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The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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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 03rd March 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād*, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: As I have already described in my previous sermons, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has given us the knowledge of the Holy Qur’ān and explained to us the means by which we can understand and act upon its teachings. The treasure trove of knowledge that the Holy Qur’ān offers is what truly connects us with Allāh. Indeed, there is no other means of attaining nearness to Allāh. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says in one of his poems:

قرآن خدا نما ہے خدا کا کلام ہے!

بے اس کے معرفت کا چمن ناتمام ہے

*“The Quran is the way to God, it is the Word of God;
Without it, the garden of spiritual knowledge is incomplete”*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is the point we should always remember if we want to achieve closeness to Allāh and succeed in this life and the Hereafter. It should also be kept in mind that to benefit from the knowledge of the Holy Qur’ān requires guidance from Allāh, which in this age has been brought by the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him)—the true servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). Through his teachings, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has illuminated various aspects of the Holy Qur’ān and revealed its beauty. This is an ongoing subject and there is a lot of material to cover. Today, I will speak about the characteristics and importance of the Holy Qur’ān in light of the writings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

In his letter to *Lāla Bhīm Sen*, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) wrote: A few days ago, a Brahman by the name of *Lekh Rām* came to me in Qadian and claimed that the Vedas are the word of God, not the Holy Qur’ān. I told him that this cannot be true because the Vedas contain teachings about associating partners with Allāh, whereas the Holy Qur’ān rejects the very notion of associating partners with Allāh. It is only by following the Holy Qur’ān that one can experience the living God, and this is evident from the lives of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him).

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: If we take a broader look at the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), which was the pinnacle of Islām, we can see how his teachings elevated his followers from the lowest states to the highest. One who sincerely and lovingly follows the Holy Qur’ān starts to reflect Divine attributes. This is because of the remarkable power and quality of the Holy Qur’ān as the word of Allāh. I have personally experienced this tremendous power and have witnessed the amazing quality of following in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). Through this path, a true follower can attain the highest levels of spiritual enlightenment.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the Holy Qur'ān possesses four miraculous qualities. The first miraculous quality is the eloquence of its language, which far surpasses any human ability to articulate. The second miracle and beauty of the Holy Qur'ān lies in the fact that the stories it relates are prophetic in nature. The third miraculous feature is that the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān contain everything necessary to elevate human nature to perfection. The fourth and most astounding miracle of the Holy Qur'ān is that it enables one who follows its teachings to come extremely close to Allāh, allowing him to experience divine communication and display clear signs. Following the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān also leads to acceptance of one's prayers.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the Holy Qur'ān has many miraculous qualities, including the fact that those who wholeheartedly follow its teachings attain the status of acceptance, and their prayers are answered. Allāh communicates with them through His beautiful and awe-inspiring words and helps them against their enemies.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the message of *Tauhīd* spread by the Holy Qur'ān has blossomed in the lands of Arabia, Persia, Egypt, Syria, India, China, Afghanistan, Kashmir, and many other countries, uprooting the seeds of polytheism and idol worship that were deeply embedded in these lands. This was an unparalleled accomplishment that was not seen at any other time.

The Holy Qur'ān was revealed at a time of extreme ignorance that was in dire need of a higher teaching. It was sent to reform those whose hearts were firmly entrenched in corrupt beliefs and who had become accustomed to committing heinous acts.

With the expansion of human population and advancements in communication, people from diverse countries could meet and engage with one another. As a result, the existence of human beings in different corners of the world became widely known. It was God's will to unify mankind as one nation, therefore, He sent a Book that would serve as a guide for all people.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has explained '*Ilale Arba'a* (علل اربعه) the four causes of the Holy Qur'ān's revelation.

The first is the efficient cause ('*Illate Fa'ili*'), i.e., who revealed it and why?

The second is the formal cause ('*Illate Şūrī*'), i.e., what are the apparent and practical reasons for it?

The third is the material cause ('*Illate Mādī*'), i.e., what is its material benefit?

The fourth is the final cause ('*Illate Ghāī*'), i.e., what is the fundamental cause and purpose of all of these causes?

Regarding the efficient cause ('*Illate Fa'ili*'), it is stated;

أَلَمْ

“*I am God, Knower of the unseen.*”

Regarding the material cause ('*Illate Mādī*'), it is stated;

ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ

“*This is a perfect Book*”

By acting upon it, real benefits can be obtained.

The formal cause ('*Illate Şūrī*') is;

لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ

“*There is no doubt in it*”

meaning the perfection and excellence of this book is that there is no doubt or ambiguity in it. What it states is established, and what it claims is clear.

The final cause (*‘Illate Ghāī*) of this book is;

هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

‘it is a guidance for the righteous’

meaning the purpose of this book is to guide the righteous.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The timeless teachings of the Holy Qur’ān have been articulated by contemporary scholars in a manner that has been subjected to objections from adversaries. Thus, it is incumbent upon Aḥmadīs to exemplify the true beauty of these teachings through their conduct and behaviour while fostering piety within themselves. Let us showcase to the world that the Holy Qur’ān is a source of healing for all afflictions. May Allāh grant us success in embodying its teachings while upholding virtue and piety. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) once again made an appeal for prayers for Aḥmadīs in Pakistan, Burkina Faso, Algeria and specially for Aḥmadīs in Bangladesh who were attacked during the first day of their Jalsa Sālāna, resulting in some injuries. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said all that we can pray for such people is:

اللَّهُمَّ مَزِقْهُمْ كُلَّ مَزَقٍ وَسَحِّقْهُمْ

O Allāh, tear them apart and crush them into pieces.

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

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