

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 30th July, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Hadiqatul-Mahdī, Hampshire, UK.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 112 of Sūrah *Al-Taubah*, which is translated as follows:

“They are the ones who turn to God in repentance, who worship Him, who praise Him, who go about in the land serving Him, who bow down to God, who prostrate themselves in prayer, who enjoin good and forbid evil, and who watch the limits set by Allāh. And give glad-tidings to those who believe.” (11:112)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: This verse contains the attributes of a believer. Those who have come to this Jalsa enduring hardships and undertaking long journeys in order to become guests of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام should not be content with being honoured and served but should strive to acquire the qualities mentioned in this verse.

Addressing the visitors to the Jalsa, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: One of the aims of the Jalsa mentioned by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام was to strengthen the bonds of love and brotherhood between members of the Jamā‘at. But a believer should also be conscious about the proper use of his time. Therefore, while the Jalsa is in progress you should attend to its programs and leave your meetings with friends for afterwards. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In such a large gathering there is always fear of unsavoury incidents and unpleasantness, but a believer has the quality of being able to keep his emotions in check. Participants should always bear in mind the sanctity of the Jalsa and practice patience and forbearance.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Young people on security duty should be accompanied by mature members so that there may be no occasion for complaints. The visitors should also allow themselves to be searched with patience and should not feel offended. Try to attain the purpose for which you are gathered here. The hosts and the guests should all try to set lofty examples of love and brotherhood according to the wishes of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Visitors from abroad, particularly from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and African countries, should not avail the hospitality of the UK Jamā‘at for more than two or three weeks, as this poses problems for the hosts. If they wish to stay longer, they should arrange to stay with friends or relatives.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has forbidden the guest to stay for so long as to inconvenience the host.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: When you meet one another you should do so with the greetings of *Salām* or peace. It is a prayer that draws blessings from Allāh and this is the kind of environment that Allāh wants to promote. The Holy Prophet ﷺ also says that you should offer *Salām* to everyone regardless of whether you are acquainted with them or not. If you acquire the habit of saying *Salām* during these days, it will stay with you and help to foster love and brotherhood. How good it would be if people who are not on speaking terms with one another were to come together today with greetings of peace and forgive and embrace one another. Let the believers become one so as to reap the blessings of this holy journey.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: We should follow the example of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and show patience and forbearance and gratitude. If there has been any shortcoming on part of the hosts, you should overlook it. May Allāh enable us all to fully benefit from the Jalsa.

At the end Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ again stressed the need for vigilance, cleanliness, abiding by the detailed instructions given in the program and spending maximum time in prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Shabbir Aḥmad)

Acting Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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