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The Amīr/National President

Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Sincerity is the precondition for good deeds. If done with sincerity, God does not let even the smallest virtue go unrewarded.

Allāh sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to foster good deeds, and one of these is shunning falsehood.

All Aḥmadīs should do introspection to see if (God forbid) they are relying on falsehood. They should manage all their affairs in keeping with the norms of taqwa.

On 5th February 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that on 27th December 1905, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام made a speech explaining that he had not been sent only to prove the death of Jesus. God did not need to start a new movement just for this purpose, rather there were many other objectives of his advent. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that at that time people had become corrupt in their practices, and among the practices that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had been sent to reform was falsehood and he came for the establishment of truth. In this regard Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) exhorted the Jamā'at to raise their standards of truthfulness. Allāh describes the believers as those who do not give false testimony. Thus the men of God are those who do not lie and do not associate anyone with God. If every single one of us strives to avoid falsehood, we can undergo a transformation that will make us true believers.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that love of the world is the primary cause of all discords. People tend to give precedence to the world over the love of God and obedience to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. True obedience means to walk in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم who always gave precedence to faith over the world and not vice versa. The Companions followed his example and were extraordinarily transformed as a result. They had forsaken the world and its longings and had virtually killed their desires. Today you can compare yourself to them and learn whether you are following in their footsteps. Allāh has described falsehood as an abomination and so you should always avoid it. There can be no greater misfortune than to put one's trust in falsehood. But I assure you that it is the truth that ultimately prevails, for in it lies all good and all triumph. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام related the story of the lawsuit that had been lodged against him by the post office and said how can I say that one cannot do without falsehood? To say such things is sheer folly. The truth is that one cannot do without truth. When we put our faith in God, He becomes sufficient for us.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, remember that there is nothing as vile as falsehood. God is the helper and supporter of truth. One who adopts truthfulness can never be disgraced for he is under God's protection, and there is no citadel as safe as God's sanctuary. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that partial deeds cannot give full benefit. Unless we attain perfection in our deeds, we cannot reap the desired results.

We cannot please God with flawed deeds, nor can such deeds bear fruit. Allāh's promise is that if you act according to His will then He will bless you. Worldly people make up statements, such as, "One cannot do without falsehood," but these are all illusions that result from the lack of true knowledge. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that a virtue that is tainted with evil is worthless and of no value in the sight of God. If done with sincerity, Allāh does not let even the smallest virtue go unrewarded. But sincerity is a precondition for good deeds. Free yourself from idolatry and act in a way that does not even give an illusion of idolatry. Establish the truth and detest falsehood.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that keeping all this in mind Aḥmadīs should do some soul searching to see whether they resort to falsehood in their lawsuits, in their businesses to earn profits, and in matters of matrimony, and whether they hold fast to truth. They should see whether they employ falsehood in getting social benefits or welfare from the government or in matter pertaining to seeking asylum. Likewise, office bearers should see whether their reports contain anything that is contrary to the truth. We should deal with all our affairs in keeping with Taqwa. It is necessary to look deeply into every matter, free ourselves from our egos and keep the fear of God before us. The biggest sin that has destroyed people and in which they are engrossed is the love of the world. If you have some realization of God's greatness and the certainty of death, then all laxity and heedlessness should vanish. This is why it is necessary to bear in mind God's majesty and fear Him. His punishment can be severe. May Allāh enable us to practically transform ourselves, realize the importance of truth and give precedence to our faith over the world.

At the end of the Sermon, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Kassim Touré Ṣāhib, a local missionary, of Ivory Coast. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 11 February 2016