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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that, by the grace of Allāh, we are once again passing through the blessed month of Ramadān, and fortunate are those who derive full benefit from it. The mere abstinence from food and drink does not make one deserving of Divine reward unless one does good deeds. Fasting is accepted by God only if one keeps watch over oneself. For such people paradise is brought closer and Satan is shackled. Fasting for the sake of God leads a believer to greater virtue and helps him shun evil.

The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم has said that if one does not give up falsehood, God does not care whether he remains hungry and thirsty. If someone quarrels with a fasting believer, he should not respond in kind and should merely say, 'I am fasting'. It is thus that Ramadān brings about a revolution in one's life, brings one closer to paradise and shackles the Satan, but only if one strives to change one's condition and tries to mould one's every word and action to the will of God.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that the worship and recitation of the Holy Qur'ān during Ramadān should have an impact on our actions and our morals. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says: do not insist on injustice and do not subvert the truth. Accept the truth even if it comes from a child. Remain steadfast upon the truth and give testimony accordingly. Let not enmity of someone stop you from this. The excesses of the tongue are dangerous, a God-fearing person keeps his tongue in control lest he should utter anything that is contrary to *Taqwa*. In Ramadān we should set our direction right and try to become more truthful in word and deed, and seek the bliss that comes from Divine acceptance. May Allāh enable us to do so.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ spoke about some devout Ahmadīs who have passed away in recent days. Among these was a veteran and esteemed servant of the Jama'at, Chaudhary Shabbir Ahmad Sahib, Wakīlul Māl Awwal. He offered important services in the establishment of the existing financial system of the Jama'at, and had the honour of receiving training from Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II رضی اللہ عنہ. Both his parents were companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. He was a renowned poet and had once worked as a journalist. When he devoted his life for the Jama'at, Hadrat Musleh Mau'ud رضی اللہ عنہ advised him that a devotee should be as concerned

for the Jama'at as a mother is concerned for her child. Chaudhary Sahib always remembered this advice and acted upon it. While he did his work diligently, he also served as *Sultan-e-Nasir*, or a helper, for the Khalīfatul Masīh and prayed for him. May Allāh grant him a lofty station in heaven and always bless the Jamā'at, with such workers.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ also informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of an Ahmadiyya missionary Maqbool Ahmad Zafar Sahib and of Mi'raj Sultana Sahiba wife of Hakim Badrud Din Sahib Amil of Qādiān, and Maryam Sultana Sahiba wife of the late martyr Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Khan Sahib of Kohat, Pakistan. Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ spoke about their devotion and services for the Jama'at and led their *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* after the Jumu'a prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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