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The Amīr/National President  
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Dear Brother,

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**Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is not today but rather tomorrow that should be a matter of concern to us.**

**Faith in the life after death and the Day of Reckoning should be the focus of all our attention.**

**We cannot equip ourselves with the means of eternal life in the hereafter unless we prepare for it today.**

**Spiritual ailments keep contaminating the atmosphere around us; we, therefore, need to protect ourselves against them by being persistent in righteous acts and by making constant efforts to get rid of them.**

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On 6 March 2015, 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) recited verses 19-20 of Sūrah Al-Hashr, the translation of which is as follows:

**“O ye who believe! fear Allāh; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And, fear Allāh; verily Allāh is Well-Aware of what you do. And, be not like those who forgot Allāh, so He made them forget themselves. It is they that are the rebellious” (59:19-20)**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The root cause of every evil and sin is to consider them small and thus avoid making efforts to protect oneself against them. This attitude of carelessness, however, leads a person to committing bigger sins. As a result, one becomes heedless of righteous conduct, distances oneself from *Taqwa*, loses faith in the Hereafter and is no longer seen as a believer by God. God has, therefore, urged the believers in these verses not to devote themselves to the worldly pursuits alone, but rather to take into account the future as well, which is more important. This is why faith in the life after death and the Day of Reckoning should be the focus of all our attention.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: The rule laid down by God for success in this world and in the hereafter is that one should prepare for the future today. This will help one succeed not only in the life of this world but also in the hereafter. By acting upon the Qur'ānic teaching of, 'let every soul look to what it

sends forth for the morrow', one not only achieves success in this world, but also in the hereafter by the grace of Allāh. We can never equip ourselves with the means of everlasting life in the Hereafter unless we prepare ourselves today for that eternal abode.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The verses I have recited above are also recited on the occasion of Nikah. In these verses, God has drawn our attention to a number of issues pertaining to Nikah, such as we should look after our relatives related to us by blood. We should also try to fulfil the obligations that are a natural outcome of the marital bond. We should adopt truthfulness as it helps a person act righteously and fulfil his obligations towards his relatives. By doing so, one is also enabled to keep in view the commandments of the Almighty God. One is not only enabled to personally be able to tread the path of *Taqwa*, but one's children are also enabled to do so. Should the families that ruin their lives over petty matters reflect upon Allāh's commandments and act upon them, they will not only secure peace for their own homes but will also be able to train their children in the right direction and help them tread the path of righteousness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: People consider the worldly means and fulfilment of their worldly needs to be all they require and thus unwittingly give preference to the worldly means over the help from the Almighty God and due to their own slothfulness and inefficiencies neglect their future in this world and in the hereafter.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: Before embarking upon a task, a believers should first consider its consequences.

The one who keeps this principle in view will be enabled to tread the path of *Taqwa*. In fact, by urging the believers to keep in view the future, the Holy Qur'ān has drawn attention towards following the path of *Taqwa* in all matters ranging from minor issues at home to the issues more important in a society as a whole, issues pertaining to trade and business and issues of national and international scope. We need to remember that all such means as are used to deceive others for the sake of personal gains are wrong and take one away from Faith. Always keep in mind that a trial of faith is more consequential than the trial related only to the worldly matters, as trial of faith may result in the ruin of both one's worldly comforts as well as life in the hereafter. Hence, knowing that God is watching over all our actions, we need to continuously look into ourselves and keep in view the outcome of all matters at our disposal.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Spiritual ailments are more dangerous than the physical ones. The society we are living in is being constantly contaminated by spiritual diseases. To protect ourselves against these diseases, we need to act righteously and make persistent efforts to get rid of them. A believer should fear Allāh at all times. We, therefore, need to be honest and relentlessly monitor our actions and conditions to see if we are following the path of *Taqwa*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the second verse that I have recited Allāh has drawn our attention to make sure that we do not become like those who have forgotten Him. We find that there are three kinds of people who distance themselves from God in this world. First, those who do not believe in the existence of God. Second, those who do not truly believe in the All-Powerful and Omnipotent God. Third, those who lose themselves in the worldly pursuits to the extent that they totally neglect their Lord. They forget that God has prescribed five daily prayers for them. Eventually, there comes a time when they suffer not only moral degradation but also spiritual degradation. This results in the loss of mental peace for them. This is why God says that those who forget Him will be counted among the sinful, and the sinful are those who exceed the limits set by God and those who do not submit to Him.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Each one of us needs to make sure that all his actions are in accordance with the commandments of the Almighty God. We ought to forget about temporary benefits and focus our attention on the future. May Allāh enable us to do so! *Āmīn*

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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