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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 186 of Sūrah *Al-Baqarah*, which is translated as follows:

“The month of Ramadān is that in which the Qur’ān was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present at home in this month, let him fast therein. But whoso is sick or is on a journey, shall fast the same number of other days. Allāh desires to give you facility and He desires not hardship for you, and that you may complete the number, and that you may exalt Allāh for His having guided you and that you may be grateful.” (2:186)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Holy Qur’ān was revealed in the blessed month of Ramadān. And after its completion, the Holy Prophet ﷺ was given the tiding: “Today I have perfected your religion for you.” Every Ramadān, Gabriel would come to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and together they would go through the portion of the Holy Qur’ān that had already been revealed. In the Holy Prophet’s ﷺ final year, this revision was done twice in Ramadān. Thus, the Holy Qur’ān has a special affinity with Ramadān. Ramadān reminds us that this great book contains guidance for mankind, and distinguishes between truth and falsehood with luminous signs. It informs us how important fasting is and that it is obligatory to fast. The teaching of the Holy Qur’ān is complete and comprehensive, but it will only benefit us if we understand its true spirit and follow its commandments.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we should fulfil our duty to God by worshipping Him, offering prayers punctually at their proper time, and focussing more on nawafil and remembrance of God. Thus will we gain nearness to God. Let us try to follow every aspect of the Divine commandments. With reference to the Qur’ānic injunctions about inheritance, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) stressed that women should be given their proper share of inheritance and it should not be usurped by their male relatives.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Ramadān reminds us that every believer should learn to make sacrifices in the light of the teaching of the Holy Qur’ān. Ahmadīs should try to live up to the pledge they have made. Let us follow the example of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and pray with fervour that the world may be saved from destruction and Divine wrath. Let us try to spread

the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān by following in his footsteps. If we claim to love the Holy Prophet ﷺ then we have to follow in his and his Companions' footsteps. Strive to relive the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ through the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān. Tell the world that only the Holy Qur'ān guarantees peace in the world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Humility and meekness help to resolve many problems. "The servants of the Gracious God are those who walk on the earth with humility." "Surely, Allāh loves not any arrogant boaster." So, in order to win God's love, we have to shun pride. This Ramadān and fasting will only benefit us when we abide by Divine commandments. In this Ramadān we should end all mutual disputes and overcome our egos and our pride and move towards reconciliation. Let us try to become the servants of God who walk the earth humbly in order to attract His love.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The other quality I want to stress is patience. We should pray to God with patience and perseverance. When we submit before God in the utmost humility, He helps us. We should also seek help from God to be able to fulfil our obligations to others. Let us be big-hearted and magnanimous in discharging these duties so as to merit Divine grace.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: When the Holy Qur'ān says that the Qur'ān is a guidance for mankind, it draws our attention to the fact that we should delve deep into the Holy Qur'ān and find its pearls of wisdom for the betterment of our lives in this world and the hereafter.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: Remember that the Holy Qur'ān is the fountainhead of true blessings and salvation. Believers should consider it a great bounty and value it as such. Then they will witness how God removes their sorrows and difficulties.

Again the Promised Messiah عليه السلام also says that we should reflect upon the Holy Qur'ān, for it contains everything, provides all remedies, and strengthens all our faculties. When it points out an evil, it also shows the means to avoid it. Let us recite the Holy Qur'ān, let us pray, and let us try to conform our character to the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

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