

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President

Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 15th January 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 9 of Sūrah *Al-Taghābun*, which is translated as follows:

“Believe, therefore, in Allāh and His Messenger, and in the Light which We have sent down. And Allāh is Well-Aware of all that you do.” (64:9)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Man is the noblest of Allāh’s creations and he has been endowed with a superb mind that makes use of everything in the best possible way and makes new inventions virtually every day. But we should remember that material advancement is not the only aim of our lives, and that the true purpose of our creation is to recognize, serve and worship our true God.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم derived his light from God and then bestowed it upon his companions and they benefitted from it according to their capacity. He taught them how to worship Allāh in the best manner and told them about the purpose of their creation. The companions in turn spread the divine light to others and thus lamps continued to light other lamps. It has been decreed that, till the Day of Judgment, whoever adheres to the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and to the perfect Shari’ah of the Holy Qur’ān, such a person will continue to move from darkness to light and will win Allāh’s pleasure.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that in order to receive Divine Light, faith has to be accompanied by actions. A believer should perform good deeds and shun sin and transgression, for Allāh sees all that we do. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that these days the occasions of joy and sorrow are commemorated with a lot of innovations and frivolous customs and a lot of money is wasted on such activities. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said, today I forbid the Jamā’at in categorical terms not to follow such customs and avoid spending extravagantly on marriages and on other such occasions, whose only purpose is to show off.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Every Aḥmadī who pledges *Bai'at* promises to abstain from all kinds of frivolous customs, innovations and selfish passions, and accepts the authority of the Holy Qur'ān and abides by the injunctions of Allāh and the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Today we all need to abide by this pledge. If we do so we shall be able to walk the path of righteousness and win Allāh's love and fulfil the purpose of our creation.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: In order to come out of darkness and into light, and to fulfil our pledge of *Bai'at*, it is important that we stop being worldly minded and transform ourselves by adopting high morals. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: *Hayā*, or modesty and chastity, is a part of our faith. Let us not disregard it under the influence of the obscenity that reaches us through the internet and other media, otherwise we risk losing our faith. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Immodesty makes one repulsive while modesty lends beauty to a chaste person. *Hayā* (modesty) means that we have to protect even our mind from sinful thoughts.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Those who truly believe in Allāh and the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم earn their livelihood through lawful and just means and do not resort to bribery and other malpractices, and provide for their family through lawful means.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has taught us to pray, 'O our dear Guide, show us the path through which the truthful and righteous find You. And save us from the path of selfish desires, jealousy and craving after worldly things.' Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: If we remain engrossed in our worldliness and innovations and customs and do not free ourselves of these fetters even after we have accepted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, then we are surely among those who do not serve Allāh and are not granted His light. May Allāh strengthen our faith and enable us to follow the path shown to us by Allāh and His Prophet. May He save us from following worldly customs and bring us from darkness into light. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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