

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 9 November 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

In the beginning of the Friday Sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited the following Verse of *Sūrah Al-Baqarah*:

مَثَلُ الَّذِیْنَ یُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِی سَبِیْلِ اللّٰهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ اَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلَ فِی كُلِّ سُنْبُلَةٍ مِّائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ وَاللّٰهُ

یُضَعِفُ لِمَنْ یَّشَاءُ وَاللّٰهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِیْمٌ۔ الَّذِیْنَ یُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِی سَبِیْلِ اللّٰهِ ثُمَّ لَا یَتَّبِعُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا مَنًّا وَلَا

أَذًی لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَیْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ یَحْزَنُونَ۔

“The similitude of those who spend their wealth for the cause of Allāh is like the similitude of a grain of corn which grows seven ears, in each ear a hundred grains. And Allāh multiplies it further for whomsoever He pleases; and Allāh is Bountiful, All-Knowing. They who spend their wealth for the cause of Allāh, then follow not up what they have spent with taunt or injury, for them is their reward with their Lord, and they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve.” (2:262&263)

وَمَثَلُ الَّذِیْنَ یُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ لِیُبْتَغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللّٰهِ وَتَشْتَبِهَ مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ رَیْبُوَّةٍ أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَاتَتْ

أُكُلَهَا ضِعْفَیْنِ فَإِنْ لَمْ یُصِبْهَا وَابِلٌ فَطَلٌّ وَاللّٰهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِیْرٌ۔

“And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allāh and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain suffices. And Allāh sees what you do.” (2:266)

الشَّیْطٰنُ یَعِدُّكُمْ الْفَقْرَ وَیَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالْفَحْشَآءِ وَاللّٰهُ یَعِدُّكُمْ مَغْفِرَةً مِنْهُ وَفَضْلًا وَاللّٰهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِیْمٌ۔

“Satan threatens you with poverty and enjoins upon you what is foul, whereas Allāh promises you forgiveness from Himself and bounty. And Allāh is Bountiful, All-Knowing.” (2:269)

لَيْسَ عَلَيْكَ هُدَاهُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَلِنَفْسِكُمْ وَمَا تُنْفِقُونَ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ اللَّهِ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يُؤَفِّقُ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تظَلُمُونَ۔

“It is not thy responsibility to make them follow the right path; but Allāh guides whomsoever He pleases. And whatever of wealth you spend, it is for yourselves, while you spend not but to seek the favour of Allāh. And whatever of wealth you spend, it shall be paid back to you in full and you shall not be wronged.” (2:273)

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ۔

“Those who spend their wealth by night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; on them shall come no fear, nor shall they grieve.” (2:275)

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: The reason that I repeatedly stress the need for spending in the way of God is because it has been commanded so by God. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh blessed the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) with a Jamā‘at of sincere followers who listened to what he said, responded to it wholeheartedly and made sacrifices. Allāh, in keeping with His promises, is continuing to bless the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) with such devoted people even after the passage of 130 years. These are the people who are making sacrifices for the faith to the best of their financial ability and resources, and sometimes even beyond their financial ability and resources.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited several instances of Aḥmadīs from all over the world who are fulfilling their pledges of Taḥrīk Jadīd and, having given preference to the faith over the world, are always eager to make financial sacrifices.

A *mu‘allim* Ṣāḥib from Cameroon writes: We visited a Jamā‘at in the Western Region for *Chandah* Taḥrīk Jadīd. When we reached there, the Chief of the village gathered everyone and said: The *mu‘allim* Ṣāḥib of the Jamā‘at is here for *Chandah* Taḥrīk Jadīd, we should all take part in this sacrifice. The chief said: Two years ago I used to pray alone or at most I would be joined by two or three people in the mosque. But since Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya has been established in this village and we have accepted it, our mosque has become full of worshippers. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is a wonderful revolution that is taking place through Aḥmadiyyat whereby people are paying more attention to worship and to making financial sacrifices. It is also a reminder for old Aḥmadīs who are not so mindful of their prayers and, despite their affluence, do not give sufficient attention to financial sacrifices.

Amīr Ṣāḥib Gambia writes: A program was held in a village with reference to Taḥrīk Jadīd and people were told that Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ (May Allāh be his Helper) had instructed that all new converts should become part of Taḥrīk Jadīd. Upon this, all the participants made contributions towards

Taḥrīk Jadīd. One woman said that on this occasion she had given 20 dalasis which was the only money she had and she had kept it for a rainy day. But when she went back home, a visitor gave her 500 dalasis as gift. And so the next morning she came to the mosque and paid another 50 dalasis towards *Chandah* Taḥrīk Jadīd saying that the money had come to her through the blessing of *Chandah*.

