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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 28th August 2020 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this age, Allāh, according to His promise, has sent the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) as the *Hakam* and *‘Adal* (Arbiter) under the tutelage of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him). He is the Arbiter whose mission is to remove all the wrong interpretations and disputes between the various sects and denominations of Islām and to reunite the Muslim ummah. We find that every year hundreds of thousands of Muslims from all sects, who employ knowledge and wisdom and prayers, join the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at. The Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at is not based on the interpretations of one sect or another, rather it is the Jamā‘at that was established by Allāh in keeping with His promise to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him).

Allāh instructed the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) through revelation to gather all the Muslims of the world into one fold. This is the mission for which the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has been sent and this is what the Jamā‘at is striving for under the guidance of Khilāfat. Of course, we will never stop speaking the truth, regardless of opposition, lawsuits, persecution and abuse. For hundreds of years, Muslims have been plagued by differences which have destroyed their unity. These days we are going through Muḥarram, the first month of the Islāmic year. But, unfortunately, in many Muslim countries this month is marked by an increase in hatred and violence. Serious-minded and truth-seeking Muslims should reflect on how Muslims can be reunited once again.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) gave the glad tiding of ‘Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood’ after the age of darkness and deviation. Instead of following the so-called Ulema, people of common sense should try to find the Imām who has been sent by God for the revival of Islām. We Aḥmadīs say that Allāh Almighty has entrusted the task of the revival of Islām to the Founder of Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulām Aḥmad of Qādiān (Peace be upon him). He is the Imām through whom all conflict and violence will be turned to peace and harmony. Muḥarram should be the month of sharing love and affection, instead of expressing regret and hatred and resentment. Only when we follow the Arbiter sent by God can we be considered true Muslims.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: My status is not the status of a Maulawi, rather I have come in the footsteps of Prophets. Accept me as having been

sent by Heaven, and all these quarrels and disputes can be put to rest at once. Only that interpretation of the Holy Qur'ān and Ḥadīth will be acceptable which is sanctioned by the one sent by God as Arbiter; otherwise, the Shia-Sunni disputes will never come to an end. Unless they give up their ways and accept what I say, they will never arrive at the truth. Even a decent person does not like abuse and slander, how then can such behaviour be considered an act of worship in the eyes of God? This is why I ask you to come and listen to me so that you may see the truth.

Regarding the status of the 'Rightly Guided Khulafā', the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I know that no one can become a believer and a Muslim unless he becomes like *Abu Bakr*, *'Umar*, *'Uthmān* and *'Ali*. They did not cherish the world, and instead devoted their lives for the sake of Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will now cite some sayings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) which will help newcomers and younger people to understand our beliefs in this regard. Regarding the circumstances that prevailed in the early days of the Khilāfat of Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr Ṣiddīq* (May Allāh be pleased with him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that if Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) had not been strong-hearted, he would have been overwhelmed by the situation. But *Ṣiddīq* was reflection of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and had been influenced by his character. Therefore, he showed such courage and perseverance that it is difficult to find a parallel of him after the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). I believe that if Abu Bakr did not exist, there would be no Islām.

Referring to the attributes of Ḥaḍrat *'Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the status of Ḥaḍrat *'Umar* (May Allāh be pleased with him) among the Companions was so high that his opinion sometimes would match with the divine Qur'ānic Revelation.

Regarding the first three Khulafā, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: My Lord has revealed to me that *Ṣiddīq* and *Farooq* and *'Uthmān* (May Allāh be pleased with them) were righteous and true believers and were among those chosen by God.

Referring to the virtues of Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that he was pious and among those most loved by God. There is no doubt that Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) was a hope for seekers after truth, an unparalleled example of generosity, and the proof of God's existence for mankind. His time was not a time of peace and order. People were in disagreement as to whether the Khilāfat was his or of *Abu Sufyān*. But the truth was with *'Ali* Murtaza, and whoever fought against him was guilty of rebellion.

This is the realization that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has given us regarding the status of the four Khulafā, and this is the status that every Muslim must accord to them in order to be called a true Muslim.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will now cite some sayings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that speak of the status of the Holy Prophet's (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) family.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I met Ḥaḍrat *'Ali* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in a vision while I was fully awake and he gave me a commentary of the Holy Qur'ān and said, 'This is my commentary and now I give it to you.' I swear

that he met me with great love and affection and it was instilled in my heart that he knew me and my faith. He was accompanied by *Hassan* and *Hussain* and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), as well as beautiful, virtuous, glorious, honourable and dignified young woman, who seemed to embody inner and outer light, and I was made to understand that she was Ḥaḍrat *Faṭimah Az-Zahra* (May Allāh be pleased with her). I was told that, in the spiritual sense, Ḥaḍrat *Faṭimah* (May Allāh be pleased with her) saw me as a son.

On another occasion, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: I believe that no one can live a single night after cursing a righteous person like *Hussain* or Ḥaḍrat *'Isā* (Peace be upon him).

Ḥaḍrat *Mirza Bashīr Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) loved the family and Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) so much that once in the month of Muḥarram he related the story of Ḥaḍrat *Hussain's* (May Allāh be pleased with him) martyrdom to his daughter Ḥaḍrat *Sahibzadi Mubaraka Begum Sahiba* and his son Ḥaḍrat *Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with them), while tears flowed unceasingly from his eyes.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: After hearing all this, how can anyone say that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) did not love the family of Muhammad (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him)? The love that he had for the Prophet could not be matched by anyone else. While the Shiites went to one extreme and the Sunnis to another, he carried out the duty of introducing the true teachings of Islām in his capacity as the Arbiter sent by God. Despite this, both these sects abuse Aḥmadīs and oppress us. But we have to persevere with our task of spreading the message of true Islām in the world. Our sacrifices will not be in vain. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that this time the victory will come to those who have the attributes of *Hussain*. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: During these days we should focus on prayers and offer Durūd Sharīf and bow down before Allāh.

May Allāh protect all Muslims in the days of Muḥarram. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(For) Wakīl A'ālā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

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