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The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 7th May, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ began the sermon by reciting verse 4 of Sūrah *Fāṭir*, which is translated as follows:

‘O ye men, remember the favour of Allāh towards you. Is there any Creator other than Allāh *Who* provides for you from the heaven and earth? There is none worthy of worship but He. Whither then are you turned away?’ (35:4)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: *Al-Khāliq* is an attributive name of Allāh which has been mentioned numerous times in the Holy Qur’ān. According to the lexicons, the root word *Khalq* has the following meanings: To take a proper measure before creating something; to create something from nothing without copying any prior design; and to make something from another, or to invent something. To create from nothing is a quality that exclusively belongs to Allāh. Thus, *Al-Khāliq* and *Al-Khallāq* are Divine attributes, and the article *Al* makes them applicable only to Allāh, for He alone creates from nothing. With reference to creation, the Holy Qur’ān also mentions some of other Divine attributes, such as *Al-Bārī*, *Al-Badī‘* and *Al-Fāṭir*.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The verse I have recited means that the earth cannot produce anything (viz. means of subsistence) on its own without help from heaven. Even earthly water dries up without heavenly rain. In the same way as Allāh provides us with physical bounties, He also grants us spiritual bounties. Thus, a pure nature is obliged to worship the One True God.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Among Allāh’s spiritual bounties is the presence of His Prophets and chosen ones, and the greatest of them is our Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, the ideal specimen of Divine creation, who is duly called the Perfect Man. The realization of God’s bounties, whether spiritual or material, is only possible if we follow in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. His is the example we have to emulate and towards which we have to invite the whole world.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Spiritual water descends from heaven through God’s chosen servants. While heavenly rain causes crops and orchards to grow, it also produces weeds that are harmful for the crops. Likewise, when spiritual water descends from heaven through God’s chosen servants, it benefits those who are pure hearted and diligent, but deprives those who oppose them and turn their back to the faith and thus end up ruining their hereafter.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Those who partook of the spiritual water that was granted to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام were also shown signs of Divine love and succour. They witnessed the growth of their spirituality in their own lives while the opponents remained deprived. The weeds of opposition also grew, but they could not harm the orchards and fields of the true faith. This is why we have been urged to value the bounty and guidance that has been given to us and use it to nourish *Taqwa* and righteousness.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh hears the supplications of man when he is in distress. Speaking about the persecution faced by the Jamā‘at in Pakistan and other countries, Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: In order to live successfully through these trials and tribulations we have to realize that God is our only refuge and to Him we must submit. Pray with the utmost anguish and humility and you will see how God responds to your payers and removes all our difficulties.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Most of all we need to attend to our obligatory prayers and make a point of offering them regularly. There should not be even a single one among us who misses his prayers. It is essential to worship Allāh in order to absorb His blessings. This is the main purpose of man’s creation. We can only fulfil our duty towards our Master and Creator by submitting to Him as the only One Who is worthy of worship. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 13 May 2010