

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 11th October 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Ahmadiyya Centre in Melbourne, Australia.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) began the sermon with this saying of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in which he outlines the purpose of his advent. He says, "I have been sent in order to strengthen people's faith and to prove the existence of God. I have been sent so that the age of truth and faith should return and righteousness is observed."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Ahmadīs need to search within their souls as to how far they are fulfilling this purpose of the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام advent. Is our faith getting stronger? If, after having pledged the Bai‘at, we have failed to recognize God as He ought to be recognized, then such a Bai‘at is worthless. If it is more important for us to please our worldly bosses than to please God, then we are not fulfilling the purpose of the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام advent.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we must continuously bring to mind the ten conditions of Bai‘at laid down by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, thus our faith will be strengthened and our moral condition will improve. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that if you do not undergo a significant transformation after becoming Ahmadī, then there will be no difference between you and others. The formal pledge of Bai‘at will be of no avail to you. People will only benefit from it if they improve themselves and attach themselves - with the bonds of love and sincerity - to the one they have pledged allegiance to. They must establish a firm relationship with God and follow the guide perfectly both in action and creed. Their love for God should remain above everything else. They should love the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, they should love the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, they should love Khilāfat, and they should love one another. By the grace of Allāh, even today God has blessed the Promised Messiah عليه السلام with devoted followers who undergo a positive transformation after pledging Bai‘at and even non-Ahmadīs confess that these people's lives have been transformed.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام urges us to show perfect obedience. Faith must be accompanied by complete obedience. Only those people truly pledge Bai‘at whose previous self effectively dies and they attain a new life. Bai‘at means that the one who makes the pledge should undergo a genuine transformation, fear God, realize the true purpose of his creation and put it into practice.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that one of the conditions of Bai'at is that our love and devotion to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام should be greater than any other relationship. To this day such love and devotion is expressed by Ahmadīs living in far off lands. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave various examples of how, after pledging Bai'at, new Ahmadīs have grown in faith and devotion, how they give preference to their faith above the world, how they foster mutual love and brotherhood, and how deeply they love Khilāfat. Another condition of the Bai'at is that an Ahmadī much strive to benefit mankind. In this regard, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the Jama'at's humanitarian efforts that are acknowledged and praised even by non-Ahmadīs.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that blessed are those who understand the true meaning of Bai'at and strive to reform themselves. May each and every one of us be able to do full justice to our pledge of Bai'at. For this we need to mould our action to the will of God. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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