

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related faith-inspiring incidents from the lives of the companions of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام who took Bai'at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام after witnessing the sign of the lunar and solar eclipse and thereafter progressed in submission, devotion and faithfulness to him.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The month of March, the day of Friday, and the occurrence today of the solar eclipse are a reminder of various important aspects of the Jamā'at's history.

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On 20 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) said: A solar eclipse has taken place here in the UK today and also in some other countries of the world. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم commanded the believers to make special prayers, do *Istighfar*, give alms and offer the Kusuf prayer on such occasions. In view of this, an instruction was given to the Jamā'at to offer the Kusuf prayer in all such areas where the eclipse was to take place.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The sign of the solar and lunar eclipse was one of the greatest signs of the advent of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام since it was shown both in the East and the West to support his claim. Therefore, the sign of the eclipse has a special relationship with the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and the Jamā'at. Although we cannot say that today's solar eclipse has occurred as a sign of the truth of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, but it does draw our attention to the significance of the eclipse that had taken place as a sign of the advent of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Today's solar eclipse further draws our attention to the one that had occurred as a sign of the truth of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام since it has occurred on a Friday, a day that has a special relationship with the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Even the month of March,

during which the present eclipse has taken place, is important because the Promised Messiah Day also falls in this month. In short, the month of March, the day of Friday and the solar eclipse, all remind us of various aspects of the Jamā‘at’s history.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام wherein he said: The sign of the lunar and solar eclipse was shown for my sake, where after hundreds entered the fold of my Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related a few faith-enhancing incidents from the lives of the companions of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, who, after having witnessed the sign of the lunar and solar eclipse, began to search for the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and visited Qādiān to personally meet with him. They accepted Ahmadiyyat, took Bai’at at his blessed hand and thereafter progressed in submission, devotion and faithfulness to him by becoming ever stronger in faith.

Hazrat Ghulām Muhammad Sahib رضی اللہ عنہ said: There was one Maulwi Badruddin in my village. I was standing with him in front of his house on the day the sun was eclipsed. Having seen the eclipse, Maulwi Sahib said: ‘The signs of the advent of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام have been fulfilled and, therefore, he is about to appear’. Sometime after this, Maulwi Sahib became an Ahmadi. He was an extremely devoted, righteous and sincere person who strove for almost a year before he succeeded to convert his parents and wife as well.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related another faith-inspiring incident as narrated by Hafiz Muhammad Hayat Sahib of Lalian: In 1894, when the sign of the lunar and solar eclipse appeared, a delegation of two to three people from Lalian reached Qādiān on foot to ascertain the truth of the claim made by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and to enquire whether the sign actually testified to his truth. When they found that the sign had seen fulfilment in the person of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, they took Bai’at at his hand and accepted Ahmadiyyat.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related a few more incidents as well and said: May Allāh enable the whole world to accept the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. *Āmīn*

Next, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the sad demise of Ahmad Yahya Bajwa Sahib, son of Naeem Ahmad Bajwa Sahib, of Germany. Ahmad Yahya Bajwa Sahib, who was a student of Jāmi‘a Ahmadiyya Germany, died in an accident.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that he would lead Ahmad Yahya Bajwa 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,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan

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