

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 25th March 2022 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It was the 23rd of March two days ago. This day is commemorated in our Jamā‘at as *Yaum-e-Masīh-Mau‘ūd* or the Promised Messiah Day. It was on this day that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) started taking *Bai‘at*. Jamā‘ats mark this day by holding gatherings to highlight the claim of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), the purpose of his advent in accordance with the need of the time, the prophecies regarding his advent, and various aspects of his life and character.

Speaking about the importance of his advent in the time of need, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: God has bestowed a great blessing in this age, as He has, in order to uphold the honour of His religion and His Messenger, sent the one who is speaking to you now so that he may call people towards this light. Today you can see that every nation is hell-bent on destroying Islam. Had God’s honour not been aroused and had He not promised *إِنَّا لَنَكْفِيْهُنَّ* ‘Most surely We will be its Guardians’, Islām would have been eradicated from the face of the earth. This, however, can never happen because God’s hidden Hand is protecting this religion.

After outlining his claim, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) described how he has always been accompanied by God’s help and support. I shall now read some excerpts of *Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) in which he has reported words or actions of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) of which he was himself a witness. While these instances demonstrate the truth of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), they also remind us of our duty to reform ourselves and strengthen our faith.

Opponents of Prophets have always claimed that whatever knowledge and wisdom the Prophets imparted had been taught to them not by God but by someone else. This has also been alleged against the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) in relation to the Holy Qur’ān. Likewise, during the era of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) some newspapers published and claimed that *Maulwi Charāgh ‘Ali* of Hyderabad used to write articles and send them to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) which he would then publish in *Barahīn-e-Aḥmadiyya*. One wonders why *Maulwi Charāgh ‘Ali* would send every valuable point of knowledge to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and keep ordinary stuff for himself. Why would he at all need to write anything for the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), and even if he did, would he not have kept the best for himself and given things of lesser importance to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him)?

Speaking of the opposition by the opponents, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that at the time when the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) made his claim, he and his followers were in a very vulnerable state and the clerics would incite people against them in every possible way.

As to the Promised Messiah's (Peace be upon him) response to the opposition, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: Many a time, I have heard the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) say, "People hurl verbal abuses at me and I feel troubled by it because they are only ruining their own life in the hereafter." Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) cited a Punjabi proverb that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) used to quote: "Even though the camel resists, its master is still able to load his goods on it by stroking it gently with his hand." The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said that we should always treat others with love and compassion, no matter what they say to us.

When the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) made his claim, only a few individuals accepted him. The contest between him and *Ātham* proved to be a trial for many. When he stood up against *Lekhrām*, he invited the fury of the Hindus. Similarly, when *Maulawi Muhammad Hussain Batalvi* started gathering edicts against the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and when *Dr Abdul Hakeem* turned apostate, the Jamā'at underwent a period of great tribulation. God, however, brought about the means to remove all these ordeals and, instead of destroying the Jamā'at, they became the means for its greater success and honour.

A man once came to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) from Rampur and said that he had been motivated to pledge *Baiat* to him by *Maulawi Sanaullah*. It so happened that after reading *Maulawi Sanaullah's* writings against the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), he looked at some of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) books to check the references, and there he found that the other people did not have anything like the feelings of love and reverence for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) as the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) did.

As to why the Prophets are strict in some matters, Ḥaḍrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that they are not strict for their own selves but only to establish the authority of God in the world, but they themselves, are very humble. One day, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was passing through a street in Lahore when someone pushed him and he fell. Those who were accompanying the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) became furious and were about to hit the person, but the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: Let him go. He only acted out of his emotions in service of [what he sees as] the truth.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: In this age, God has ensured that all honour is gained through me, and this is true for my followers as well as my opponents. Just look at *Maulawi Sanaullah*, he is not a great scholar and there are thousands of clerics like him in Punjab and India, but he has become popular purely on account of his opposition to me.

Many schemes were hatched against the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and even a lawsuit was lodged against him accusing him of murder. *Maulawi Muhammad Hussain*

Batalvi came to testify against the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in this trial but ended up being humiliated.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) held a debate with the Christians which is famously known as *Jang-e-Muqaddas*. Realising during the debate that none of their arguments was of any significance, the Christians quickly gathered some blind, deaf, and other handicapped people and said to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that since he claimed to have come in the likeness of the Messiah, he should cure these people. Without any hesitation, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) replied: According to the teachings of Islām, the Messiah did not heal these kinds of invalids. I, for my part, can only show the kind of miracles that were shown by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). On the other hand, it is written in your scriptures that if you have faith even as little as a mustard seed, you will be able to move mountains and show miracles as Jesus did. Therefore, if you have faith, even as little as a mustard seed, please go ahead and cure these invalids.

A man once came to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and, pretending to be his great admirer, gave him some suggestions about how he could make the *Maulawis* conform to his beliefs. After hearing him out, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: If my claim was based on human machinations, I would surely have done what you suggest. However, all this is by the command of God and I have done only as He has taught me.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: A liar's falsehood is enough to destroy the liar. On the other hand, any undertaking that serves to prove the majesty of Allāh or to manifest the blessings associated with His prophet or is a tree that has been planted by Allāh Himself, it is protected by angels. Remember, if my Movement is only a money-making endeavour, then, as people have said, nothing will remain of it. However, if it is from God—and it surely is from God—then even if the entire world opposes it, it will continue to grow and flourish and the angels will protect it.

At the end of the Friday Sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the launch of a new website *islamahmadiyya.krd*, through which Kurdish speaking people will be able to learn about the Ahmadiyya beliefs in their own language.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) further said: Continue praying for the current situation of the world. May Allāh save the world from destruction, and grant people wisdom and understanding and enable them to recognise their Creator. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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