

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President  
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Continuing with the subject of the previous Friday Sermon, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The reason for relating the experiences of the Companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام in relation to Da'wat Ilallāh, is that we may be inspired to pray for them and so that their spirit of bravery and fortitude may continue in their descendants as well; and even those who are not their physical progeny, but do have spiritual bond with them, should work with the same zeal and pass it on to their children. Only in this way and only by following in the footsteps of our elders can we adequately show our gratitude to them and fulfil our obligation in this regard. Let us always keep this responsibility before us.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ related the experiences of the following Companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام: Hadrat Mian Jamalud Din Sahib, Hadrat Munshi Mahboob Alam Sahib, Hadrat Amir Khan Sahib, Hadrat Maulwi Abdullah Sahib, Hadrat Chaudhary Muhammad Ali Sahib, Hadrat Shaikh Abdur Rashid Sahib, Hadrat Sheikh Muhammad Ismail Sahib son of Sheikh Masita Sahib, Hadrat Maulwi Jalaluddin Sahib and Hadrat Hafiz Ghulam Rasul Sahib of Wazirabad.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ read out an extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام in which he says, "I believe them to be in error who are against modern education and preach that it is unlawful to study modern sciences. They do so because they are overawed by the new philosophy and prostrate themselves humbly before new research, and are bereft of the true philosophy which has its roots in Divine revelation and with which the Qur'ān is saturated. Such philosophy is only granted to those who throw themselves upon the Divine threshold with the utmost meekness and humility. In order to serve the faith in this age, it is important to acquire modern education with sincere effort. But, be warned, that those who become completely inclined towards these sciences and are devoid of Divine light, nor have occasion to keep company with those who have this divine light, such people are likely to stumble and drift away from the true faith.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, "I say all this to you so that you, who associate yourselves with me and are thus like the very parts of my being, should act upon these teachings and make use of both your reason and

the Word of God so that the light of cognition and conviction may shine within you and you may bring others out of darkness. Remember, and remember it well, that man's words can have no effect unless they are uttered from the depth of one's heart and are supported by one's actions. We are under obligation to follow in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and we will only succeed in this if there is no disparity in our word and action. Only in this way will our effort bear the best fruit."

Hudur إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: May Allāh enable us to fulfil the Promised Messiah's عليہ السلام desire that we should spread the message of Islām, show people the right way, become like his hands and limbs, be one in our word and action and refuse to be overawed by the power of Dajjal and the worldly sciences. May Allāh enable us to understand these essential points. *Āmīn.*

At the end of the Sermon, Hudur إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Al-Haaj Umer Ibrahim Sahib, Sultan of Agadez, Nigeria. Hudur إيدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led his *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* after the Jumu'a prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 22 March 2012