

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 27th May 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verses 56 and 57 of *Surah Al-Nūr*, which are as follows:

وَعَدَ اللّٰهُ الَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصّٰلِحٰتِ لَیَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِی الْاَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِیْنَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَ لَیُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِیْنَهُمُ الَّذِی ارْتَضٰی لَهُمْ وَ لَیُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِّنْۢ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ اٰمَنًا ۗ یَعْبُدُوْنَ نِیَّی لَا یُشْرِكُوْنَ بِیْ شَیْئًا ۗ وَ مَنْ كَفَرَۢ بَعْدَ ذٰلِكَ فَاُولٰٓئِکَ هُمُ الْفٰسِقُوْنَ ﴿٥٦﴾ وَ اَقِیْمُوا الصَّلٰوةَ وَ آتُوا الزَّكٰوةَ وَ اطِیْعُوا الرَّسُوْلَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُوْنَ ﴿٥٧﴾

“Allāh has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. And observe Prayer and give the Zakāt and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Yesterday was 27th May which we celebrate as Khilāfat Day. Jalsas are held in Jamā‘ats to commemorate this day so that members may learn of the history of the Jamā‘at and become mindful of their responsibilities regarding Khilāfat. It is Allāh’s great blessing that He has enabled us to believe in the Messenger whom He sent in this age and to pledge Bai‘at to Khilāfat.

The verses that I have recited give glad tidings of the strengthening of faith and turning of the state of fear into peace. This promise, however, is conditional on firm faith, good deeds, worshipping faithfully, and abstaining from associating any partners with God. In order to achieve this, it is vital to offer prayers, to spend for the sake of Allāh, and to obey the Messenger.

Only when we truly understand and remember these conditions shall we receive the true blessings associated with Khilāfat. While these verses bring us glad-tidings, they also caution us that if we do not fulfil these conditions we shall not be eligible for these blessings. If we do not pray, give Zakāt, and fulfil our obligations to God and man, we cannot receive Divine grace and mercy. It is not enough to learn about our history and to celebrate Khilāfat Day; we have to look within ourselves and reflect on where we stand spiritually. We can only have peace and tranquillity when our every deed is aimed at pleasing God. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Good deeds are entirely devoid of mischief. Remember, thieves always prey on our deeds. Who are these thieves? They are hypocrisy, arrogance and all sorts of evils which man sometimes does not even notice. Righteous deeds have no element of injustice, arrogance, hypocrisy, or usurpation of others’ rights.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: A deed does not become righteous just because we say that it is. Righteousness is the antithesis of mischief and discord, hence there must be no element of mischief and discord in our righteous deeds. We should not start interpreting things on our own and give our own meanings to the decisions of the Khalīfa. When people who do such things profess to associate with Khilāfat, it is of no use to them. Only those who are pure and obedient and devoted to the Khilāfat are truly loyal to it. It is they who protect Khilāfat, and Khilāfat protects them.

In his book *Al-Waṣīyyat*, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has written at length about the institution of Khilāfat. Allāh has manifested this Divine Practice ever since He created man on earth. He helps His Prophets and Messengers and grants them supremacy and success. God sows the seed of righteousness at their hands, but does not let it come to fruition during their lifetime. Instead, He causes them to die at a time foreboding of apparent failure and thereby provides an opportunity to their opponents to laugh at, ridicule, taunt, and reproach the Prophets. Then, when their ridicule and mockery reaches its climax, He reveals yet another aspect of His Might and creates a situation whereby those objectives that, to some extent had remained unfulfilled, are fully realized.

We see that while the demise of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) shook every Aḥmadī to the core, it was a cause of jubilation for the opponents of the Jamā‘at. His demise caused such vilifications from the opponents that they are unworthy of recounting. I will, however, speak about their false proclamations that the Jamā‘at would disintegrate after the demise of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). *Pīr Jama‘at ‘Ali Shah* claimed that Aḥmadīs were repenting and swearing allegiance to him.

Khawaja Hasan Nizami said to Aḥmadīs that *Mirza Sahib* was dead and there was no one left to take care of them, hence they should leave Aḥmadiyyat and join him. Little did they know that Allāh had revealed to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), “I am with you and with those who are close to you.” Allāh had assured him that, just like in the case of past Prophets, the system of Khilāfat would start after him.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This revelation also answers some weak Aḥmadīs who hesitate to call the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) a Prophet, because here he says that he is a Prophet and this Jamā‘at is the Jamā‘at of a Prophet.

For the last 113 years, we have been witnessing the bounties of God descending upon the Jamā‘at exactly as foretold by the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). When Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him) was elected Khalīfa, the Curzon Gazette wrote: “Now nothing is left with *Mirzā’īs*. Their head has been cut off. One who has been elected as their Imām is not capable of anything except teaching you (the Aḥmadīs) the Qur’ān in a mosque.” Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him) responded, “May Allāh enable me to do the same, that I teach you the Qur’ān.” He did that very well and in addition, put down the mischief of hypocrites and some higher ups of Sadr Anjuman so effectively that none dared promote discord in the Jamā‘at.

Then, when Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (May Allāh be pleased with him) was elected Khalīfa, the elders of the Anjuman took away the Jamā‘at’s treasury and abandoned the Jamā‘at. But the world witnessed how Allāh granted the Jamā‘at strength after strength through Khilāfat. The 52-year Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased

with him) is a testimony that the young man, to whom Allāh Almighty entrusted the reins of the Khilāfat, took the Jamā‘at to higher and higher levels of progress.

When he passed away in 1965, God Almighty raised the third representative of His second manifestation. During the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him), the Jamā‘at got introduced worldwide. In 1974, when Aḥmadīs were declared non-Muslims and the bankruptcy of the Jamā‘at was being predicted, Allāh frustrated the enemy’s designs, thwarted the plans of the enemies, and opened up new avenues for the prosperity of the Jamā‘at.

Seeing the rapid progress of the Jamā‘at after the election of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in 1982, the opponents became enraged and hatched a plan to neutralize the Aḥmadiyya Khilāfat. However, God, with His extraordinary support, helped Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) to migrate from the country.

The demise of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in 2003 was a great shock to the Jamā‘at, however, God Almighty answered the prayers of the believers and once again turned their state of fear into peace. In the early days of Islām, the Righteous Khilāfat was limited to four Khalīfas, as predicted by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), but after the advent of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) many a new chapter have been opened in the history of Islām, and one of them is the fifth Khilāfat. All this is in keeping with the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today the message of the Jamā‘at is spreading rapidly around the globe. We see extraordinary progress in terms of the translations of the Holy Qur’ān and books of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and the expansion of MTA. After the emergence of the pandemic, there is now direct contact between the Khalīfa and the Jamā‘ats through online meetings. This is all in keeping with the promises that God made to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). We should be grateful to Allāh for all this and submit before Him and become obedient servants of Khilāfat. May Allāh enable us to witness the ultimate success of the Jamā‘at with our own eyes. May our prayers and our deeds have the single aim of pleasing Allāh. *Amīn.*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I would again like to appeal for prayers for oppressed Aḥmadīs in Pakistan and elsewhere. We should also pray for all oppressed Muslims, including the Palestinians. May Allāh remove all their difficulties and may we soon see the banner of Islām flying high, proclaiming the Oneness of God in the whole world. *Amīn.*

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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