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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 3rd August 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verses 58-62 of Sūrah *Al-Mu'minun* and verse 9 of Surah *Al-Bayyinah*, which are translated as follows:

“Verily, those who, out of fear of their Lord, always stand guard *against sins*, and those who believe in the Signs of their Lord, and those who ascribe not partners to their Lord, and those who give what they give while their hearts are full of fear because to their Lord they will return—these it is who hasten to do good works, and these it is who are foremost in them.” (23:58-62)

“Their reward is with their Lord—Gardens of Eternity, through which streams flow; they will abide therein for ever. Allāh is well pleased with them, and they are well pleased with Him. That is for him who fears his Lord.” (98:9)

Explaining the meaning of the Qur'ānic term *hashiyyah*, or fear of God, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that *hashiyyah* means to fear Allāh even though we cannot see Him, and this can only come about with true Divine cognition. *Hashiyyah* means to be inspired with the greatness and majesty of God to have full faith in His power.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that only those people truly fear God who have knowledge of His glory, power, beauty and majesty. Islām and *hashiyyah* are essentially one and the same thing. It is only through *hashiyyah* that one truly enters Islām. To become a true believer, one should have knowledge of God's powers and attributes. Such cognizance is not limited to any group; everyone should try to acquire it according to one's capacity. Thus, by linking Islām with *hashiyyah*, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has placed the true believers in the same category as the men of knowledge. And in so doing he has placed upon us the responsibility to acquire knowledge of God's attributes and to mould our own selves according to them. A person who claims knowledge but does not tread the path of guidance is not a true man of knowledge, or '*Alim*.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that knowledge does not mean only logic or philosophy. True knowledge comes from God, leading to His cognition and *hashiyyah*. A true divine scholar is one who fears God and does not speak frivolously. True knowledge comes from the Holy Qur'ān. The highest goal of a believer is to attain the level of absolute

certainty. *‘Ilm* means the knowledge of the Holy Qur’ān and not just logic and philosophy.

Hudur أيده الله تعالى said: By distinguishing between true and superficial scholars, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has taught us to acquire true piety and fear of God. This command is not for any group, rather it is incumbent upon all believers to follow in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Let us make the best use of the month of Ramadān to attain nearness to Allāh. Hudur أيده الله تعالى read out some supplications of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم expressing his great humility, and said that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is the perfect example with respect to *hashiyyah*. If we follow his example, we too will attain God’s favours. May Allāh enable us to go through the blessed month of Ramadān with the fear of God in our hearts and may it help to bring about a spiritual revolution in our lives. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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