

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 2nd April 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Bishārat Mosque, Spain.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: By the grace of Allāh, this Friday Sermon marks the start of Jalsa Sālāna of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya Spain. We have gathered here not with any worldly motives, but in keeping with the desire of the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام, the Imām of this age, that his followers should come together once every year to listen to the teachings of Allāh and the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, to live these teachings and to bring about a transformation in their lives. Aḥmadīs should also remember the words of the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام that these Jalsas are not like worldly gatherings, but are based entirely on Divine support and held for the purpose of proclaiming the truth.

A great responsibility lies on the shoulders of Aḥmadīs, because it is the example shown by each one of us that is going to determine the pace of our progress in this time and age. The loftier our examples are and the more we pray, the sooner we shall attain our objective. But, as we progress materially, we must not forget our spiritual development. Our every step towards physical growth should also lead to our spiritual growth. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم was also worried about his followers and he warned them that when they are blessed with worldly provisions they should not become engrossed in a life of ease and luxury, for if they do so they would perish like those before them.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Drinking and gambling are great sins. They bring about the ruin of all those who indulge in them, for they lead man away from God. Aḥmadīs should not only abstain from these evils but should also protect their children and younger people against them. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم cursed everyone who makes, sells, serves or drinks alcohol. Aḥmadīs should, therefore, avoid working in places where liquor is sold. A believer always puts his faith above worldly considerations. When a believer deviates from his faith, ruin becomes his fate in this world and the next. With the exception of the religion of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, all other faiths are spiritually dead. Today it is only Islam that advocates a living God and shows the path of salvation for all times to come.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Aḥmadiyyat is going to grow and progress and no one in the world can stop this. God sent the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم for the revival of the faith and this task has now been entrusted to his followers. If we lose ourselves in worldly frivolities, we will be going against the pledge we have made with the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام. We are answerable to God for this pledge and no one

can deceive Him. The essence of the ten conditions of Bai‘at is to fulfil our obligations to God and man, to offer Durūd for the Holy Prophet ﷺ, to follow and obey the Promised Messiah عليه السلام implicitly and to hold our faith above everything else. An Aḥmadī should always keep this pledge before him.

Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh has created mankind for His worship. As one attains higher and higher levels of worship, one undergoes a transformation and gathers provisions for his spiritual life. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, “Since God has created man for Himself, He has placed in his nature an element that belongs to Him and draws him towards Himself in mysterious ways. Discard every trace of laziness in your worship for no one knows when death might strike. Whatever you do, always keep the pleasure of your Lord uppermost and do not give precedence to your own motives and desires.” Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: During the days of Jalsa focus all your attention on prayers, renew your pledges and take steps to bring about a change that becomes a permanent part of your lives.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā‘at of the tragic martyrdom in Faisalabad, Pakistan, of three Aḥmadīs: Sheikh Ashraf Pervaiz Ṣāhib, his brother Sheikh Masood Javed Ṣāhib and Asif Masood Ṣāhib son of Masood Javed Ṣāhib. Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led their *Namāz Janāzah Ghāib* after the Jumu‘a prayers.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 07 April 2010