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The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verses 72-75 of Sūrah *Ṣād*, which are translated as follows:

“When thy Lord said to the angels, ‘I am about to create man from clay, ‘And so when I have fashioned him *in perfection*, and have breathed into him of My Spirit, fall ye down in submission to him.’ So the angels submitted, all of them together. But Iblīs *did not*. He behaved proudly, and was of those who disbelieved.” (38:72-75)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Since the beginning of the world, there has been a struggle going on between man and Satan. God sends His Messengers who endeavour to lead mankind towards God, but Satan tries to create hurdles in their path and inspires people with false hopes and fears and attempts in every way to lead them into darkness. This is why the Holy Qur’ān warns us time and again to beware of satanic temptations and has taught us the prayer to seek God’s refuge and protection against the temptations of Satan, the accursed.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In the verse that I have recited, it is said that when God created man and ordered the angels to obey him, Satan refused to submit because of his pride and arrogance. He said he could not bow down before one who had been made out of clay while he himself was made out of fire. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh has given man the potential to acquire divine qualities and to attain His nearness. The closest people to God are those who are chosen by Him and angels come forth to help and support them. Satan and his minions try to create doubts in people’s minds. Such people, because of their arrogance, reject God’s messengers and become tools in the hands of Satan.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The prostration of the angels before man does not mean physical prostration. Rather it means that angels help God’s Messengers to spread His message and to counter satanic schemes and machinations. They inspire good and righteous people with the truth of God’s message and the realization of how God helps His Messengers, and thus they are able to accept the truth. They infuse in them a new life and show them signs of God’s love and bestow upon them the good of this world and the Hereafter.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “Remember, insulting God’s chosen ones is the same as insulting God Himself. I am God’s Khalīfa and our Khilāfat is of the heaven, not of the earth. God has revealed to me that He is with me and His angels are ever ready to help me.” Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In keeping with this

promise, we have always witnessed signs of divine succour. Satan is doing his work and the angels are doing theirs. When Allāh opens people's hearts through His angels, all barriers are removed. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "Arrogance comes from Satan and it makes a satan of everyone who practices it. Unless one totally gives up pride and arrogance one cannot accept the truth or benefit from Divine beneficence."

Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has repeatedly said that if this Jamā'at had not been founded by God, it would long have perished. Can persecution bring the Jamā'at to an end, or has it ever done so? Never! The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "It is our belief that just as Adam was able to overcome Satan through prayer, we too shall become victorious through prayer. Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: As opposition against us mounts we need to turn our attention to prayer more than ever before.

Speaking of the terrorist attack on Aḥmadiyya mosques in Lahore viz. Dārul Zikar and Baitul Nūr Model Town, which was in progress at the time, Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ expressed great sorrow and said: The number of dead and wounded is very high. May Allāh bless all those whose lives have been sacrificed in His path. May Allāh grant full recovery to those who have been wounded. And may Allāh teach a lesson to those who have exceeded all bounds in their opposition to the Jamā'at.

Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Aḥmadīs should put more anguish and pathos in their prayers. May Allāh strengthen the faith of all Aḥmadīs and no trial or tribulation should ever weaken us. Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ asked Aḥmadīs all over the world to pray for Aḥmadīs in Pakistan and others who have been detained in India and Egypt. May Allāh have mercy on all Aḥmadīs and save us from tribulations. *Āmīn*.

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: 02 June 2010