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The Amīr/National President

Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Moral stories and traditions related by Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ
Peace can only be established in the world when people give others their rights

Keep fasts once every week for forty weeks; offer Nawāfil, give alms and make earnest prayers to God

When we will cry and supplicate before God, His help will descend from heaven and all our difficulties and troubles will be overcome.

On 12th 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 Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ has related many moral stories and traditions with reference to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. In one of his sermons, Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said: "When God raises someone, He also grants him help and succour." Then he said: "When we were children we loved to hear stories, and the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام would tell us stories that had moral lessons for us." After relating one such story, Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said: 'The whole world that is devoid of truth and truthfulness does not have even as much value in the eyes of God as a little chick. We should, therefore, establish ourselves upon the truth.'

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we need to reflect upon our own conditions and ask ourselves whether, after having accepted the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, we are giving preference to our faith over the mundane, and whether we are trying to get rid of our inner evil and fostering piety. The state of the world today is not hidden from anyone. There are many countries where neither the government nor the people are discharging their obligations towards each other. Heavenly calamities are afflicting people because sinfulness has crossed all limits. Therefore, it is an important duty of Aḥmadīs to warn the world that if it does not reform itself, God can bring about ever greater and more destructive calamities.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today we see that people insist in having their own rights regardless of how much suffering it may cause to others. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related an incident illustrating how a true Muslim should behave in this regard, and said that Islam commands everyone to establish and fulfil the rights of others. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that peace means to desire for others what you desire for yourself. Doing this would mean that you are fulfilling the rights of others and this is how peace will be established. It is impossible for us to make the world accept our point of view unless we demonstrate it through our own personal example. It is regrettable that even in our Jamā'at, cases come before the Qaḍā' where brother is seen to usurp the rights of his brother or of other family members. If we pay heed to this teaching, many of the problems before Qaḍā' will be resolved automatically. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related a story about

Ḥazrat Imām Hussain رضي الله عنه and Ḥazrat Hasan رضي الله عنه and said that this is the spirit of vying with one another in good deeds that we need to inculcate.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is also an election year and we are going to have elections in many Jamā'ats as well. In this connection we all need to rectify our thinking, use our right to vote with prayer and total impartiality, and then to accept wholeheartedly whatever decision is made. Make your decisions selflessly and then cooperate fully with whoever is appointed. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه said: "Whether it is the executives or other office-bearers of the Jamā'at, they should not rely completely on their subordinates, rather they should keep an eye on and be involved in everything. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه said that in our childhood we used to hear the story of Aladdin's lamp. But this is an allegorical story, and the lamp is not of copper but of resolve and determination. When this lamp is rubbed by acting upon Allāh's commandments and seeking help from him, no matter how enormous the task is, it can be attained at once.

Explaining how one should pray to Allāh, Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه said that just as milk does not flow into the mother's breast unless the child cries for it, similarly God has associated His mercy with the crying and weeping of His servants. This is why we should cry and supplicate before Him as much as possible.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that at that time Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضي الله عنه had asked the Jamā'at to keep fasts and pray to God. A few years back I had asked the Jamā'at too to keep fasts regularly and there are many who are still keeping them. But now we should keep fasts at least once every week for the next forty weeks, and also offer prayers and Nawāfil and give alms. This is because in some places the Jamā'at is facing extreme and growing persecution. When we would cry before God, His help will descend for us and all the hurdles and difficulties in our path shall be removed. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) particularly spoke about the situation of the Jamā'at in Pakistan and asked Aḥmadīs to offer prayers in this regard.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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