

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Inauguration of 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada with the flag hoisting ceremony, prayer, and the Friday Sermon.

Obey the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) fully and sincerely, become virtuous and God-fearing, and spend your time in prayers.

Among the aims of the Jalsa is to foster our religious knowledge, develop our cognition of God, get to know one another, and progress in *Taqwa*.

On 7th October, 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the International Centre in Mississauga, Canada.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today, by the grace of Allāh, is the start of Jalsa Sālāna Canada. By the grace of Allāh, Jamā‘ats all over the world hold their own Jalsa Sālāna every year. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام, after receiving permission from Allāh, invited his followers to gather in Qādiān for three days every year. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that among the objectives of the Jalsa laid down by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is expanding religious knowledge, attaining more information, deepening Divine cognition, and getting to know one another. This interaction should not be just temporary, and all Aḥmadīs should keep strengthening their mutual bonds. Also, growing in piety is one of the objectives of the Jalsa.

Speaking about the 50th anniversary of the Jamā‘at’s registration in Canada, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this will only have a significance if every Aḥmadī in Canada strives to lives up to the pledge he or she has made and to live up to the expectations of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Otherwise, fifty years or a hundred years do not mean anything. Addressing in particular the Aḥmadīs who had migrated from Pakistan, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: You migrated for the sake of religious freedom, and this country has given you its nationality so that you can exercise that freedom. You should, therefore, try to fulfil the purpose for which you migrated to this country and also tell your children of the circumstances that forced you to come here. The favourable conditions of this country demand that you be grateful to Allāh and become His sincere servants. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Your purpose of coming to the Jalsa will only be fulfilled when you listen carefully to the sermon and all the other speeches. There are lot of points in these speeches that strengthen our faith, and we should adopt them in our lives.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some extracts from the writing of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that his followers should read *Kashti Nuh* again and again and mould their lives according to the teachings contained in it. In your lives you should follow the example of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him). Become virtuous and God-fearing and bide your time in prayers and supplication. The Holy Qur’ān places faith alongside good conduct. Good conduct mean that even the thought of mischief, aggression, pride, egotism , arrogance or

usurping the rights of another should not cross one's mind. Offer *Istighfar* particularly during these days of Jalsa.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in these days we should offer this prayer of Ḥazrat Adam عليه السلام:

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا 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.) We should also recite the prayer:

رب كل شيء خادمك رب فاحفظنا و انصرنا و ارحمنا

(O' our Lord, everything is Your servant. O' our Lord, protect us, and help us, and have mercy on us). Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Allāh does not forbid us from our worldly pursuits, rather he commands us not to remain idle. But the world should not be our main objective. We should pursue worldly affairs in ways that lead to goodness and betterment. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the situation of the world today is very troubling. Recently a person asked me that what will happen now that the world is fast moving towards destruction? I said that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has answered this question in these Urdu verses:

It is a fire, but all those shall be saved from it

Who love the Lord of wonders and miracles.

Speaking about the 50th anniversary of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya Canada, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that only worldly people are pleased by such things. If we are happy because we have progressed in abiding by Allāh's commandments, then it is right to be thankful. But if we have stopped progressing in every kind of virtue then it is something to reflect on. We should keep the sayings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام before us and ponder over how far we are acting upon the teachings of Allāh and the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him), so that when we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya in this country we are able to say that we have fully lived up to our pledge of giving precedence to our faith over the world. May Allāh enable us to do so.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) asked the participants to spend the three days in prayers and to attend all the Jalsa programs, and prayed that Allāh may enable everybody to do so.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

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