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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 Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Hadīqatul Mahdī, Hampshire, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Jalsa Sālāna UK will be starting from today, *Inshā’Allāh*. First of all, I would like to ask for prayers for the success of the Jalsa. May the participants be able to grow in virtue and piety. The number of participants is limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but arrangements have been made for members to watch the Jalsa at their homes and also at other places organised by local Jamā‘ats. In any case, all those who are watching the Jalsa should do so as if they are physically present in the Jalsa venue and should spend their time in prayers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This year the situation is very different for the organisers of the Jalsa as well as the participants. Some facilities may, therefore, not be available this time. Considering the circumstances, the participants should overlook any shortcomings. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) called for special prayers in this regard.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some members have complained that the selection of the participants was not done correctly. Regardless of what may have happened, and even if some errors were made by the organisers, these shortcomings should be overlooked and forgiven.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I normally speak a week before the Jalsa to the volunteers and the hospitality department; reminding them of their duties. Since this could not be done this year, I will say also a few words about this today.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: There should be no complaints regarding hospitality, and the management should make sure that there are none.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Volunteers at every level have become very skilled in their duties. They are capable of handling tremendous work and are also able to train newcomers. Therefore, lack of skill is not a worry. However, Allāh says that believers should be constantly reminded, as it is beneficial for them. The Jalsa is limited in its scope, which may lead to negligence in some matters. Greater attention may be required from some departments due to the bad weather. It doesn’t matter if the participants are few or many; they are the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and we should care for them accordingly.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Hospitality is a hallmark of the Prophets. Being a religious Jamā‘at, these attributes should be prominent among us. In the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) when the number of guests started to increase, he would divide the guests among his Companions who would gladly take them to their homes. In the morning, when the guests were asked about the hospitality, they would invariably say that they had never seen such selfless hosts. These are the examples

we should emulate. Furthermore, we have accepted the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and he, too, has instructed us in this regard. He has taught us not to be annoyed even if the guests use harsh words. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has set for us extraordinary examples relating to hospitality. Indeed, it was the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) who exemplified for us the high moral values of Islām in this age, and it is these we have to demonstrate to the world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related an example of hospitality by the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) whereby he personally brought Ḥaḍrat *Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) food in a tray. This involuntarily brought tears to *Mufti Sahib's* eyes and he said, "If the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), being our master and mentor, can show us such hospitality, how much more should Aḥmadīs be kind to one another?"

One day, there was a shortage of bedding and the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) gave all the beddings in the house to the guests and did not even mention this to anyone. Sometimes people make sacrifices for others but then make them feel obliged. On one occasion, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, "I am always concerned that no guest of mine should suffer any discomfort." He said, "The heart of a guest is like a glass and can be broken by the slightest hurt."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Initially, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) used to sit and eat with the guests. Later on, however, due to some dietary restrictions and the ever-increasing number of guests, this could not be continued. Therefore, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) instructed the person in charge of the Langar Khāna that all guests should be served with equal respect. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) added: "I have put my trust in you, therefore, serve the guests in the best way possible." Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This trust of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in his followers is valid to this day.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) says that the sign of a true believer is that he is respectful to his guests. This attribute should be adopted by every one of us.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The guests should also keep in mind that while Islām exhorts the hosts, it also draws the attention of guests towards their responsibilities. They, too, should be mindful of the constraints of the hosts. While Islām tells the host to treat the guest cordially, it also instructs the guest to go back if he is not granted permission to enter. Believers have been told in principle not to enter a place without the permission of the host.

Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān:

وَإِنْ قِيلَ لَكُمْ ارجعوا فارجعوا ۗ هو اذكى لكم ۗ وَاللّٰهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ

"And if it be said to you, 'Go back' then go back; that is purer for you. And Allāh knows well what you do." (24:29)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Companions showed great eagerness in following every command of the Holy Qur'ān. It is said about one Companion that he would repeatedly go to visit other people's houses in the hope that one day anyone would refuse to see him and he would have to go back, and thus he would be able to follow the above-mentioned commandment of the Holy Qur'ān. However, nobody ever refused to

see him as a guest, which was also in keeping with the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān. They were both seeking to please Allāh.

Those who have not been selected to attend the Jalsa should not feel hurt and should not try to gain entry. On the other hand, those who have been given the passes must attend the Jalsa, otherwise, they will be depriving others of their right.

Referring to the Jalsa in Rabwah and Qādiān, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that those Jalsas were held under the open sky and even in rain. During the earlier Jalsas in Islāmabad Tilford, UK, rainwater would enter the Jalsa Gah. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited his own experience whereby his forehead and knees got muddied during prayer.

Furthermore, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave the following instructions:

Keep social distancing in the food marquee while receiving and eating food, and wear the mask while receiving food.

Those on duty must wear masks. If on-duty people are not mindful of this, the guests will also not act on it. Masks must be worn at all times.

Keep wearing masks when responding to slogans that are raised by the organisers.

Cooperate fully with those on security duty and do not express any annoyance. There should be no laxity in security. Everyone should remain vigilant.

The fact that you are meeting some people after a long time should not deprive you of attending the programs of the Jalsa or prayers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: All Ahmadis who are watching the Jalsa at their homes and in their own countries should keep themselves busy with the remembrance of Allāh. Try to benefit from the atmosphere of the Jalsa and listen to the proceedings with full attention. May Allāh grant every one of us true sincerity. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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