

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 10th December 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Speaking about the month of *Muḥarram* and the martyrdom of Ḥaḍrat Imām Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ at Karbalā, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Only those who are being oppressed and persecuted for the sake of the truth can truly understand the significance of the tragedy that took place in Karbalā. Those who are killed as a result of such oppression are forever alive and are rewarded by Allāh. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم says, “Hussain and Hassan will be the leaders of youth in paradise.” He said, “O Allāh, I love them and I pray that You love them also.” He also said, “Whoever loves these grandchildren of mine loves me and whoever loves me loves God. And whoever hates them hates me and hates God.” History is a witness that those responsible for killing Ḥaḍrat Imām Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ were visited by Divine wrath.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم came to put an end to all evil customs that tarnish human values. He also treated his deniers with kindness and forgiveness. In the Holy Qur’ān Allāh exhorts us to adhere to justice and fairness. Even the worst enemy could not have desecrated the dead bodies as was done in Karbalā by Muslims who professed to follow the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم who exhorted his followers to uphold human values.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Imām Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ and his companions sacrificed their lives for the just cause. His aim was not to attain power but to establish the truth, and in that he succeeded. Thus it was he who came out victorious and not Yazīd. Imām Hussain’s sacrifice has left many lessons for us. Just as he gave his life to uphold the truth, so should we pray for the strength to stay on the right path. The month of *Muḥarram* reminds us to always offer Durūd upon the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his progeny. In order to fulfil the purpose of the advent of the Imām of our age, we should keep praying and try to improve our own spiritual condition and remain steadfast in the face of Yazīd-like people. Only Allāh can grant perseverance and steadfastness and this is why He has taught us to pray and be patient. The best way to express our emotions in the month of *Muḥarram* is to invoke Durūd upon the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his progeny. This Durūd serves to bring solace to the Holy Prophet’s صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم spiritual and physical progeny. May it likewise become a means of bringing peace to our own selves. *Āmīn*.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "It is our belief that Yazīd was an unholy and materialistic worm of the earth and was blinded by the love of this world; whereas Imām Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ was purified and a purifier. He was among the chosen ones whom God cleanses with His own Hand and fills with His love." May Allāh always keep the love of the Holy Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم progeny foremost in our hearts. *Āmīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of the following members of the Jamā'at: Mr. Mehdi Tapani of Zimbabwe, Dr. Al-Ḥājj Abu Bakr Gai of Gambia, and 'Izzat-un-Nisa Şāḥiba, wife of the late Abu Aḥmad Bhunia Şāḥib of Bagladesh. She was the mother of Feroz Alam Şāḥib who is in charge of the Bangla Desk in London. Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ prayed for all the deceased and led their *Namāz Janāzah Ghā'ib* after the Jumu'a prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 18 Dec. 2010