

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In my last sermon I cited several instances of how the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his Companions رضی اللہ عنہم exercised *ṣabr*, or patience and forbearance. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم taught his Companions to acquire this high moral trait and showed his own example in this regard in keeping with the Divine command *استعينوا بالصبر و الصلوة* “Seek help through patience and prayer”. When they had acquired this high moral trait Allāh showed them signs of His help on different occasions.

In our time, it was the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام who understood more than anyone else the concept of seeking Allah’s help through prayer and patience and he also tried to inculcate the same spirit in his Companions رضی اللہ عنہم. It is because of this training that up to this day his Jamā‘at continues to turn to Allāh for His help while showing extraordinary examples of courage and forbearance. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام had to face all kinds of persecution after he made his claim but he responded to this persecution with the highest degree of *ṣabr* and forbearance and taught his followers to do the same in keeping with the example of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ narrated many incidents from the life of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام which exhibit the quality of his *ṣabr* and patience on different occasions.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh in His revelations often exhorted the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام not to abandon *ṣabr* and to show high moral character. We, too, must always seek Allah’s help through *ṣabr* and prayer and await His help. When Allāh tries his servants, for His sake they bear all these trials with fortitude.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In keeping with Divine instructions, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام showed a high degree of *ṣabr* to his last breath. Nothing could shake his composure and serenity. The opponents constantly attacked him and used abusive language against him in letters and newspapers, but he always responded with calmness and turned his attention towards God. Such a degree of *ṣabr* and perseverance is granted only to God’s chosen and resolute people.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “O people listen to this prophecy which is from the Creator of the heavens and earth, that He shall cause His Jamā‘at to spread in all countries and will grant it victory over everyone through reason and argument... Allāh will bless this Jamā‘at in an extraordinary manner and

everyone who thinks of destroying it will be frustrated and this Jamā‘at will always be victorious. What if they ridicule me now? I have come to sow the seed, and it has been sown with my hands. It shall now sprout and grow and flourish, and none shall be able to stop it.”

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: By the grace of Allāh, the Jamā‘at has passed through every kind of opposition and persecution with exemplary patience and fortitude and is now established in 198 countries and is progressing day after day in every part of the world.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: We find in nature that sometimes a small number of dry branches appear in a green and flourishing tree. The gardener then cuts off these branches and throws them away and it makes no difference to the tree which continues to grow and bear fruit. In the same way this tree sown by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is being irrigated by the water of *ṣabr* and prayer. It will keep growing by the grace of Allāh and any branch that does not absorb this water will become dry and fall away or be cut off. In these times of increasing opposition, every Aḥmadī should turn to God more than ever before so as to remain attached to this green and verdant tree. May Allāh enable us all to do so. *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 Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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