

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at the Nūr Mosque in Switzerland.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: I frequently urge the Jamā'at that they should become grateful servants of Allāh and that to achieve this end *Taqwa* is a precondition. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم exhorted us to show gratitude for God's bounties through perfect obedience to His commandments. To become Allāh's grateful servants, we should recall His favours at all times and his praise should be on our tongues and our hearts filled with His love. Through gratitude one is able to progress in *Taqwa* because gratitude is in itself a virtue.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: When Allāh refers to Himself as *Shukūr*, it means that He appreciates humility and gratitude of his servants and their desire to excel in virtue. When a person performs good deeds for the sake of Allāh and becomes His grateful servant and turns to Him with his whole heart, Allāh covers him in the mantle of His forgiveness and hides his sins and shortcomings. He appreciates every step that man takes to come closer to Him and increases His blessings upon him.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Every Aḥmadī should attach himself to the Jamā'at in such a way he becomes a model for others. If you do not value the Jamā'at and do not pay heed to the words of the Khalīfa, you and your progeny will slowly become deprived of faith and of God's bounties. If material things are leading you away from the faith, then they are not bounties but a scourge, and it means that you are not valuing Allāh's gifts. Remember, in this age there is no greater honour than our allegiance to the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام. It is this pledge that every Aḥmadī needs to honour.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Briefly speaking, the pledge which the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام took from his followers was that they shall keep away from all kinds of shirk, falsehood, adultery, ogling, fighting, bickering, transgression, dishonesty, disorder and rebellion. And that they shall steadfastly observe their prayers and not harm anyone, under the influence of their passions, either with their tongues or with their hands. In every state whether of prosperity or adversity they shall not only remain loyal to God but shall move closer towards Him. They shall keep away from frivolous worldly customs and show a perfect example of obedience to Allah and to the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. They shall discard every kind of pride and arrogance and adopt meekness and humility. They shall

consider their faith and its honour and its demands dearer than their own life and wealth and honour and children and everyone they love. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: This is what the Promised Messiah عليه السلام expects from us and we have to live up to his expectations if we wish to belong to the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: The purpose of *Purdah* or the veil is to protect the honour and sanctity of women, and this concept has been taught by every religion. Islām is the greatest advocate for the honour and rights of women. Women are not coerced into wearing the veil or Ḥijāb. We urge our women to observe *Purdah* as a mark of distinction and to give them their rightful status in society. I would also like to say to Aḥmadī girls that if they fall into some kind of complex and abandon the *purdah* because of what people say or in pursuit of worldly fashion, then they shall be putting their own honour at risk. Your honour is linked to the honour of your faith.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام had given the glad tidings of a second manifestation after him. This second manifestation, or Khilāfat, deserves your complete devotion. Whoever vows to remain firmly attached to Khilāfat will be truly among the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, “Allāh loves those who prefer their faith above all else and become attached to Him with all their heart and soul. So try to establish a relationship of sincerity with Allāh, hold Him above everything else and follow the holy example of the Companions of the Holy Prophet سلى الله عليه وسلم. May Allāh enable every Aḥmadī to become a true representative of Aḥmadiyyat and may He always grace us with His bounties. *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,  
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Dated: 29 April 2010