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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Protection against Satan's attacks, the need for women to observe *purdah*, avoiding the misuse of the internet, and an exhortation to office-bearers to be good role models.

This is the age of the last battle against Satan. We have to become the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام helpers by defeating Satan.

Members should benefit from the Jamā'at's websites, listen to the Friday Sermon punctually, and watch other programs of MTA for at least one hour every day.

On 20th May 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday sermon at the Nāṣir Mosque in Gothenburg, Sweden.

After reciting verse 22 of Sūrah An-Nūr, which is translated as follows:

O ye who believe! follow not the footsteps of Satan, and whoso follows the footsteps of Satan should know that he surely enjoins immorality and manifest evil. And but for the grace of Allāh and His mercy upon you, not one of you would ever be pure, but Allāh purifies whom He pleases. And Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. (24:22)

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this verse the believers have been warned not to follow in Satan's footsteps, because even believers can be ensnared by Satan. Believers ought to protect themselves against Satanic attacks and always be mindful of God's presence. Satan sometimes leads man astray in the guise of good deeds. This verse highlights how evil is born and how it spreads. For example, in the eyes of these people *purdah* is something harmful that usurps the rights of women. Some women become lax in *purdah* under the influence of this society, but they forget that this is exactly what the Holy Qur'ān is talking about.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that a woman's modesty lies in dressing modestly and in avoiding undue mixing with the opposite sex. In this misguided age Ahmadīs should offer Istighfār and try to seek God's protection. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم has prohibited believers from going to the houses of women whose husbands are not at home. In this commandment he laid down the principle that unrelated men and women should not freely mingle with one another for this allows Satan to do his mischief. Ahmadīs should be all the more careful of these principles in these western societies.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that TV and the internet are also sources of evil in this age. In most households neither adults nor children get up for Fajr prayer because they have been up late into the night watching TV or browsing the internet. The result is that they are unable to wake up in time for Fajr and, in fact, they are not even mindful of doing so. Ṣalāt is obligatory in all circumstances, and yet Satan lures them with worldly attractions. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) urged all Ahmadī households to save themselves from the negative aspects of the internet. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when we pray for our eyes and our ears to be blessed, and for contentment, and for being led from darkness to light, and for fulfilling our

obligations to our wives, and for our children to be a source of contentment for us, then our attention will naturally be drawn away from frivolous and evil thoughts. Thus a believer becomes the means of saving his household from Satan.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that today it is necessary to benefit as much as possible from the spiritual and scholarly programs on MTA and from the Jamā‘at’s websites. And if you have to watch other channels for entertainment, you should watch programs that are within the bounds of decency. Protect yourself from frivolity and misdemeanour for it leads away from God. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that every Aḥmadī household should make sure that all family members listen to the Friday Sermon together on MTA and also watch other MTA programs for at least one hour every day. While this will be of religious benefit, it will also save you from Satan and bring peace and tranquillity to your homes.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if children are made to realize their importance in the household, they will not seek to find contentment outside the home and will not fall prey to frivolities. Parents should connect the children to the mosque and to the auxiliary organisations. I would also urge the auxiliary organisations to take care of their members. The office-bearers’ attitude should be such as brings the members together and does not mislead them.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that having accepted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام we have to take part in this last battle with Satan and become the Promised Messiah’s عليه السلام helpers by defeating Satan. Allāh says that He is All-Hearing and All-Knowing, hence you should pray to Him to be saved from Satan’s attacks. The office-bearers should mould their words and action in keeping with God’s desire and should pray that their attitudes should not let anyone fall into Satan’s hands. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Satan tries even to beguile God’s friends to their last breath. We have to repent and offer Istighfār to be saved from him. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while Satan attacks the sinners and transgressors openly, he also attacks the virtuous. A believer should always keep praying and seek Allāh’s help to be saved from the evils of Satan.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these days we should especially recite the prayer:

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost.”

May Allāh help us so that we do not walk in Satan’s footsteps and may He enable us to act upon the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

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