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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 2nd December, 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

In the context of the current month of Muharram, Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ quoted several passages from the writings of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام regarding the lofty status of the Khulafa-e-Rashidin, the Companions of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and Hadrat Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that they were holy and pious people who were devoted to God and the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, and were full of sympathy for mankind. He says that following in the footsteps of Khulafa-e-Rashidin is the hallmark of every believer, because they were the people who had devoted their lives in the way of God and were willing to court death in the service of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. Hadrat Abu Bakr رضی اللہ عنہ was very kind, compassionate and his face radiated with a divine light. He was distinguished by his extraordinary love and devotion to the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.

Regarding the elevated status of Hadrat 'Umar, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, "The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said that Satan fears even the shadow of 'Umar. He also said that if there were to be a Prophet after him, he would be 'Umar. Likewise, he said: There were *Muhaddithin* in the past faiths, and if there is a *Muhaddith* in this *ummah*, it is 'Umar."

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, "God has made me to understand that Hadrat 'Abu Bakr, 'Umar and Uthman رضی اللہ عنہم were faithful in the highest degree and were rightly guided. They were among those whom God granted excellence and bestowed His special grace upon them."

Again the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, "Hadrat 'Ali رضی اللہ عنہ was a pious and righteous man and was among those whom God loves most. He hailed from a noble family and was a chief of his people. He was the lion of God. He was very generous and pure hearted and many a battlefield witnessed feats of his bravery. He was soft spoken and very eloquent."

Speaking of the Companions of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, "They were endowed with the bounties of faith, so much so that their worldly enemies, despite all their power and schemes, failed to move them."

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام loved the Holy Prophet's صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم Companions and progeny because of their association with the beloved Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. He says, "Revering our elders is part of our faith,

but at the same time we must give everyone their proper place, lest we become sinful. He says, "I love 'Ali رضي الله عنه and his two sons, and their enemy is my enemy. Hussain رضي الله عنه was a holy man and was among those whom God Himself purifies and graces with His love. He was undoubtedly among the chiefs of paradise. To hold the least bit of malice against him deprives one of faith. His righteousness, love for God, perseverance and piety are an excellent example for us."

Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: This is the beautiful teaching brought by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام that brings all people together, does away with sectarianism and fosters peace and harmony. May Allāh enable people to understand this message so that they may stop killing one another. May this month of Muharram pass in peace and may every person be safe of injury from another person's tongue and hand. May Allāh protect us all from the mischief-makers and have mercy on mankind. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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