

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On March 14, 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) said: God sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام into the world in order to enable mankind to recognize God and obtain His cognizance and love, and thus get rid of sins and acquire the ability to perform good deeds. This is the real purpose of his advent.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام wrote hundreds of pages on 'Divine cognizance' and illustrated in detail the means to obtain it.

Quoting from the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said:

“Man has to adopt two things in order to establish a true relationship with God: one is to shun evil and the other is to strive for righteousness. God has allowed man to pursue both paths freely. In fact, He has embedded in the nature of all human beings the ability to love their Creator. Also, He has granted all human beings the ability to refrain from sinfulness and selfish desires. Yet to shun evil in its entirety and adopt righteousness with all its requirements entails an effort on the part of man to obtain the cognizance of the Almighty God. For there are two things which attract someone to love a person. One is good morals and the other is apparent beauty. And, to find these in God one has to see Him through His prophets. Know that Islam is the only religion that leads one to the true cognizance of the Almighty, and the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is the only prophet by following whose footsteps one is granted the ability to enter the door to Divine light and glory.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام disclosing the true path to Divine cognizance and grace.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says:

“One who has not partook of cognizance of God, cannot fulfil the requirements of Prayer, fasting, alms, charity and other good deeds. Divine cognizance is a gift from God Himself. One can obtain it only through His grace. And, one who is blessed with it, progresses in faith and treads the path of righteousness many times more. It is through recognizing God that one's heart is blessed with a light from God. One loves God truly and fears Him truly only when one is blessed with perfect recognition of His attributes. One comes to abhor the *Nafs-e-Ammāra* (the self that incites to evil, and selfish desires in oneself) only when one recognizes the Almighty God.”

“On the other hand, one also has to pray to God for the obtainment of His cognizance. It is the fire that burns all traces of sinfulness; it is like a death that grants everlasting life; it is like a fierce storm that eventually becomes the ship that rescues. All that has gone wrong is fixed by it. And, all that is poison is rendered an antidote.”

“Without the cognizance of the Almighty God and prayer one can never obtain the perfect faith and conviction. Hence, one ought not to shun the available means and prayer in this path.”

“Remember that sinfulness is like a poison. It begins with minor sins, but culminates in greater ones leading man to complete destruction.”

“Divine cognizance prevents one from sinfulness.”

“And, Divine cognizance and faith in God’s existence increases when one engages oneself in prayer to Him.”

“It is through prayer that man is granted the knowledge of His attributes.”

“The bounty to seek which God has taught us a prayer in Sūrah Fatiha is none other than the bounty of Divine cognizance.”

“It is through knowing Him and having perfect faith in Him that one is blessed with His vision and converse.”

“Man’s love for and fear of God depends upon the recognition of God’s attributes.”

“In short, true righteousness depends upon the true recognition of the Almighty God.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be is Helper) said:

“In light of the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, we know that unless one recognizes one’s Lord and Creator, one cannot guard oneself against sinfulness. Unless one knows how dangerous the lion is or how deadly a poison is, one cannot fear the animal or the toxin. One who, in darkness, considers the lion to be a lamb, or the child who is unaware of the real harm of a deadly snake, are both unaware of the danger. However, one who knows how dangerous a snake or lion might be, will never dare to get close to them. Nor the one who knows the lethal effects of a poison will dare to swallow it. The same is the condition of man. He cannot commit sins if he knows that God exists and will punish him for his audacity. Those who claim to believe in God but continue to commit sins are wrong in their claim. They are deceiving themselves and depriving themselves of true faith in God.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be is Helper) said: The more a person shows humility before God, the more his faith in God increases. In the current times, wickedness and sinfulness have vastly increased in the world. It was to eliminate these that God sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام into the world. Let us therefore pray that Allāh may enable us to recognize Him in such a manner that we are able to protect ourselves from sinfulness and granted the ability to perform good deeds. *Āmīn*.

Next, Huzoor (May Allāh be is Helper) announced the sad demise of Abdus Subhan Din Sahib and said that he would lead Abdus Subhan Din Sahib's funeral prayer after the Jumu'a.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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