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The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyyah,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 12th November, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 154 of surah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

“O ye who believe! seek help with patience and prayer; surely, Allāh is with the steadfast.” (2:154)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: *Sabr* means not to let out a word of complaint or annoyance for the hardships that one faces in the way of Allāh, and to strive in His path with high resolve and steadfastness while seeking His help through prayers. He who bears every hardship for the sake of Allāh and overcomes all temptations and keeps away from sin is the one who truly practices *sabr*.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “The time is near when you will not see the mischievous people. God has ordained that this Jamā‘at shall spread in the whole world. Had He willed otherwise, he would not have allowed these people to harm us or they would not even have been born, but God wants to teach us *Sabr* through them. If you show *sabr* or patience for a little while, you will see the end of their antagonism; for they will either repent or be destroyed by God.” Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: *Sabr* is also a kind of worship. Allāh says that those who practice *sabr* will be rewarded beyond measure, which means that they will be granted limitless bounties. But this promise is only for those who hold on to *sabr*. When a man devotes his life in the cause of another and is tormented for his sake, the one he serves will ultimately avenge him and destroy the tormentor. The same will happen in the case of our Jamā‘at which is serving the cause of Allāh. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Bearing sorrow and anguish strengthens one’s faith, and nothing is more powerful than *sabr*.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The spread of the Jamā‘at has been decreed by God and the persecution of Aḥmadīs is only serving to bring us closer to it. More and more people are joining our Jamā‘at day and night. Now that the Jamā‘at is spreading and Allāh’s promises to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام are being fulfilled in a grand manner, we must have faith that this prophecy about the spread of the Jamā‘at and the silencing of the opponents will also be fulfilled. These temporary hardships only serve to strengthen our faiths. We need to go through these trials with *sabr* and perseverance and turn our attention to prayers more than ever before.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Only those who are humble and meek can practice *sabr*, the arrogant cannot. Allāh says that those who are humble and steadfast and offer prayers are the ones who truly believe that they will return to their Lord. The patience and prayers of the believers make them even more humble. They never waver in their resolve and are willing to lay down their lives rather than impair their relationship with God. They believe that this world is transitory and that they will ultimately have to meet their Lord. Hence, they find it essential to follow His commandments and would rather court death than deviate a hair's breadth from His injunctions. Today it is the distinction of an Āḥmāḍī that he strives for piety with humility and meekness and does not hesitate to lay down his life for it. They are the people who have been promised mercy and blessings from their Lord. No matter what people say to us, we know that Allāh is with us and we are witnessing His blessings being showered upon us on account of our *sabr*. Let us never let go of *sabr* so that we may keep reaping these blessings. May Allāh give us the power to do so. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى informed the Jamā'at of the martyrdom of Shaikh Mahmood Aḥmad Ṣāḥib of Mardan, Pakistan, and appealed to the Jamā'at to pray for the quick recovery of his son who was injured in the attack. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى also mentioned the sad demise of two veterans of the Jamā'at, Chaudhary Muḥammad Siddiq Ṣāḥib who also served as incharge of Khilāfat Library, and Masood Aḥmad Khursheed Sanori Ṣāḥib. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى prayed for all the deceased and led their *namaz janazah ghaib* after the Juma prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā ,

Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyyah Pakistan,

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