A missionary from Benin writes: A three-wheeled vehicle belonging to the finance secretary of the Jamā‘at was stolen. It was the only means of his income, and often in Africa if something is stolen it is hardly ever recovered. After about two weeks a neighbour who also had a three-wheeled taxi called him and said that he had seen his vehicle somewhere but its colour had been changed. The matter was reported to the police who summoned both of them and found that the papers of the other person were fake. They ordered him to get the vehicle repaired and repainted to its original colour and return to its owner. The Aḥmadī came to the mission house and related the whole incident. He said he was now going out to work and would give whatever profit he received as *Chandah* because it was only as a blessing of *Chandah* that his vehicle had been returned to him. And so within a week he earned and paid 12000 CFA francs as *Chandah* Taḥrīk Jadīd.

Shahab Ṣāḥib, an inspector of Taḥrīk Jadīd in India, writes that a lady named Sophia Begum from Chinthakunta sent a message to us through her brother stating, “When I was very young, I attended gatherings and listened to different speeches delivered by scholars. Many women contributed their jewellery when Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ud (May Allāh be pleased with him) initiated Taḥrīk Jadīd and urged the members to offer financial contributions. Whenever I listened to this faith-inspiring story, I felt the strong desire that if only I had some jewellery I would offer it in the same manner towards Taḥrīk Jadīd, but this was not possible as I was poor. However, after my mother’s demise I have inherited 24 grams of gold and I present this to you because I am uncertain if this jewellery will remain in my possession.” He says that he and the local Aḥmadīs both tried to convince her that since she was going to get married soon therefore this jewellery would be needed for that. However, she remained adamant and paid the full amount of 24 grams of gold towards *Chandah* Taḥrīk Jadīd.

Mubarak Munir Ṣāḥib a missionary from Burkina Fasso writes: *Al-Haaaj Ibrahim*, a devoted Aḥmadī from the Pego Jamā‘at, had two children who had been ill for a long time despite a lot of treatment. One day our *mu‘allim* sahib appealed to him with regard to making financial sacrifices, upon which he gave *Chandah* and prayed that may Allāh accept his sacrifice and heal his children. A few days later the children started to improve and one of them recovered completely.

A missionary from Ivory Coast writes that he went to a village that had new converts and made a speech regarding the importance of *Chandah* Taḥrīk Jadīd and its objectives and conveyed the instructions of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) that all members should take part in it. The following day after the morning-prayer some members of the community began contributing according to their ability. The Imām of the

mosque also participated in this and paid on behalf of his family towards *Chandah Tahrik Jadid*. Later, his 6 year-old son asked his father for 100 CFA Francs and brought it to us saying this was his contribution. It was truly moving to see that such a small boy had such desire for financial sacrifice.

The Secretary Tahrik Jadid of *Lajna* in Canada writes that her husband had pledged 1,000 dollars towards *Chandah Tahrik Jadid*, however he had been unable to pay it because he was unemployed. About a week before the year was to end, the Secretary Tahrik Jadid came to collect the *Chandah*. The husband came in and asked his wife what he could do since he had no money. She said that they could not let the Secretary go without paying the *Chandah*, and so they paid a thousand dollars out of their savings. She says that by the blessing of the *Chandah*, within a week her husband got a job at a salary of 7000 dollars per month.

Secretary *Lajna Tahrik Jadid* from Lahore writes that a member from Wapda Town had been ill with asthma for the past year and a half. When a central representative came and made appeal for *Chandah*, she increased her pledge by 50,000 rupees. By God's blessing she started to recover and by the end of the year she had recovered completely although before that her ailment had continued to attack her despite treatment.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the beginning of the new year i.e the 85th year of *Chandah Tahrik Jadid* and presented some statistics from the year that has ended. In the 84th year, by the grace of Allāh, the members of the Jamā'at paid a total of 12.79 million pounds. Pakistan stood first in terms of overall contribution, followed by Germany, UK and USA. This year 1,717,000 members participated in *Chandah Tahrik Jadid*, which was an increase of 117,000 from the previous year. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also mentioned the Jamā'ats that made outstanding contributions within some countries. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that may Allāh bless the lives and possessions of all those who have made these sacrifices. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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