

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 186 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

“The month of Ramaḍān is that in which the Qur’ān was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present *at home* in this month, let him fast therein. But whoso is sick or is on a journey, *shall fast* the same number of other days. Allāh desires *to give* you facility and He desires not hardship for you, and that you may complete the number, and that you may exalt Allāh for His having guided you and that you may be grateful.” (2:186)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In this verse Allāh speaks of the extraordinary connection between Ramaḍān and the Holy Qur’ān. Ramaḍān is the month for reciting and deliberating upon the Holy Book. All the more so because it was in this month that the Holy Qur’ān, which is the perfect and final teaching for all mankind for all times to come, was revealed upon the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. Both the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم came to this world to spread God’s blessings.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Qur’ān is a source of guidance for all people. In this month you should keep the Holy Qur’ān before you as your guide. As you recite it you should also reflect upon its meanings and find guidance through it. Those who truly fear Allāh follow its teaching in all its detail. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم says that fasting does not mean merely to remain hungry and thirsty. Fasting will only be meaningful if one shows due deference to the Holy Qur’ān and tries to abide by its teachings.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: These days a certain Church in USA is trying to malign Islām and the Holy Qur’ān through baseless accusations. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Qur’ān, from first to last, teaches the Oneness of God and this is the purpose for which God sends His Messengers. No faith can stand without the foundation of *Tauḥīd*. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Jamā‘at is trying in different ways to stop this Church from going on with its despicable plan of burning copies of the Holy Qur’ān on 9/11. Today the world is in desperate need of peace, love and brotherhood and avoiding war and conflict. But this sacrilege will create walls of hatred and discord. The Christians need to rethink their ways. And the followers of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم too need to show appropriate reactions. Religious disputes should be resolved through reason and arguments while showing regard for the feelings of others.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: In order to find the right path, the first step is belief in the unseen which leads to spiritual progress and to God. He who truly fears God demonstrates his faith with his actions and becomes firmly established in the worship of his Lord. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: With the coming of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, God has begun to demonstrate His signs. Today we are witnessing these signs and because of our faith in the unseen we have no doubt that all that has been promised to us will come to pass. As for this period of trials and tribulation, every Divine Jamā'at has to go through it. Let us make use of this month of Ramaḍān to seek God's nearness and strengthen our faith through prayers and supplications. It is the duty of every Aḥmadī to try his best to become a living example of the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that God has safeguarded the Holy Qur'ān in four ways. First he has safeguarded its text through the *Huffāz* who have memorized the Holy Qur'ān in their hundreds of thousands and have in every age protected it from interpolation. Secondly, He has safeguarded it through the imams and elders who, in every century, have been granted its understanding and who have explained its meanings with the help of the Traditions. Thirdly, through theologians who have explained the Holy Qur'ān in terms of logic and reason and saved it from the derision of misguided philosophers. Fourthly through those who were given spiritual bounties and who protected it against the attacks of those who do not believe in miracles and revelations.

At the end Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā'at of the tragic martyrdom of two Aḥmadīs in Pakistan. Dr. Najmul Hasan Ṣāḥib of Karachi and Pir Habibur Rahman Ṣāḥib, son of Pir Faḍl-ur-Rahman Ṣāḥib of Sānghar were both martyred in the month of Ramaḍān. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also told about the sad demise of Musa Rustawi Ṣāḥib and spoke highly of his services and devotion.

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,

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