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The Amīr/National President

Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Traditions and sayings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام regarding social issues such as marriage as related by Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ.

The Holy Qur'ān and the Sunnah are beacons for us; no dream or revelation that is contrary to them can be considered to be true.

We should see to it that we do that which is permitted by God and His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

On 8th April 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) related some traditions and sayings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام about keeping fast continuously, the reason for creating a separate Jamā'at, and social issues such as matrimony. Referring to the dream of a woman in Qādiān about keeping fast continuously for six months, Ḥuzoor said that any dream that goes against the Holy Qur'ān and the edicts and practice of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم will have to be rejected as false. To put oneself through a hardship for which one does not have the power is wrong and contrary to piety. The case of those ordained by God is different and common people cannot compare to them.

Referring to the objection that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام caused further dissent among the ummah by creating yet another sect, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that if we want to safeguard our good milk, do we keep it with yogurt or separate from it? Obviously milk cannot remain good if it comes into contact with yoghurt even for a minute. Therefore it is essential that the Jamā'at of the Messenger be kept separate from the rest. Just as healthy people become sick by coming into contact with the sick, it is the Divine practice that God keeps the followers of His Messenger separate from the spiritually afflicted.

Referring to the issue of marrying Aḥmadī girls with non-Aḥmadīs, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if an Aḥmadī girl is married to a non-Aḥmadī, she will certainly become estranged from the Jamā'at, therefore this practice should be shunned. The fact that we do not marry non-Aḥmadīs is not because we wish to create division, but rather it is to safeguard ourselves and to give preference to our faith over the world. Aḥmadī men should also realize that if they are true Aḥmadīs they should not consider their own desires and should only marry Aḥmadīs. They should give preference to their faith and their future progeny over worldly desires. Future generations are not only corrupted if Aḥmadī girls marry others, but this is also true where Aḥmadī boys marry non-Aḥmadī girls. And if Aḥmadī boys marry outside the Jamā'at then who shall marry Aḥmadī girls? Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that there are and have always been problems relating to marriage of Aḥmadī girls, and we have to find ways of overcoming these difficulties. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if an Aḥmadī boy and girl wish to marry, their parents should not rigidly oppose them and should not become engrossed in the issue of ego or status. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the girl's desire and approval should also

be considered in matrimony. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has given women the right to choose. But Islām also does not permit matrimony without the permission of the wali or guardian. Thus neither the parents should be so stern as to disallow marriage in the name of false honour, nor does Islām permits girls to run away and get married in courts. Under such circumstances girls can write to the Khalīfa who will then decide according to the circumstances.

Ḥazrat (May Allāh be his Helper) Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضى الله عنه said that in order to remember God and establish a relationship with Him and to love Him, it is necessary to reflect upon His attributes and establish a relationship with Him through these attributes. It is the law of nature that even in worldly relationships it is necessary to either be close to the person one loves or at least to have their image or picture as a reflection of one's love. A true believer should show zeal for the honour of the faith. There are people who despite their good intentions do not show zeal for the Jamā'at's honour on account of their simplicity but this ends up in hurting the Jamā'at. In any case, one should express zeal for the Jamā'at's honour. One should at least leave a company or gathering where objection are raised against faith and the Jamā'at. In fact the Jamā'at should be informed of such mischievous people so that that the Jamā'at can deal with them. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضى الله عنه says that some people think the Jamā'at has some kind of magic on account of which people do not leave the Jamā'at even if they are abused and beaten and suffer loss of property. They say that it is surely on account of some magic that they still hold on to the Jamā'at. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may enable people to recognize the truth and give us the power to fulfil our obligations.

At the end of the sermon Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led funeral prayers of two deceased Aḥmadīs.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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