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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 Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Over the past few weeks, I have been elaborating on the high status and excellences of the Holy Qur’ān. One of the most intriguing questions about religion is how does it affect human faculties ? The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the Gospels do not offer a satisfactory answer to this as they lack reason and rationality. In contrast, the Holy Qur’ān emphasizes that religion should not attempt to alter the natural faculties of humans, nor should it turn "wolves into lambs". Rather, its primary objective is to guide individuals in such a way that they are able to utilize their natural abilities and powers in the most effective and appropriate way. Religion should not focus on any one faculty alone, but rather encourage the proper use of all faculties. The ultimate goal of religion is to bring about reformation and improvement, and every possible means should be employed to this end.

The Holy Qur’ān teaches in such a way that no objection can be levelled against it, and it is so rational that even a philosopher cannot object to it. Reflect on the Holy Qur’ān, as it contains details of good and bad, and news of the future. It presents a religion that cannot be objected to because its blessings and fruits are always fresh. It is the special distinction of the Holy Qur’ān that it provides the cure for every ailment, nurtures all human faculties, and shows the way to overcome all evil. Therefore, keep reciting the Holy Qur’ān, keep praying, and strive to follow its teachings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: As the holy month of Ramadan approaches, it is an opportune time to make a special effort to recite and study the Holy Qur’ān and to endeavour to understand its meaning.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The only way to soften the heart is to repeatedly read the Holy Qur’ān. Whenever one recites a prayer in the Holy Qur’ān, the believer wants this divine mercy to include him as well. The Holy Qur’ān is like a garden, one plucks a flower from one part of it and then moves on to the other part of the garden to pluck another kind of flower. It is necessary to reap blessings from all its parts. This leads to spiritual development. One should follow what Allāh has commanded and make efforts to avoid what He has prohibited.

Once, Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar was about to announce a decision regarding a matter when an old woman said that it was found thus and thus in Ḥadīth. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar replied that he could not put aside the Holy Qur’ān for an old woman. This is the principle we should adopt as well. If we do not, false innovations will continue to spread. Sadly, the majority of Muslims are ignorant and tend to believe whatever the so-called ‘ulamā tell them, thus allowing false innovations to spread. And yet, it is we who are accused of distorting the Holy Qur’ān!

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that until the Muslims become fully obedient to and bound by the Holy Qur’ān, they cannot progress in any way. The Holy Qur’ān is a treasure trove full of gems, but people are unaware of it. It is a great pity that people do not pay attention to the Holy Qur’ān with the required zeal and fervour.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Holy Qur'ān is a book of reason and logic. It does not state anything without providing strong arguments in its support. Just as the eloquence and fluency of the Holy Qur'ān have a magnetic appeal, so do its reasons and arguments. Hence, no other book can compete with the Holy Qur'ān. When you read anything in the Holy Qur'ān, you should look for its arguments in that very place.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Holy Qur'ān is an esteemed book that has laid the foundation of peace among nations and acknowledged the truth of every prophet of every nation. It teaches:

لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

*‘‘We make no difference between any of them; and to Him we submit ourselves.’’* (2:137)

That is, Muslims say that we believe in all the prophets of the world and do not pick and choose, accepting some and rejecting others. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) challenged the opponents to name another book that was such a promoter of peace. By following the Holy Qur'ān one can experience the signs of his salvation in this very world. It is such a comprehensive collection of truths and verities that it logically refutes all the doubts that prevent people from reaching God. The Holy Qur'ān is the certain and definitive word of God that is free from doubts and suspicions.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Allāh first sent separate *Sharī'ah* to different nations, but then He desired that, just as He is One, they should also become one. To bring them all together, Allāh sent the Holy Qur'ān. The Holy Qur'ān has done a great favour to past scriptures and prophets by presenting their teachings in an intellectual form, which were in the form of fables. No one can be saved from these fables without reading the Holy Qur'ān. Whoever thinks that it contains mere stories disrespects the Holy Qur'ān. The reason that our opponents are quick to oppose us is that we want to show the world that the Holy Qur'ān is a complete source of knowledge and wisdom. When Allāh Himself, by His grace, has opened our eyes to the fact that the Holy Qur'ān is a living and illuminating book, why should we be concerned about their opposition?

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The great depths of knowledge found in the Holy Qur'ān are not to be found in the Torah or the Gospels. Everyone should make it a habit to ponder over its teachings so that we may appreciate the beauty of Allāh's words. From the beginning to the end, the Holy Qur'ān contains detailed guidance on all aspects of life. We should search for them while reciting the Holy Qur'ān and make them a part of our lives; only then can we truly benefit from the words of God. Everything necessary is to be found in the Holy Qur'ān, but without true insight, nothing can be obtained.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Holy Qur'ān is a treasure trove of knowledge. At the same time, it also comes with worldly blessings. Allāh sent the prophets and revealed His final book so that the world could be saved through their influence.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is the responsibility of every Aḥmadī to try to shape their lives according to the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and also to make the world aware of these teachings and save them from spiritual and material destruction. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) is the seal of the prophets, and the Holy Qur'ān is the seal of the scriptures. There can be no salvation apart from what the Holy Qur'ān has taught and which the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon

him) has demonstrated. May Allāh enable the Muslims to understand this and recognize the Imām of the age.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) once again advised the whole Jamā‘at to pray for the Aḥmadīs living in Pakistan, Burkina Faso and Bangladesh.

*Jazākumullāh*

*Wassalām,*

Abdul Majid Tahir

Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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