

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 19th November, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ recited verses 59-60 of Sūrah Al-‘Ankabūt, which are translated as follows:

“And those who believe and do good works—they shall We surely house in lofty mansions of Paradise, beneath which rivers flow. They will abide therein. Excellent is the reward of those who work *good*, those who are steadfast, and put their trust in their Lord.” (29:59-60)

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet ﷺ created a community of people who were well advanced in their faith. His followers had reached such a stage of loyalty and sincerity, that their every action and inaction was for the sake of God. The above verses speak of these very people who, by virtue of the Holy Prophet’s ﷺ spiritual influence, underwent a great transformation. These are the people who merited the eternal paradise because they showed great perseverance and made the ultimate sacrifices to preserve their faith. This strength of faith and this desire to excel in good deeds was the result of the Holy Prophet’s ﷺ spiritual influence.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ quoted several Aḥādīth which reveal how the Holy Prophet ﷺ inculcated in his Companions رضی اللہ عنہم the qualities of patience and perseverance and how they adopted these traits and did everything in their power to win Allāh’s pleasure. He taught his followers to exercise patience and tolerance not only in everyday matters but even when facing the enemy. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: “One who is tried with daughters and treats them well will find that they will become his shield from the Fire.” In this society, many problems are associated with daughters, but it is the sign of a believer that he bears these trials with courage and forbearance and does not express his annoyance at his daughters or their mother. The Holy Prophet ﷺ also said: “A believer who socializes with people and patiently bears their injuries, is better than one who does not socialize with them and does not have to bear their harm.” This tells us that man should inculcate the habit of tolerance and perseverance and avoid disputes that arise from impatience. When a believer controls his anger and fury, he draws closer to Allāh.

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet’s ﷺ own conduct in this regard was exemplary. In his whole life, he never hurt anyone with his own hand unless it

was in the course of a war. He never took revenge from anyone for his own sake, but only when a Holy place of God was desecrated. Thus his example portrays the true picture of patience and courage. The Holy Quran says that when some calamity befalls the believers, they do not despair but say *إنا لله وانا اليه راجعون* i.e. “To Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return.”

Ḥuḍūr *أيده الله تعالى* narrated a few incidents from the lives of the companions of the Holy Prophet *صلى الله عليه وسلم* who showed great patience in the face of extreme hardships and torture.

The Promised Messiah *عليه السلام* says, “The Holy Prophet *صلى الله عليه وسلم* was never the first to take up arms. For a long time he patiently suffered at the hands of enemies and showed such perseverance as very few can do. This example was also emulated by his followers. The patience the Muslims showed in the face of atrocities unleashed against them in Mecca was not due to cowardice or weakness but was due to their submission to the command of God so that they were ready to be slaughtered like goats and sheep. No doubt this patience is beyond human power and we do not find another example of such patience and courage.

Ḥuḍūr *أيده الله تعالى* prayed: May Allāh enable us to live up to the same standards. May Allāh grant courage and strength to Ahmadis in countries where they are being persecuted. May our every action receive Allāh’s approval and may we always inherit his blessings. *Āmīn*.

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 Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 25 Nov. 2010