بسم الثدالرحمن الرحيم

The Amīr/National President Jamā'at Ahmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة اللدوبر كايتئر

## Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh* V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In response to the objection of the opponents that Islām does not demonstrate any signs of its truth, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) prophesied about a son's birth in a specific time period who would possess specific qualities, and this happened exactly as he had foretold. Not only was the son born within the specified time, but he also lived a long life and did extraordinary services for Islām. On  $20^{\text{th}}$  February each year, we commemorate this Prophecy about *Musleh Mau'ūd* and various aspects of the prophecy are highlighted in programs that are arranged by local Jamā'ats and also aired on MTA.

It was foretold in the Prophecy that the promised son would live a long life. However, Hadrat *Musleh Mau '\bar{u}d* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says, "My health was rather poor during my childhood. At first, I suffered from whooping cough and then my health declined to such an extent that I vacillated between life and death until the age of eleven or twelve. My eyesight had greatly deteriorated and I had a fever for six or seven months. The doctors had diagnosed tuberculosis. Therefore, I could not study regularly and was often absent from school. In these circumstances, was it possible for anyone to predict that this child would live a long life?"

Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says, "God had declared concerning me that I would be filled with secular and religious knowledge. Hence, despite not having acquired any formal education, Allāh caused such books to be written by me that they have left people amazed and forced them to acknowledge that nothing more profound could have been written about the teachings of Islām....I have recently written a portion of the commentary of the Holy Qur'ān by the name *Tafsīr-e-Kabīr*. After reading it, even the staunchest of opponents have admitted that nothing like it has been written to this day."

Hadrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says, "Once, upon winning a football match in Amritsar, we were invited by a local chief for tea and I was asked to speak on behalf of the team. I prayed to Allah for guidance on what to say and he taught me a point in the light of which I said: In the Holy Qur'ān, Allāh has taught us to pray imeans that we do not become Jews, and غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوْبِ مَا يَعْدِر الْمَغْضُوْبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ means we do not become Christians. This is further explained by the saying of وَلَا الفَّالِينَ the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) that a Messiah will appear in this ummah and that those who deny him will become Jews and others who do not understand the teachings of Islām will become Christians. Strangely, Sūrah Al-Fatihah was revealed in Mecca and the greatest opposition faced by the Muslims was from the idolaters of Mecca, but God did not teach us to pray that we may not become idol-worshippers, rather He taught us to pray that we do not become Jews or Christians. In other words, Allah had predicted that the idolaters of Mecca would be wiped out forever but Judaism and Christianity would remain and it would always be necessary to pray that we may be protected from their evil. When my speech was over, the dignitaries present remarked, 'You must have studied the Holy Qur'an very well since we have never heard of this point before.' This was indeed true because no commentator of the Holy Qur'an has ever stated this point, and I was about twenty years old when Allah revealed it to me."

Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says, "When I was eleven years old, the question arose in my mind as to why I believed in God and what was the proof of His existence. I kept thinking about this problem till late into the night. At ten or eleven o'clock I finally decided in my heart that God did indeed exist. It was a moment of great joy for me as I had found my Creator. My faith that had hitherto been based on hearsay now became faith based on understanding. I have been praying to Allāh for a long time that I may never have any doubt about his existence. Now that I am thirty-five years old, I also pray that I may be granted absolute certainty of His existence." Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that once the existence of God had become evident to him, this helped him to realize the truth of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) as well. This is also an example of how Allāh bestowed him with knowledge.

Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) had always believed that this child would be *Musleh Mau'ūd*. When Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) wrote an article about the aims and objectives of the magazine *Tashheez-ul-Azhān*, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) praised it highly in front of Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). However, later when he met Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) alone, he told him that the article had been excellent but he had expected much more from him considering that he already had the writings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) before him. Thus, despite knowing of his ill-health and lack of proper education, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him) had great expectations of Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him).

Hadrat *Musleh Mau'\bar{u}d* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says, "When the doctors expressed their concern that I might permanently lose my eyesight, the Promised Messiah

(Peace be upon him) started praying for my health and also kept fasts for a few days. When he put something in his mouth to break the last of these fasts, I suddenly opened my eyes and exclaimed that I could see!"

Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says, "The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) used to urge me to learn the translation of the Holy Qur'ān and *Bukhari* from Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him). He also urged me to study medicine as it was part of our family vocation. Thus, in addition to the commentary of the Holy Qur'ān, *Bukhari*, and some other Arabic books, I also studied medicine from Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh I (May Allāh be pleased with him), and this was my entire formal education."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh so filled Hadrat *Musleh Mau 'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) with knowledge that the 52 years of his Khilāfat testify that whenever he was asked to write or speak about something, whether it was about the religious or the secular realm, rivers of knowledge would gush forth from him. On countless occasions, his speeches were highly appreciated even by non-Ahmadīs and acclaimed by newspapers.

Hadrat *Musleh Mau '\bar{u}d* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says, "Allāh has told me through His revelation and inspiration that the prophecy has been fulfilled in my person and that God has given to the enemies of Islām an irrevocable proof that Islām is the true religion of God, that Muhammad (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) is the true Messenger of God, and that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) is a true emissary sent by God."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The prophecy was thus fulfilled but the words of the prophecy will remain, God-willing, until the mission of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has been completed and the flag of Islām is hoisted all over the globe. Our Jalsas commemorating this prophecy will be of benefit only if we keep before us the objective of establishing the honour and dignity of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and demonstrating the truth of Islām so as to bring everyone under the banner of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Today, it is only the followers of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) through whom the flag of Islām can again be hoisted in the world. May Allāh enable us to accomplish this. *Amīn* 

Jazākumullāh Wassalām,

Abdul Majid Tahir Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr ISLĀMABAD (UK) Dated: 24 February 2022