

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 11th March 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: It requires tremendous effort to attain self-purification. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام came to reveal to the world the means through which their diseased hearts could be cleansed and filled with the light of the Divine Word. We see the practical example of this in every one of his Companions. Their hearts were enlightened and they led their lives in keeping with the norms of Taqwa. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “A believer should not only believe that God is One and without partner, but this should also be evident from his actions. He should be sympathetic and kind to God’s creatures and should harbour no ill-will or malice towards others, and refrain from back-biting.”

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Sayyed Dawood Muzaffar Shah Ṣāḥib was one such man who carried on the noble traits of his ancestors. He possessed all the qualities of a purified self that have been described by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. He was the paternal grandson of Ḥaḍrat Dr. Sayyed Abdul Sattar Shah Ṣāḥib and maternal grandson of Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Sarwar Shah Ṣāḥib, both of whom were eminent Companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: He was the son-in-law of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Māṣīḥ II رضی اللہ عنہ and my father-in-law. I have always been very close to him. He sadly passed away a few days ago.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ spoke at length about the piety and virtue of his paternal and maternal grandfathers and highlighted their high moral standards, their *Taqwa*, their zeal for worship, their humility and their endeavour to fulfil their obligations towards God and man. These were the traits which Sayyed Dawood Muzaffar Shah Ṣāḥib inherited. He and his wife vied with one another in doing good and helping the needy both socially and financially. He was a devout man who greeted everyone, young or old, with cordiality. He was free from all worldliness and prayers were always on his lips. These are the traits he inherited from his grandfathers. In this respect, too, he set a lasting example.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Sayyed Dawood Muzaffar Shah Ṣāḥib had a special relationship of love with Allāh. The world was not his objective. He was always happy to help the poor, the orphans and the needy. He also tried to be foremost in responding to various appeals made by the Jamā‘at. He was very

close to me as his son-in-law, and always prayed for me. After I became Khalīfa, this relationship developed into one of evermore respect and reverence.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Sayyed Dawood Muzaffar Shah Ṣāḥib and his brother Sayyed Masood Mubarak Shah Sahib studied together at Government College Lahore, where both the students and staff acknowledged their decency and discipline. He devoted his life for the Jamā‘at in 1944 in response to an appeal by Ḥaḍrat Mūṣleḥ-e-Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه. Ḥaḍrat Mūṣleḥ-e-Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه appointed him as manager of the farms in Sindh where he served for a long time. From 1982 to 1993 he worked in Walakat Tabshīr and showed exemplary obedience and humility to his superiors. He was truly a godly person and such are the people who can be said to have purified their souls.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى read out some extracts from the Khutba which Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ-e-Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه delivered on the occasion of Sayyed Dawood Muzaffar Shah Ṣāḥib’s Nikah. He has six sons who are serving the Jamā‘at in various capacities and three daughters, all of whom, including my wife, are married to Wāqifīn. May his children and their children continue to strive for Allāh’s pleasure and may Allah accept his prayers for them. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى led his *Namāz Janāzah Ghā’ib* after the Jumu‘a 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 Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 17 March 2011