

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 *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 6th November 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 275 of *Surah Al-Baqarah*, which is as follows:

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُم بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

‘Those who spend their wealth by night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; on them shall come no fear, nor shall they grieve.’ [2:275]

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In many places in the Holy Qur’ān, Allāh has drawn the attention of believers towards financial sacrifices. This verse tells us that one of the characteristics of the believers is that they spend in the way of Allāh secretly and openly, during the day and the night. Similarly, it is mentioned in another place in the Holy Qur’ān that the sign of true believers is that they spend out of their pure wealth for the sake of Allāh. The spirit of competition is also commendable, but if one is making financial sacrifices for the sake of show off or pride or jealousy or to win praise of people, then such sacrifices do not find acceptance in the eyes of Allāh.

Allāh says that if you spend sincerely for the sake of His pleasure, He will remove your fear and sorrow and bless you with peace of mind. This is the belief of those who have accepted the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in this age. It is with this mind-set that they make financial sacrifices, and Allāh does not leave such sacrifices without giving reward. In Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya, there are countless examples of people who make sacrifices with this spirit.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Those who make financial sacrifices should also remember that they have obligations towards their wives and children which they need to fulfil. We should encourage our families to make financial sacrifices and emphasize the importance of being content with what they have. Those who make sacrifices in this manner inherit Allāh’s blessings in ways that leave them amazed. Today I will cite some such examples that can serve as motivation for others. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Qur’ān does not tell us to hide all our good deeds from others, rather it urges us to do some deeds secretly and others openly. Words are not always effective, practical examples often have a greater impact. In this way, these sacrifices merit double reward for those who make them: (1) because they make sacrifices in the way of Allāh, and (2) because their example inspires others to do the same.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited faith-inspiring examples of financial sacrifices made by men and women, old and young, poor and affluent members from countries such as Albania, Argentina, Indonesia, Mali, France, Canada, Sierra Leone, the Marshall Islands, Gambia, the Philippines, Kababir, Germany, Kazakhstan, Tanzania, India, and Ghana. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these financial sacrifices are being made despite the on-going Coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent economic crisis that has affected people all over the world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then announced the close of the 86th year of Tahrīk-i-Jadīd. During the last financial year, the international Jamā'at made financial sacrifices amounting to 14.5 million pounds, which is 882,000 pounds more than the previous year. Pakistan, despite its precarious economic and political situation, has progressed in terms of financial sacrifices.

This year, Germany came first, followed by UK, USA, Canada, a Middle Eastern country, India, Australia, Indonesia, Ghana, and another Middle Eastern country. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Ghana has now moved out of the category of African countries and its financial sacrifices are now comparable to European and North American countries.

In terms of per capita contributions, Switzerland tops the list, followed by the United States and Singapore. Among African countries, Ghana is first followed by Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, the Gambia, Sierra Leone and Benin. The total number of participants in Tahrīk-i-Jadīd is 1.6 million. In terms of new participants, Ghana and Burkina Faso are foremost among African nations. There has also been significant increase in new participants in Bangladesh, Germany, Canada, India, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Daftar Awwal consists 5,927 members, of whom 33 are living and paying their own Chanda. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) mentioned some Jamā'ats for their extraordinary sacrifices, such as of Germany, Britain, Pakistan, USA, Canada, India and Australia. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may bestow countless blessings upon all those who have made these sacrifices. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also announced the start of the 87th year of Tahrīk-i-Jadīd which has commenced from 1st November.

After the announcement of the 87th year of Tahrīk-i-Jadīd, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) appealed for prayers for the Muslim world and said that some leaders of non-Muslim nations harbour a lot of prejudice against Muslims. In this democratic age, leaders consider people to be their gods and make statements and formulate policies to please them. Hostility against Islām and Muslims is often expressed in subtle ways, but in recent days the President of France has openly called Islām a religion in crisis, whereas the fact is that their own religion is in crisis. Islām is a living and flourishing religion, and in this age its message is being spread all around the world through the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) praised the statement of the Prime Minister of Canada wherein he disagreed with the statement of the French President and said that people's religious sentiments should be respected.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Anti-Islāmic forces behave in this manner because they know that there is no unity among the Muslims. Almost every Muslim country has become a victim of sectarianism and in-fighting. If they knew that Muslims are united and believe in one God and one Prophet and were willing to make sacrifices for the sake of Islām, they would never behave in such a manner and no newspaper would dare to publish caricatures of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). A few years ago, when such heinous acts took place in Denmark and France, for a while the Muslims expressed their fury and boycotted the goods of these countries but then they fell silent. Ahmadiyya Jamā'at, on the other hand, reacted by presenting before the world the beautiful image of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and this message was well received by the educated classes as well as the general public. We are doing the same thing today. It is not the job of the President of any country to incite his people against Muslims by ascribing the crimes of individuals to Islām.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have already stated that insulting the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) is not tolerated by any honourable Muslim. If someone provokes people's sentiments in this way and a person then takes the law into his own hands, then it is the non-Muslim people and governments and the advocates of the so-called freedom of expression that are responsible. When this issue was raised previously, I had explained the correct response in a series of sermons. Similarly, when a Dutch politician made a derogatory statement, I addressed the issue in a sermon in the Netherlands. I had warned him of Allāh's punishment, whereupon he petitioned the Dutch government that I had threatened him with death.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We respond to every move against the status of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) as far as possible within the prevailing law. In these circumstances, we should invoke blessings on the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) more than ever before. Killing people is not a solution. A few months ago, after the breakout of Coronavirus, I wrote letters to some leaders, including the President of France, warning them of God's punishment. The world should realize that desecrating the names of accepted world religious leaders and turning away from Allāh will lead them to destruction. Let us pray for the world at large and let us strive to bring the world under the banner of God's Oneness and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). This is also the aim of Tahrīk-i-Jadīd. May Allāh help us in this. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk-i-Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 11 November 2020