

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 18th May 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Nur, Nunspeet, on the occasion of the opening of Jalsa Sālāna, Holland.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The participants of this Jalsa should always keep before them the aims and objectives of the Jalsa set out for us by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام; and these objectives are no different from the objectives of the Bai‘at. During the Jalsa, let us remember the pledges we have made; let us strive to improve our spiritual condition, let us come together to acquire good traits from each others, let us shun all evil and spend maximum time in prayer and remembrance of Allāh and strive to strengthen our faith. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that the purpose of the Jalsa is that the love of this world may die away and the love of Allāh may reign supreme over our hearts, and we become detached from this world so that the journey to the hereafter may not seem unwelcome. This Jalsa should enable us to meet all these objectives.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Faith only becomes perfect when a person becomes completely devoted to Allāh, and fears Him and is mindful of what he earns for the Hereafter. As for the obligations we owe to our Creator, prayer is of the utmost importance, but God does not accept prayers that are devoid of *Taqwa*. Therefore, we should all observe our prayers with proper attention and concentration. The charms and attractions of this world should not make us unmindful of our prayers. Let us promise to make congregational prayers an integral part of our lives. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that the aim of the Jalsa is that the hearts of the participants should become completely inclined towards God and they should become a model for others in their piety, *Taqwa*, virtue, kindness, mutual love and brotherhood; and they should be inspired with high morals such as meekness, humility, truthfulness and zeal for the service of the faith.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Ahmadīs should strive to raise their level of worship and to fulfil their obligations to society and to their fellow beings. Try to wash away you personal grudges and grievances through the blessings of this Jalsa. The wise are those who care little for the lure of the world and give preference to their faith above all else. It is only by following the commandments of the Holy Qur’ān that we are able to tread the path of *Taqwa*. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that man’s spiritual beauty lies in traversing all the subtle paths of *Taqwa*. The subtle paths of *Taqwa* form the contours of spiritual beauty. In the Holy Qur’ān Allāh has likened *Taqwa* to a garment. *Taqwa* means to fulfil

commitments to one's fellow beings. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that, in order to be a *mutaqqi*, one should first of all free oneself from major sins, such as adultery, theft, usurping other people's rights, ostentation, niggardliness, and then go on to shed all the baser morals and acquire higher ones such as being kind and compassionate towards others and to show true devotion to God and find ways of praiseworthy service to Him.

Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: *Taqwa* is essential if we wish to spread our faith. Only through our conduct, our efforts and our prayers will we be able to show the world the right path. All Ahmadīs, men, women, young and old should strive to fulfil this obligation and keep praying, for God answers prayers with His signs.

At the end of the sermon, Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Nāsir Ahmad Sahib, former Auditor and Officer Provident Fund, Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Rabwah. Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led his *namaza janazah ghaib* after the Jumu'a prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 24 May 2012