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The Amīr/ National President

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 111 of Sūrah Āl-e-‘Imrān, which is translated as follows,

“You are the best people raised for the good of mankind; you enjoin what is good and forbid evil and believe in Allāh. And if the People of the Book had believed, it would have surely been better for them. Some of them are believers, but most of them are disobedient.” (3:111)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In this verse Allāh has placed a great responsibility upon the believers. They must keep looking into themselves as to how far they are worthy of being called 'the best people'. How far they are working towards the good of mankind and how sympathetic they are to their fellow creatures. To what extent are they promoting good through their words and deeds, and how well they are trying to save the world from evil. As long as we keep these objectives in mind and strive to bring about positive changes in ourselves, we will be moving in the right direction. The people before us forgot the purpose and essence of their teachings and were, consequently, either destroyed or gave in to evil innovations and traditions that led to their moral deterioration. They began to see evil as good. Virtue and piety became, in their eyes, like remnants of the past. They started to interpret the word of God according to their own wishes and, therefore, lost all veneration for God and His Messengers. In short they became spiritually dead.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In order to become part of God’s design, we have to undergo a revolution in the sense that we have to turn to God with sincerity and single-minded resolve, free ourselves of all kinds of evil and remove all contradictions in what we preach and what we do. The verse tells us that if we adopt these qualities and preach them, this will definitely draw people towards us, even those who are worldly minded. Allāh wants us to realize our responsibility by promoting good and stopping evil for the good of mankind and in order to win His pleasure. But first and foremost, we have to look into our own selves. If we first reform ourselves, our words will have the desired effect. It is important to remember at all times that Allāh watches our every word and every action.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Only by progressing in our love for Allāh can we be called ‘the best of people’. If we allow ourselves to be influenced by social evils and worldliness, our concept of good and evil is likely to become distorted. In our

Jamā'at we have our own standards to uphold. Being the followers of the Imām of the age we have to bring about positive change in ourselves and try to become 'the best people'. For this we have to get rid of worldliness. Our standard of virtue should be the same the ones laid down for us by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام under Divine guidance.

Speaking about some practices contrary to the values of our Jamā'at that took place recently at an Aḥmadī wedding, Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Having believed in the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, an Aḥmadī must not be unduly impressed by the society around him. We must at all time give precedence to our faith. May Allāh enable us all to realize this. *Āmīn*.

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم says, "Whoever has (the following) four characteristics will be a hypocrite: If he is entrusted something he is guilty of breach of trust; if he speaks, he tells a lie; if he makes a covenant, he breaches it; and if he quarrels, he uses indecent language." Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: We have to adopt the traits that are pleasing to Allāh and His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. May Allāh protect all Aḥmadīs from the evils that destroy the peace of society. May we always act according to the Divine command, "enjoin what is good and forbid evil." Our hearts will only find true joy when the world admits that world peace cannot be established without following the teachings of peace and fraternity brought by the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. It is our duty to pray that Allāh may open people's eyes and enable them to really become 'the best people'. And May Allāh enable us to discharge duties truly.

Referring to the previous Friday's sermon, Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ gave an explanation about the reference relating to the death of *Abū Lahab* and his son.

At the end of the Sermon, Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā'at about the sad demise of Rasheed Aḥmad Butt Ṣāḥib, son of Mian Mahmood Ṣāḥib of Lahore. Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ spoke about his services for the Jamā'at and led his *Namāz Janāzah Ghā'ib* after the Jumū'a prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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