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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 25th October 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Masroor, Brisbane, Australia.

After reciting verses 30 and 32 of Sūrah Al-A‘raf, which are translated as follows:

“Say, ‘My Lord has enjoined justice. And fix your attention aright at every *time and* place of worship, and call upon Him, making yourself sincere towards Him in religion. As He brought you into being, so shall you return.

O children of Adam! adorn yourself at every *time and* place of worship with *garment of fear of Allāh*, and eat and drink but exceed not the bounds; surely, He does not love those who exceed the bounds.” (7:30,32)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Ahmadīs of Brisbane cannot be grateful enough to God for His favour in enabling them to build a mosque in this city. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of the difficulties encountered in the process of the building the mosque which cost 4.5 million dollars. Members made sacrifices for this mosque and women contributed their jewellery. May Allāh bless all those who made these sacrifices.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the verses that I have recited, the believers are reminded that they will only be able to become true worshippers when they uphold justice, offer their five daily prayers punctually, bring about a positive change in themselves, and also strive to fulfil their obligations to one another. These include our obligations to our spouses and their relatives, the proper upbringing of our children, and upholding justice in society. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when man fulfils his obligations to his fellow beings and then comes to the mosque to worship, Allāh takes him into His loving care.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh says that you should come to the mosques with your adornments, and a believer’s adornment is *Taqwa* or righteousness. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that man’s spiritual beauty lies in treading the path of *Taqwa* in its minute details. Spiritual beauty and grace comes from *Taqwa*, and *Taqwa* means to fulfil all ones pledges and duties to God as well as to His creatures. Every Ahmadi has made a pledge to give priority to his faith over everything else. If we live up to this pledge, our worship will draw us nearer to God. The purpose of the Promised Messiah’s عليه السلام advent is to revive Islām and to create a new heaven and a new earth.

This purpose cannot be fulfilled unless we walk the path of *Taqwa*, fulfil our trusts and live up to our pledges.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In these verses we have also been exhorted to practice moderation in eating and drinking. When a person eats too much at night, he is unable to wake up for the Morning Prayer. The aim of a believer's life is not to eat and drink, but to worship God. He seeks not the world but the pleasure of God. If our food and drink becomes a hindrance to our worship, and worldly pleasures take priority over our prayers, then this is also a form of extravagance which God does not love.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that, by the grace of Allāh, this mosque can accommodate up to a thousand worshippers. Today the mosque seems full because people have come here from other places, but we will only be happy when this mosque becomes filled with local Ahmadīs. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also stressed the need for Da'wat Ilallah and prayers. May this mosque overflow with worshippers and we may build more and more mosques. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also drew the attention of Ahmadīs who have come from Pakistan to pay more attention to Da'wat Ilallāh and to fulfil their duty towards the new mosque. May Allāh enable all of us to do the same. *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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