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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allah be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verses 71-72 of surah Al-Ahzab, which are translated as follows:

“O Ye who believe! Fear Allāh, and say the right word.

He will reform your conduct for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allāh and His Messenger, shall surely attain a mighty success.” (33:71-72)

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) expounded upon the theme of *Qaul-e-Sadid*. Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) cited sayings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام which highlight the advantages of abiding by *Qaul-e-Sadid* and the harm that comes from disregarding this tenet. *Qaul-e-Sadid* means to speak only that which is true and straightforward and within the bounds of reason. It should have no element of falsehood. Fear God, speak what is true and wise, and shun everything that is frivolous.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: Whether at home or when deciding a dispute, or in the affairs of friends and relatives, business transaction, or jobs and employments, you should only speak the truth which is clear and unambiguous. There should be no falsehood or dishonesty in it, nor should it hurt anyone. Always keep *Taqwa* and God's pleasure in mind.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: *Qaul-e-Sadid* involves the use of reason, because many a time the truth is not spoken on its proper occasion. For instance, revealing someone else's secret is wrong. There is no harm if it is conveyed to Khalīfatul-Masīh with the intent of bringing about reformation, but otherwise it can cause cracks to develop in relationships. Some people give such twists to the truth that the facts get distorted and one ends up making an unpleasant decision. Therefore, when reformation is intended, then one should only say what is true and clear and not add anything from oneself.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: Anything that is not said bearing in mind the circumstances falls into the category of 'unreasonable'. One cannot please God unless one's utterances are free from frivolity, otherwise one deserves God's displeasure.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: *Qaul-e-Sadid* forms the basis of a harmonious society, this is why the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to recite these verses during marriage ceremonies, or Nikah. *Taqwa* and *Qaul-e-Sadid* help to correct one's deeds and grant ability to do good. They inculcate the habit of piety and give strength to resist evil. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم once advised a man to give up falsehood, and consequently he was freed of all evils. Satan is the enemy of piety and reformation; this is why we should be very vigilant about these traits.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: God gives longevity to things that are beneficial. We should endeavour to sincerely, and constantly work towards the reformation of mankind. But this reformation cannot be brought about with mere words; rather we should first reform ourselves by abiding by all the commandments of the Holy Qur'ān. Remember the teaching of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام that we should not ignore even one of the seven hundred commandments of the Holy Qur'ān. Knowledge is incomplete without action. Repeating words like a parrot will not help unless we also understand them and act upon them. Let our lives be according to the limits set by God. Only then will we reform ourselves and our society.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) informed the Jama'at of the tragic martyrdom of Jawad Karim Sahib of Lahore, and the sad demise of his mother. Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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