

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 22 of sura Al-Mujādalah, which is translated as follows:

‘Allāh has decreed: ‘Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.’  
Verily, Allāh is Powerful, Mighty.’ (58:22)

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Members of our Jama‘at are very clear about the status of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام as a Prophet. It is precisely on account of professing their belief about the status of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام that Ahmadīs in Pakistan, Indonesia and many other countries are facing persecution. Nevertheless, the sacrifices and fortitude shown by Ahmadīs is a clear indication that they do not show any weakness in their faith, nor do they hide their beliefs. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, in his writings and discourses, has made his status abundantly clear. Today, in this sermon, I reiterate this status of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام so that there should be no doubt or hesitation in the mind of any Ahmadī. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ spoke at length about the excellences and high rank of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Pledging Bai‘at to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام requires an act of self-reform and purification. This is why new Ahmadīs feel a tremendous change in themselves, and those around them testify to this change. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ stressed that both new and old Ahmadīs must undergo this process of transformation if they wish to partake of the blessings that are associated with the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has clearly outlined the means we must adopt in order for our Jamā‘at to succeed. They are: *Istighfar*, repenting of one’s sins, gaining religious knowledge, awareness of God’s power and majesty, and observance of the five daily prayers. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ elaborated on all of these in the light of the Holy Qur’ān, Hadith and writings of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: *salat* or *namaz* is the key through which one’s prayers are accepted; it should be offered punctually, at the appointed time. It is through prayer that one can establish a living relationship with God. In addition to this, one should fulfil all one’s obligations to God and to His creatures and keep away from every kind of sin. All this will help to bring about a revolution in our lives.

Speaking of some of the Promised Messiah's <sup>عليه السلام</sup> prophecies relating to the triumph of the Jama'at, Hudūr <sup>أيده الله تعالى</sup> said: When these prophecies were published, it was hard to imagine how his message would ever spread to all corners of the world, but today we can see this happening through MTA. In addition to this, God Himself is guiding people through dreams. Everyday we are witnessing, and will *inshaallah* continue to witness the fulfilment of these prophecies. Nevertheless, we also have to put in our own efforts for the success of the Jama'at. And we can do this most of all through self-purification and *da'wat Ilalāh*. We must not sit idle simply putting our faith in prophecies, but should make workable plans towards their fulfilment. And let us not be deterred by opposition and persecution, because it only helps to draw the righteous closer to us. Since God is drawing their hearts towards us, we hope that He will also fill their hearts with love for this Jamā'at. But, first and foremost, we should strengthen our own faith, offer our prayers with care and decorum and lend our full support to the mission of spreading the message of Islam. Thus will our future generations inherit Allāh's blessings.

At the end of the Sermon, Hudūr <sup>أيده الله تعالى</sup> spoke about the sad demise of the following: (1) Rashid Latif Rashidi Sahib, who was the grandson of Hadrat Sahibzadah 'Abdul Latif Sahib <sup>رحمه الله تعالى</sup>. (2) Mubarak Mahmood Sahib, who was serving the Jama'at as a missionary. (3) Muzaffar Ahmad Sahib, his wife and three children who died in an accident.

Hudūr <sup>أيده الله تعالى</sup> spoke briefly about the deceased and led their *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* after the Jumu'a prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 19 May 2011