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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**An exhortation to adopt truthfulness and humility and to avoid pride, arrogance, falsehood and other moral weaknesses.**

**Adopt *taqwa*, speak truthfully and unambiguously, remain steadfast on the truth, give true testimony, seek God’s grace and the light of wisdom.**

**Arrogance is a dangerous disease that sounds the spiritual death-knell for one who possess it.**

On 16th June 2017, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul-Masīḥ* V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In my last sermon I spoke about *taqwa* and high morals. The Promised Messiah (a.s) says that a person becomes a *muttaqi* when he possesses all the good morals. A believer should strive for these morals, do what is commanded, and shun what is forbidden. However, there are some moral qualities which, if they be missing, can endanger one’s very faith, and faith comes before *taqwa*. The first of these moral conditions is to become steadfast upon the truth. Allah says:

**“Shun therefore the abomination of idols, and shun false speech.”  
(22:31)**

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says that falsehood estranges one from God. When a person ceases to have faith and trust in God, then God does not come near him. To become pure, it is essential to shun falsehood and idolatry. The Holy Qur’ān has declared falsehood to be a filth and abomination. Liars lose their credibility to the extent that even when they are telling the truth people imagine that there must be some element of falsehood in it. It is not easy for those who are in the habit of lying to let go of this habit, it takes long practice to do so.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: Remember, there is nothing so obnoxious as falsehood. People commonly say that those who lie are apprehended, but how can I believe this; I faced seven lawsuits and, by the grace of God, never had to utter one word of falsehood, but did God allow me to be defeated in even one of these cases? God is the friend and helper of the truthful, how then can he punish them. Had this been the case, no one would dare to speak the truth and people would completely lose faith in God. The fact is that those who are punished after speaking the truth are not punished because of that truth but because of some other hidden sins or lies. It is therefore important to make a habit of virtue and to keep seeking forgiveness for our shortcomings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Most often marriages end up in divorce because of lies, even though the verse recited in the Nikah clearly says:

**“O ye who believe! fear Allāh, and say the right word.” (33:71)**

He will bless your works for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allāh and His Messenger, shall surely attain a mighty success.” Allāh exhorts us to attain the highest levels of truthfulness so that we are saved from troubles and our children are saved from evil. In our society, the main reason for divorce is estrangement from religious values. There is no one to guide worldly people, but if those who have found guidance resort to falsehood then it has grave consequences. Some people tell their kids to tell visitors or callers on the phone that dad is not at home. In this way they inculcate the habit of falsehood in their children. There are people who lie just because of habit, or for hurting others, or to make people laugh, or for self-praise, or for personal and financial gain, or for covering their mistakes, or for avoiding people. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We should set high standards of truthfulness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Holy Qur’ān forbids us from bearing false testimony either for financial gain or for any other reason. Do not murder the truth. If you find the truth on the side of your enemy, then let go of your dry logic. Be steadfast on the truth and testify accordingly. A Christian once objected that the Holy Prophet ﷺ has permitted the telling of lies for three purposes. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that this is completely false. The Holy Qur’ān has declared falsehood to be akin to idolatry and has forbidden falsehood even against enemies and exhorts us to hold on to justice. When people adhere to the truth, then one will not deceive the other. Eating what is forbidden is not as harmful as falsehood. Tame your tongues and do not let your tongues govern you. We should always be mindful that we are established on such a high level of truthfulness as saves us from idolatry and enables us to attain higher stages of *taqwa*. Let everyone do some introspection and get rid of any falsehood they find in themselves.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Another high moral is adopting humility and shunning arrogance. Allāh does not love the arrogant boaster. Some people if they do good deeds for two days, they become proud. If someone sees a dream in Ramaḍān, he become arrogant. This should be avoided. Remember that arrogance comes from Satan, and unless one moves away from it, it becomes a hurdle in the path of accepting the truth and receiving divine grace. One should not be arrogant about one’s knowledge, one’s wealth, one’s family or one’s lineage, since these are the main motivators of arrogance. Unless man cleanses himself of such arrogance he cannot attain nearness to God and he will not be granted the cognition that consumes the carnal passions, because these come from Satan and God does not love them. Satan showed arrogance and considered himself superior to Adam, hence was rejected by God. Adam on the other hand was given knowledge and so he admitted his mistake and received God’s blessings. He knew that nothing can be attained other than through God’s grace and prayed:

**“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.” (7:24)**

This is one of the prayers the Promised Messiah (a.s) has urged us to offer, and we should do so particularly in these last ten days of Ramaḍān.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: Do not be proud or arrogant in any way; this in my view is the best way to attain piety. When someone is granted insight, he realizes that all the light that drives away darkness comes from heaven and that man is ever in need of heavenly light. The inner light that dispels darkness and

produces the light of purity and piety comes from heaven. I say truly that *taqwa*, faith, worship, purity, all come from heaven and are dependent on God's grace.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: True knowledge means that man should consider himself as a mere nothing and seek God's grace with the utmost humility and seek the knowledge that consumes the passions of the self and creates a power and passion for righteousness. In order to do away with arrogance, it is essential to attribute every good thing to God. One who recognizes this starts to be free from his moral weaknesses. He considers himself worthless and he does not deem the light and knowledge he receives as being a result of his own ability, rather he believes it to be from divine grace and mercy.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: Pride is a dangerous disease which sounds the spiritual death knell for whoever has it. The arrogant person is the brother of Satan. It was arrogance that caused Satan to be cast away in degradation. Therefore, it is essential for a believer that he has no pride and instead is filled with humility and meekness. This is the hallmark of God's chosen people that they possess the utmost humility, and most of all it was to be found in the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: God now desires that the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ should return and the same piety and purity should be established, and He wishes to accomplish this through this Jamā'at. Therefore, turn towards reformation in the manner taught by the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed, may Allāh enable us to follow the example of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, to avoid all evils, and to acquire the higher morals. May our humility be such as to please God. And may we become such members of the Jamā'at as the Promised Messiah (a.s) wanted to see us. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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