

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā'at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 32 of sura *Al-Furqān*, which is translated as follows:

‘Thus did We make for every Prophet an enemy from among the sinners; and sufficient is thy Lord as a Guide and a Helper.’ (25:32)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Those who are sent by God and their followers have always had to face persecution and scorn. And their opponents are not those who seek the nearness of God, rather they are among the sinners. They continue to grow in their crimes because they persecute these holy people in the name of God. Nor does their persecution bear fruit, for in the end it is God’s chosen ones who triumph and the opponents suffer chastisement.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his Companions رضی اللہ عنہم were subjected to the harshest treatment in Mecca, but he bore it with the greatest fortitude and taught his followers to do the same. It was this that caused righteous souls to be drawn towards him and his message spread to far off lands. Instead of suppressing the message, the opposition became the means for spreading it. Allāh tells us not to be perturbed by opposition for many are guided through it.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh manifests earthly and heavenly signs for His chosen ones whenever He desires and He also shows signs of His wrath and destroys their enemies. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام faced immense opposition; he was treated with scorn and his followers were persecuted and continue to be persecuted to this day. But, we must remember, our opponents will never succeed and the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام will emerge victorious. Allāh cares greatly for those whom He loves. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that God will never cut a tree that he has planted with His own hands.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ spoke about the plight of Aḥmadīs in Pakistan and appealed to the Jamā'at for prayers. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ mentioned the overall situation in Pakistan and the way disaster after disaster is visiting the country. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ stressed that people need to fear God and seek His help and refuge in these circumstances. Speaking about the tragic martyrdom of Ḥafīẓ Aḥmad Shākir Ṣāḥib of Karachi, Pakistan, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: We rest our case with God. We have always shown patience and forbearance and shall continue to do so. Allāh says that whosoever wilfully takes the life of a believer shall be rewarded with hell; he is cursed by God and a great chastisement has been

prepared for him. Again, Allāh says, “Do not think that those who are killed in the way of Allāh are dead; they are living and are provided for by the Lord.”

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام wrote more than eighty books to defend and prove the superiority of Islam. He also instilled the love of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in the hearts of his followers and put all his effort into establishing the Oneness of God. And he left behind him a Jamā‘at that is carrying on his mission. Every fair-minded person appreciated the work done by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى illustrated this with excerpts from the writings of some non-Aḥmadīs. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, “The comfort of my daily existence lies in manifesting the glory of God, of His Messenger, and of His Word. I require no more than that He Who has sent me should be pleased with me. And I find pleasure in revealing to the world what He has revealed to me. This is also my duty. And I wish all those people to join me in inviting the world towards God who have from eternity been chosen for this purpose.”

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: While those of us who sacrifice their lives for their Lord are given the glad-tiding of eternal existence, the rest of us who show patience and courage also attract Allah’s love. We must never let this spirit die. May Allāh grant us the strength. Amin.

In the end of the sermon, Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى informed the Jamā‘at of the circumstances of the martyrdom of Ḥafīz Aḥmad Shākīr of Karachi and the sad demise of Ata Muhammad Šāḥīb of Sargodha and Ahmad Muhammad Ḥātim Ḥilmī Al-Shāfī (son of Dr. Muḥammad Ḥātim Šāḥīb) of Egypt. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى led their Namaz Janāzah Ghaib of all the deceased after the Jum‘a prayers.

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 Aḥmadīyya Pakistan,

Dated: 29 May. 10