

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 07<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 266 of *Surah Al-Baqarah*, which is as follows:

وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَتَشْبِيهًا مِّنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ بِرَبْوَةٍ أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَآتَتْ أُكْثَهَا ضِعْفَيْنِ ۗ فَإِن لَّمْ يُصِبْهَا وَابِلٌ فَطَلٌّ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ۝

*And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allāh and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain suffices. And Allāh sees what you do. (2:266)*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh says in this verse that the believers spend in the way of Allāh not only to win Allāh’s pleasure and approval but also to strengthen their community and their mission. In this age, the task of spreading the teachings of Islām and conveying its message has been entrusted to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), and it is the duty of his followers to sacrifice their lives, wealth, and time, to complete his mission. Prophets of every age and every nation encouraged their followers to make financial sacrifices. Similarly, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has said that believers make financial sacrifices in the cause of their faith to win Allāh’s pleasure, and, as a result, they are granted steadfastness and their faith and conviction are strengthened.

In this verse, Allāh gives two examples of those who spend in His cause. One is that of وَابِلٌ (heavy rainfall) and the second is that of طَلٌّ (light rain, such as drizzle or dew). Those who are more affluent spend a lot in the cause of faith or have the means to do so, and the less privileged might wish that they could also spend in the way of Allāh in the same way. However, it is Allāh Who rewards our sacrifices. He knows everyone's circumstances and intentions, which is why He rewards even our meagre sacrifices manifold.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) once said, “Today, one dirham has surpassed 100,000 dirhams.” The Companions asked, “O Messenger of Allāh, how so?” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) replied, “A person had only two dirhams and donated one of them, whereas another possessed great wealth and properties but he contributed only 100,000 dirhams, which was insignificant compared to his overall wealth.” Thus, Allāh rewards people according to their intentions and their circumstances. Allāh sees all our actions. We should always keep in mind the objective

that no matter what we do, it should be for the sake of attaining Allāh's pleasure. We will thus become true recipients of Allāh's blessings.

During the time of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), the majority of his followers were poor, yet they excelled in offering financial sacrifices. On one occasion, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, "I see there some of the people who have joined us barely have clothes to cover their bodies and do not own any properties, but I am amazed by their boundless sincerity, devotion, love, and loyalty, which leaves even the opponents astonished."

These expressions of loyalty and devotion and extraordinary passion for one's faith can still be witnessed among the Promised Messiah's (Peace be upon him) Community. This sincerity and devotion is expressed even by new converts who have made great progress in a short time, thus astonishing even the opponents. Such people demonstrate their pure character and good nature and duly fulfil their pledge of Bai'at and show obedience to Khilāfat through word and deed. Having realized that they can win Allāh's pleasure by spending in His cause, they try to surpass one another in making financial sacrifices. The Promised Messiah's (Peace be upon him) Jamā'at was established to grow and thrive and flourish, hence, no enemy can harm it in the slightest degree.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some faith-inspiring examples to demonstrate how Aḥmadīs continue to express their faith and conviction by making financial sacrifices and how Allāh strengthens their faith by rewarding them manifold. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited such instances from countries such as Sierra Leone, Chad, Togo, Belize, Guinea-Bissau, The Gambia, Germany, United Kingdom, India, Mali, Poland, Tanzania, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, and Ghana. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These sacrifices are not only being made by adult men and women but even by younger people who are just entering adulthood. By the grace of Allāh, the Jamā'at is being blessed with very sincere members.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: During the past year, Allāh has enabled the Jamā'at to build 187 mosques while another 105 mosques are under construction in Africa. Similarly, 144 mission houses were established, most of them in Africa, and 45 mission houses are currently under construction. In places where it has not been possible to build mission houses in a short time, Jamā'ats have leased properties for this purpose. 731 mission houses have been leased in Africa and 632 in Asian countries.

Allāh is indeed true in His promises. He is fulfilling the promises that He made to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and is lending His support through the unseen, and will continue to do so, *Insha'Allāh*. Allāh grants us the opportunity to spend in His cause so that we can win His pleasure and become the recipient of His blessings. May Allāh grant us the opportunity to continue to receive His blessings.

Announcing the 65<sup>th</sup> year of Waqf Jadīd, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: During the 64<sup>th</sup> year of Waqf Jadīd, the Jamā'at made sacrifices to the amount of £11.2 million, which is an increase of £742,000 from the year before. In light of the current economic

conditions of the world, this is indeed a great blessing of Allāh. The total number of participants was 1,445,000.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Even though Pakistan's position has gone down due to the devaluation of its currency, Aḥmadīs in Pakistan are making great financial sacrifices to the best of their ability.

In terms of the overall collection, the United Kingdom ranked first, followed by Germany, Canada, the United States, India, Australia, Indonesia, a Jamā'at in the Middle East, Ghana, and Belgium.

The USA stood first in terms of per capita contribution, followed by Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

In terms of the overall collection, the top ten Jamā'at from the UK are Islāmabad, Farnham, Worcester Park, Cheam South, Aldershot, Birmingham South, Walsall, Gillingham, Guildford, and Ewell.

The top five local Amarāts of Germany in terms of the overall collection are Hamburg, Frankfurt, Gross-Gerau, Wiesbaden, and Dietzenbach.

In terms of the overall collection, the Amarāts in Canada are Vaughan, Calgary, Peace Village, Vancouver, and Brampton West.

In terms of the overall collection, the top ten Jamā'at of USA are Maryland, Los Angeles, Detroit, Silicon Valley, Boston, Austin, Phoenix, Syracuse, Las Vegas, and Fitchburg.

In terms of the collection of Waqf Jadid from adults, the top three Jamā'ats of Pakistan are Lahore, Rabwah, and Karachi. The top ten positions for the districts are Islāmabad, Faisalabad, Gujrat, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Multan, Umerkot, Hyderabad, Mirpur Khas, and Dera Ghazi Khan.

The top ten provinces from India are Kerala, Jammu Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha, Punjab, West Bengal, Delhi, and Maharashtra.

The top ten Jamā'ats from Australia are Melbourne, Langwarrin, Castle Hill, Marsden Park, Adelaide South, Melbourne Berwick, Perth, Penrith, Adelaide West, and Logan East.

May Allāh greatly bless the wealth and progeny of all those who have made these sacrifices. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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