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The Amīr/ National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 14th May, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ gave a discourse on verses 2-4 of Sūrah Al-A'ālā, which are translated as follows:

'Glorify the name of thy Lord, the Most High, Who creates and perfects, and Who designs and guides,' (87:2-4)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In keeping with the practice of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, this Sūrah is commonly recited in Jumu'a and 'Īd prayers. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم used to recite sura Al-A'ālā in the first rak'ā and Sūrah Al-Ghāshiyā in the second. According to Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ, in the first verse we have been commanded to glorify the name of God and the perfect example in this regard was set for us by the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم who surpassed everyone in his remembrance and praise of his Lord. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ shed further light on this by quoting Aḥādīth related by Ḥaḍrat Ayesha رضی اللہ عنہا and other Companions رضی اللہ عنہم to the effect that the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم would offer abundant praise and gratitude to God even for the smallest bounties.

Among the many ways which the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم taught his followers of praising and remembering Allāh, was that they should use words that comprehend all His attributes. They should ponder over these attributes and bring to mind all of Allāh's bounties as well as His Greatness and Majesty. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Do not depend upon worldly means for your sustenance, your success, your progress or your victory; instead concentrate on your praise for God, Who is the Lord of the worlds and free from every imperfection.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: This verse also means that you should spread the name of your Lord throughout the world. In this also we find that the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم did full justice to his mission of calling mankind towards God. He undertook the task of Da'wat Ilallāh with the utmost devotion, sagacity and perseverance. Even in adversity he kept praising his Lord and continued to spread His message. This was the quality he instilled in his Companions رضی اللہ عنہم as well. Such was his spiritual influence that they did not desist from any sacrifice to exalt the name of their Lord.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In the second verse, it is said that God is the One Who creates and perfects. This means that God has invested man with all the faculties necessary for his advancement and has placed in him the seed of progress. With the proper use of his spiritual and mental faculties, man can become a reflection of God's attributes. In this

regard, too, the Holy Prophet ﷺ was the perfect example, for it was to him that God revealed His perfect teaching in keeping with the demands of human nature.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh has not only provided mankind with cure for physical diseases but also for their spiritual maladies. He always sends His Messengers to cure the spiritually sick. He sent the Holy Prophet ﷺ with the perfect teaching in the form of the Holy Qur'ān at a time when mankind became ridden with all spiritual maladies and the sins of all the ages had become prevalent.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام was sent by God to dig pearls of knowledge and wisdom from the Holy Book and to cure our spiritual weaknesses. These cures benefit those who reflect upon the Holy Qur'ān in the light of the Promised Messiah's علیہ السلام teachings and commentaries.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Regarding the third verse, Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said that having given man the ability to progress and having endowed him with tremendous faculties, Allāh has also provided for him the means for limitless progress. This means that He gave mankind powers in keeping with the teachings that He later revealed to them. The other meaning is that whenever man goes astray, God sends His teachings to meet his needs. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: May Allāh help us to truly live by His teachings, to praise Him, worship Him and spread His message to the whole world.

In the end, Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ spoke about the persecution and arrest of some Aḥmadīs in Egypt and asked the Jamā'at to pray for them and also for Aḥmadīs in Pakistan. May Allāh protect them all. *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: 20 May 2010