

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 23rd December 2022 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: *Jalsa Sālāna* is starting today in Qadian as well as in several African countries. May Allāh bless the *Jalsa* of each country. On Sunday, I will address the last session of *Jalsa Sālāna* Qadian, and it will include some of the African countries' *Jalsa Sālāna* as well. These countries will hopefully be connected directly through MTA. Since the participants in all these countries are today gathered to listen to this sermon, I deem it appropriate to present, in the words of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), the purpose of his advent and of the establishment of the Jamā‘at. Many new and young Ahmadīs are taking part in these *Jalsas* and these teachings are important for them to grow in faith and sincerity, and they may seek the help of Allāh to understand the purpose of the Promised Messiah's (Peace be upon him) advent and realize their own responsibilities in this regard.

Regarding the purpose for which the Ahmadīyya Jamā‘at was established in this age, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: This is indeed a blessed age because, in order to establish the status of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), God has decided to provide support to Islam by establishing this Jamā‘at. Those who are truly concerned for Islam should consider if there was ever a time when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was dishonoured more than he has been in this age. Is the honour of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) not dear to God, and should He not, in the face of such vilification, establish a heavenly dispensation to silence the opponents and establish the greatness and elegance of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) before the world? It was for this purpose that Allāh established this Jamā‘at.

Outlining the objectives of his mission, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I have been sent to restore the glory of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and to demonstrate the truth of the Holy Qur'ān to the world. All this is being done today but those who have blindfolds on their eyes cannot see it. This is despite the fact that the truth of this Jamā‘at has become evident and the people who have witnessed its signs and miracles are so many that if they were gathered in one place they would exceed the largest army any king has in the world.

The participation of thousands of Ahmadīs from different countries in these *Jalsas* is one of these signs.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: There are so many signs of the truth of this Jamā'at that it is not possible to describe them all. Since Islam has been ridiculed, Allāh has remedied this through the grandeur of this Jamā'at. Fortunate are those who have accepted the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and, in facing all kinds of opposition and persecution, are blessed with the love of Allāh.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: It is not enough to just believe. The true objective is to undergo a pure transformation and to be among those who walk steadfastly on the path of *Tauhīd* (Oneness of Allāh). Only then we will experience greater blessings of Allāh. Until a person closes all the unlawful ways upon himself and turns to God and beseeches Him with pure-heart and sincerity, he cannot receive God's help and support. When God sees that his heart is pure and free of all selfish desires, He opens the doors of His mercy upon him and takes him under His protection and becomes responsible for his sustenance. However, if in any corner of his heart there is an element of idolatry and false belief, then his prayer and his worship are rejected.

Emphasizing the need to adopt the example of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: God's purpose in establishing this Jamā'at and showing hundreds of signs in its support is that its members should be like the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and that the best of all ages the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) should be revived. Since the people who join this Jamā'at fall under the category of *آخرين منهم* it is essential that they free themselves of all frivolous customs and habits and focus all their attention upon God.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: God has now decreed to create a great Community that would be called the Community of *Sahāba*. However, since it is the Divine law that the Jamā'ats established by Him grow gradually, the growth of our Jamā'at will also be gradual. The great objectives towards which God wishes to lead this Jamā'at are still far off and they can only be achieved when there is special attention to proclaiming the Oneness of Allāh, spending time in His remembrance, and fulfilling our obligations towards our fellow beings. These are the objectives that we should strive for, only then will we witness the progress of the Jamā'at.

Stressing upon the need for reading the Holy Qur'ān with care and deliberation, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Remember, the Holy Qur'ān has done a great favour to past scriptures by presenting the true form of their teachings, which were in the form of fables. I say truly that no one can get rid of these fables and stories unless he reads the Holy Qur'ān, because the glory of the Holy Qur'an lies in its being the decisive Word of God; *إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ فَصْلٍ وَمَا هُوَ بِأَهْتَرُ*. Our opponents are fierce in their opposition against us only because we want to reveal the true light, wisdom and knowledge of the Holy Qur'ān. Therefore, read the

Holy Qur'an often and consider it to be a way of life. We should often recite this prayer of Hazrat Adam (Peace be upon him):

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost. (7:24)

Thus don't lead a negligent life. Shun Satan and find the shelter of God.

So, every Ahmadī should reflect on whether we are as the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) wanted us to be. If not, then we should continue to pray and strive towards this end. May Allāh enable every one of us to do so. Amin.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the following members' services of the Jamā'at who passed away recently and announced to lead their funeral prayer after the Friday prayer: Fazl Ahmed Dogar *Sāhib* who served at Jamia Ahmadīyya, UK; Malik Mansoor Ahmad Umar *Sāhib*, a missionary from Rabwah; and Isa Joseph *Sāhib* a missionary from Gambia.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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