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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 15th January 2021 from Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will continue with the account of Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him). The material that I had collected regarding him will be completed today, *Insha’Allāh*.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Ḥaḍrat *Imām Husain* once asked Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him), “Do you love me?” Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali replied that he did, whereupon Ḥaḍrat *Husain* wondered as to how two loves (the love for him and the love for God) could come together in one heart. He then asked which of the two loves he would give preference to if he had to choose? Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali said he would give preference to the love of Allāh. Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) mentions this incident and says that what Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali meant was: I love you, of course, but when my love for you conflicts with my love for God, I will immediately choose the love of God.

Whenever Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) faced a major problem, he would pray by invoking the following Divine attributes:

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The Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) said that these acronyms (مقطعات) stand for *Kafi*, *Hādi*, ‘*Alīm* and *Sādiq*.

Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) once called his servant but he did not respond. When he came a little later and Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali asked him the reason for his delay, the servant said that he was sure of his kindness and knew that he would not be punished. Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali liked his answer so much that he set him free.

One day Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) heard the teacher of Ḥaḍrat *Hasan* and Ḥaḍrat *Husain* reciting *Khatīm-un-Nabiyyīn* (instead of *Khatam-un-Nabiyyīn*). He said: Both readings are correct but I prefer the reading *Khatam-un-Nabiyyīn*, which means the Seal of Prophets, and this is what should be taught to my children.

One day someone invited the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) and a group of Companions for a meal. Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) was young, the Companions were eating dates and started jokingly placing date stones in front of him. Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali did not realize this and when the date stones had piled up, the Companions

said, "You have eaten all the dates!" Ḥaḍrat 'Ali understood that they were trying to play a joke on him, and said, "You have eaten even the date stones, but I have kept mine."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It was revealed in the Holy Qur'ān that the believers should give alms before they seek any advice from the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). In order to fulfil this injunction, he gave alms and then consulted the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) about a matter. Later when someone asked him what he had consulted the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) about, he said that it was a trivial matter and he had done it only so that he was able to act upon this commandment of the Holy Qur'ān. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Such was the character of the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ḥaḍrat *Allāma 'Ubaidullah Bismil* was an eminent Shia scholar who became an Aḥmadī at the time of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) says that he was such a great scholar that his books were being taught in Shia madrassas until after the partition of India. Citing one of his books, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that one day Ḥaḍrat 'Ali asked the people as to who was the bravest person? They said that he (Ḥaḍrat 'Ali) was the bravest. But Ḥaḍrat 'Ali replied, "Abu Bakr was the most brave and courageous person. In the Battle of *Badr*, we made a canopy for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and were still consulting about who would stay and guard him, when Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* (May Allāh be pleased with him) stood up with his drawn sword and no idolator dared to come near that place. Similarly, one day the idolators of Mecca caught hold of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) and no one dared to confront the idolators, but Ḥaḍrat *Abu Bakr* stepped forth and pushed them aside." Saying this, Ḥaḍrat 'Ali covered his face with his cloth and cried so much that his beard got wet.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said, "He who loves 'Ali loves me, and he who loves me loves Allāh." Ḥaḍrat 'Ali says, "Surely did the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) say to me that only a believer would love me and only a hypocrite would hate me." The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) said to Ḥaḍrat 'Ali, "You are like Jesus. The Jews hated him so much that they slandered his mother, while the Christians loved him so much that they gave him a status that was not his." Ḥaḍrat 'Ali said, "Beware! Two kinds of men will perish because of me: those who exaggerate their love for me, and those who hate me."

Abjar bin Jurmūz cites his father as saying that he saw Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) walking in the market of *Kūfa* holding a whip. He was exhorting the people to be pious, to speak the truth, to buy and sell with fairness, and to be accurate in their measures.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: On 7th December 1892, I had a vision in which I saw that I was Ḥaḍrat 'Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) and that the Kharijites were opposed to my Khilāfat. Then I saw that the Messenger of Allāh (May Allāh's Blessings

be upon him) said to me with compassion and warmth, “O, ‘*Ali*! Turn away from them and their helpers and their machinations.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also narrated some judicial decisions which reflect the deep intellect and wisdom of Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali*. One day his case was presented in the Islamic court and the judge showed some courtesy to Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali*, whereupon Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* said, “This is the first injustice that you have done.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* was the hope of the seekers of truth and an unparalleled example of generosity and a sign for the servants of God. He was also the best of the people of his time, and the light of Allāh. Whoever fought him during his time was guilty of rebellion and transgression.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says about the Righteous Khalifās that they were all truly faithful to their religion.

Regarding Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali*, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I saw in a state of wakefulness that Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* gave me the commentary of the Holy Qur’ān and said, “This is my commentary and it is now given to you.” The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “I have a subtle relationship with Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* and Ḥaḍrat *Husain*, the reality of which is known to none but to the Lord of the East and the West.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the mention of Ḥaḍrat ‘*Ali* was now complete.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then announced the launch of 24-hour channel ‘MTA Ghana’. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Wahab Adam Studio had been established in Ghana in 2017. Seventeen workers and more than sixty volunteers are working in the studio. This channel can be viewed in Ghana through aerial antenna. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while the opponents try to stop us in one place, Allāh opens for us other avenues. The avenues that are closed will also be opened in due time *Inshā’Allāh*, but God continues to provide us with good news.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I again want to appeal for prayers for Aḥmadīs who are in captivity in Pakistan and Algeria. May Allāh bring about the means of their release. Pray for the general situation in Pakistan as well. Aḥmadīs of Pakistan should pay special attention to *Nawafil*, prayers and alms. May Allāh keep them under His protection. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

Dated: 20 January 2021