

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 27th May 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verses 54-57 of Sūrah Al-Nur, which are translated as follows:

“And they swear by Allāh their strongest oaths that, if thou command them, they will surely go forth. Say, ‘Swear not; *what is required is actual* obedience in what is right. Surely, Allāh is well aware of what you do.’

Say, ‘Obey Allāh, and obey the Messenger.’ And if they turn away then remember, *whoever does so* will be held responsible for that reposed in him, as also you will be held responsible for that which is reposed in you. And if you obey him, you will be rightly guided. And the messenger is not responsible but for the plain delivery of the Message.

Allāh has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.

And observe Prayer and give the Zakāt and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy.” (24:54-57)

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: One of the verses I have recited is known as *ayah al-istikhlaf*, in which Allāh has promised to bless the believers with the gift of Khilāfat. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, in his book *Al-Wasiyyat*, has also given the Jama‘at the glad tidings of Khilāfat after him. These verses contain comprehensive guidelines for those who pledge their allegiance to Khalīfatul Masīh, and the first and foremost of these is unqualified obedience. These verses also speak of the blessings that result from submission to Khilafat.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: It is the responsibility of the Khalīfa and his followers to focus themselves on their prayers regularly and strive to establish the Oneness of God. If they do so, they will continue to be blessed with the gift of Khilāfat. In addition to prayer, there is also *Zakāt* which purifies our earnings. [In this context, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that many non-Ahmadīs prefer to pay their Zakāt or Sadqa to Jama‘at Ahmadiyya because they know that it will be properly utilized. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that it is alright to receive Sadqa or Zakāt from such non-Ahmadīs, but we cannot receive any other Chanda from them.]

Hudur ab said: In his book *Al-Wasiyyat*, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has linked the institution of *Khilāfat* with that of *Wasiyyat*. Similarly, the system of *Zakāt* is also linked to *Khilāfat*. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "God has revealed to me that the world will be visited by many calamities and disasters, and that He will cause this *Jama'at* to grow both in my time and after me. Allāh always helps His chosen ones." Hudur أيده الله تعالى spoke about the trials the *Jama'at* went through during the times of all the five *Khulafa'*, and said: "Even today Allāh is fulfilling His promises. I may be a weak and humble person, but the institution of *Khilāfat* is backed by the Almighty God who is the source of all might and power."

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "Do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its coming is better for you because it is everlasting." Again he says, "I am a manifestation of Divine Power and there will be others after me who be another manifestation of Divine Power... And you, too, should partake of the Holy Spirit by showing compassion and by purifying your souls...and totally shedding all base desires of the self. Choose for the sake of winning the pleasure of God that path compared to which no path can be narrower.... You are the seed which the Hand of God has sown in the earth. He says that this seed will grow and flourish and its branches will spread in all directions. So, blessed is one who believes in what God says and does not fear the trials which he suffers in His path."

Hudur أيده الله تعالى said: The *Jama'at*, by the grace of Allāh, is continuing to make great sacrifices and we are witnessing the fulfilment of Allāh's promises to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. It is now upon us to realize the Greatness and Glory of God and establish His Oneness in our hearts. We should have true sympathy for mankind and free ourselves from all rancour and ill-will, and keep moving forward upon the path of righteousness, preserving our faith and showing complete obedience.

Closing the sermon, Hudur أيده الله تعالى prayed, "May Allāh enable every *Ahmadī* to partake of the blessings of *Khilāfat*, so that this gift remains with us forever. *Āmīn*."

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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