

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon, 19 January 2018

In Remembrance of a Veteran Servant of the Jamā‘at.

Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh* V ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said:

Two days ago, a long serving servant of the Jamā‘at, Sahibzadah Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib passed away. انا لله وانا اليه راجعون. Allāh had blessed him with the honour of being among the physical as well as the spiritual progeny of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. It is God’s eternal law that whoever comes into this world has to leave it one day. Everything is mortal and the only Being that abides forever is God. Nonetheless, blessed are those who try to make their worldly life purposeful, seek Allāh’s pleasure, and understand that having a physical relationship with some godly person or saint or Prophet does not make one’s life purposeful, rather a person’s own actions and deeds enable him to attain Divine pleasure. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم once told Ḥaḍrat Fatima : You will not receive Allāh’s pleasure solely because you are my daughter; to receive His pleasure you should try to mould your life according to His commandments. And even after you have done that, you should remain concerned forever that may Allāh accept your striving and your end is a good one.

I had a deep personal relationship with Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib and had a lot of opportunity to observe him.... Last year when he came here to attend the Jalsa, he expressed his desire and prayer for a righteous end.... He understood the spirit of Waqf and lived in keeping with that spirit. He passed away the day before yesterday at about 10 p.m. our time at the age of 85. He was a great-grandson of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, the grandson of Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Sultan Aḥmad who was the eldest son of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, and the son of Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Aziz Aḥmad Ṣāḥib. Mirzā Aziz Aḥmad Ṣāḥib was the grandson of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام who pledged Bai‘at to him before his father.

Birth and Education

He was born on 12th September 1932 in Lahore. On 21st April 1945, at the age of 12, when he was in 9th class, he signed the form pledging to devote his life. He completed his matriculation from the High School in Qādiān and then received education from T.I. College. At the instruction of Ḥaḍrat Muṣṭah Mau’ud رضى الله عنه, he completed his Masters in English from Government College Lahore. On 10th September 1956 he joined T.I. College as a life devotee and served for 17 years as a teacher in the English department. He was very popular and adored by the students.

Services for the Jamā‘at

During the turbulent days of 1974, he stayed with Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ III* رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى constantly for three months in the Qasr-e-Khilāfat.

On 30th April 1983 he was appointed Naẓir Khidmat Darweshan. From 1976 to 1988 he served as the Additional Naẓir A‘la. He also served in several committees. From 1988 to September 1991 he worked as Naẓir Umūr ‘Āmma. From August 1992 to May 2003 he was Naẓir Umūr Khārijīyya. Then, after I became Khalīfa, I appointed him as Naẓir A‘la and Amīr Muqāmi Rabwah, and he fulfilled these duties in the most diligent manner. He was also member of the Iftaa Board and of the Qaḍā’ Board for about 13 years. In 1973 he had the honour to perform Hajj.

Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II*’s رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ said about him:

“This boy from our family is a life-devotee. Allāh has enabled Mirzā Aziz Aḥmad Ṣāḥib to provide high education to this son and he is doing his Masters. He has not yet passed, meaning that he has not yet completed, but he is doing Masters in English and it is said that he is very good in English. It is my intention that he should serve as a professor in the college afterwards.”

Allāh gave him six sons, four of whom are working as Wāqifīn.

An Example of his Love for the Markaz

His son Mirzā Sultan Aḥmad writes that he had great love for Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II* رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. A few years ago he started having heart trouble. He had had it for a long time, but it was slowly growing more acute. Once he was in Okara when he complained of this condition and his son went to bring him back along with Dr Noori Ṣāḥib. They met him on the way and Mirzā Khursheed Aḥmad Ṣāḥib said: I was praying all the way that I should reach Rabwah and that my soul should depart at the feet of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II* رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ; that is to say, in the town where he is buried and which he founded. This was an example of his deep love for Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II* رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ.

A Dream

One night during his illness, he woke up greatly disturbed and said: I have just had a long dream wherein I saw people criticising Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II* رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, but nobody was responding to them. He was deeply disturbed as to why people were not responding, and did not go back to sleep because of this. He often used to say that the opponents are deeply prejudiced against Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II* رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, more so than against the Promised Messiah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. This is because the opponents think, and rightly so, that Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II* رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ established and strengthened the institutions of the Jamā‘at; and that if he had not done so, then, in the estimation of the opponents, the Jamā‘at would have disintegrated. Of course this is a Divine Jamā‘at and it was bound to thrive, but the opponents still oppose Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ II* رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ because he gave the Jamā‘at a strong and robust organisational structure.

One of his sons says:

That he was part of the team that accompanied Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV* رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى during the tumultuous days of 1984, and he used to say that in such difficult times both Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ III* رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى and Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV* رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى would never panic and would remain completely calm.

Being mindful of status

His son Mirzā Adeel Aḥmad says that once in a report sent to Mirzā Khursheed Aḥmad Ṣāḥib from the Rabwah Jamā‘at, the salutation *صلى الله على و سلم* was abbreviated after the name of the Holy Prophet, while *عليه السلام* was written out in full when mentioning the Promised Messiah *عليه السلام*. He pointed out that we should be mindful of every one’s status, and that the salutation for the Holy Prophet *صلى الله عليه وسلم* should be written out in full.

Punctuality in Prayers

He was very punctual in prayers and would only join two prayers in case of some urgency. Even during his last illness in the hospital he offered every prayer individually. In view of the immense responsibilities of Nazir-e-A‘ala, even in his last days he would enquire about the progress of the lawsuits involving the Jamā‘at. Whenever he was invited to weddings or other such occasions, he would make sure to attend and said that it was his duty as a representative of the Khalīfa. Likewise, he would visit bereaved families and ask after the sick. He would come to the office in time and work full hours. One day during his last illness he came to the office and found many workers absent, whereupon he sent out a circular to all the offices saying that if he could reach the office in time, why could not others do the same?

He also had the honour of leading the funeral prayer for Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ III* *رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ* that was held in Islamabad as the representative of Anjuman. He also had the honour to bathe the dead body of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ III* *رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ*.

Mirzā Anas Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, the eldest son of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīḥ III* *رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ* writes with regard to him: During his entire life, Brother Khursheed sat at the feet of Khilāfat and served the Jamā‘at to his last breath. May Allāh raise his spiritual status, accept his services, and keep him under the shade of His infinite grace and beneficence. He did indeed fulfil his duty.

This is indeed true; he fulfilled his purpose and his duty. May Allāh enable us also to fulfil our duty and live up to our obligations.

Huzoor *ایده اللہ تعالیٰ* led the funeral prayer in absentia of Sahibzadah Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib after the Friday prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor *ایده اللہ تعالیٰ* to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 24 January 2018