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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 10 January 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) continued with the subject of practical reformation and the impediments that hinder man’s progress towards self-reformation and said that the purpose of the Promised Messiah’s عليه السلام advent, along with the reformation of beliefs, was to establish a sincere relationship between man and God, to urge people to discharge their responsibilities towards their fellow beings and to bring about a practical change in themselves.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is through good deeds alone that man is able to discharge his duties towards God and his fellow beings. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has said that we need to justly evaluate our faith and remember that faith is best adorned by good deeds. If man is not upright morally, his faith too cannot be perfect. Our success, therefore, depends heavily upon our efforts to practically reform ourselves. It is only through reforming ourselves that we will be able to reform others. If there was no difference between us and others, why would the world listen to us?! Hence, we need to practically strengthen ourselves in terms of good morals and character.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: A significant impediment hindering our progress towards self-reformation is the negative influence of TV and internet. We need to make sure that Ahmadī homes are absolutely free from the evil influence of these inventions.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: For practical reformation there are three prerequisites: Will power, Perfection of knowledge and the Ability to perform good deeds. Will power and the ability to do good deeds affect one’s journey towards self-reformation. Therefore, we need to strengthen our will power and willingness to do good deeds. Without this, we cannot obtain the goal of self-reformation. However, in order to practically reform ourselves, we need to find out why our desire to do good deeds fails to have a positive influence on the part of our mind that motivates us to perform good deeds. We need to remove hurdles that get in the way of our mind and prevent it from doing good deeds.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We also need to assess ourselves in respect of our submission and servitude to God. We need to realistically analyze where we fall short of sincerity in our efforts towards practical reformation. In short, lack of will power, lack of ability to do good deeds and lack of knowledge are the three impediments that badly hamper our efforts towards practical reformation. Will power and practical demonstration of good deeds depend upon the perfection of knowledge.

Therefore, one needs to enhance one's knowledge, so that one finds out the root cause of one's weaknesses and the means to overcome them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ahmadīs who have travelled to western countries to seek asylum have wrongly come to believe that without fabricating false stories their cases will not be approved. This is despite the fact that on numerous occasions I have advised the members of the Jamā'at to be brief and give true reasons for their cases. Truth must be upheld and one should place one's trust in God alone. People, who cite false reasons for their cases, negatively influence the minds of their children, who also begin to believe that falsehood is imperative for success in life.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In a nut-shell, there are three things we need for practical reformation. First is will power which should be strong enough to undertake and discharge huge responsibilities. Second is the enhancement of knowledge which enables the will power to distinguish between right and wrong. Third is the ability to act rightly, so that our body follows the good intentions that we have to act righteously. This is the path treading which will free us from the bonds of sinfulness and provide us the means to practically reform ourselves.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام that seeking Divine help for self-reformation and doing one's best to obtain this goal is what constitutes true faith. Therefore, our job is to show such an exemplary conduct that the world is drawn towards us. Without demonstrating excellent morals, we cannot obtain an elevated spiritual station.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In order to practically reform ourselves, we need to work hard and remain vigilant about our moral weaknesses. This will help every Ahmadī fulfil the purpose of his being an Ahmadī. May God enable us all to act accordingly. *Āmīn*.

Towards the end of the Friday Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the sad demise of Master Mashriq Ali Sahib MA of Calcutta, India. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of his noble character and services for the Jamā'at and announced that he would lead Master Mashriq Ali Sahib's funeral prayer in absentia after the Jumu'a Prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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