145)

This verse not only satisfied Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar (May Allāh be pleased with him), but the Companions went about reciting it in the streets of Medina as though it had descended that very day.

Regarding the status of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The man who in his being and his attributes and his actions and through his spiritual and holy faculties set an example of perfection,

in knowledge and action and in sincerity and steadfastness, and was called the perfect man; the man who was most perfect as man and as Prophet, and came with all blessings, that blessed Prophet, the Seal of the Prophets, the leader of the righteous ones, the pride of the Prophets, was Muhammad, the chosen one, peace be on him.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh enable us to recognize the status of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), to offer *durood* upon him, and to instil his love in our hearts while submitting before Allāh. Thus, our own practical example will be our answer to our opponents. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A'īlā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadīyya Pakistan.

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