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Jamā'at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

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Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 21st October 2022 at at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the past few days, my visit to some *Jamā'ats* in the USA came to a successful conclusion. MTA and other electronic media of the *Jamā'at* kept members abreast of the news, while other channels also gave ample coverage. Signs of Allāh's grace were visible in every aspect, and there was a very positive impact on Aḥmadīs and non-Aḥmadīs alike. There is a long list of people's emotional reactions. Everywhere, the attendance of men, women, and children in prayers was more than it had been expected by the organisers. It is clear from the way people have expressed their feelings that their hearts are full of love, sincerity, and loyalty towards *Khilāfat*. The educated, the rich, the poor, the elderly, and the children, everyone stood in queues for hours to be able to enter the mosque for prayer. This transformation shows that the members of the USA *Jamā'at* are devoted to Islām, the *Jamā'at* and *Khilāfat*. Even young children stood in line for hours waiting for Covid testing, etc., before entering the mosque, and no one uttered a word of complaint.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We pray to Allāh that we always continue to witness these demonstrations of loyalty among the members of the USA *Jamā'at* and that their mosques continue to be full of the worshippers. It is a perception that in America, people tend to forget about religion, but I have noticed that the majority of Aḥmadīs, even those who are not financially strong, pray that their children may remain attached to their faith. May Allāh continue to increase them in faith and sincerity.

Lajna, *Anṣār*, *Khuddām*, and *Atfāl*, all performed their duties very diligently. They spent days and nights preparing for the events. Each event was attended by thousands. At *Baitur-Raḥmān* the attendance exceeded even the Jalsa and it was all very well organised. I pray to Allāh that this transformation in *Jamā'at* USA may prove to be a permanent one. By the grace of Allāh, non-Aḥmadīs were also deeply impacted. May Allāh further open their hearts and enable them to recognize the truth.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The inauguration of the *Fath-i- 'Azīm* Mosque in Zion was attended by 161 non-Aḥmadī dignitaries, including Congressmen, Congresswomen, Mayors, doctors, professors, teachers, lawyers, engineers, and people from all walks of life. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the impressions of several guests.

Zion City Mayor, Billy McKinney, said, It's an absolute honour and privilege for me to welcome the world leader of the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community to the City of Zion for the inauguration of the *Fath-i- 'Azīm* Mosque. I desire that this mosque should serve as a bridge between our past and our future. It is with deep gratitude for the outstanding services rendered by the Aḥmadīyya Muslim community to the City of Zion that we present the key of the City of Zion to His Holiness.

Representative Joyce Mason, a member of the Illinois General Assembly, said, It is an honour to be such a part of this historic event of the inauguration of the *Fath-i- 'Azīm* Mosque here in Zion. This is truly a special day for this city. Zion was the place founded at the beginning of the last century by Alexander Dowie who wanted it to be a theocratic city close to all except those who followed him, but today we celebrate the right to freely practice the faith of one's choosing. I congratulate the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community on this tremendous achievement. It is my fervent wish that this mosque becomes a beacon of hope not just for the city but for everyone. I'm introducing a house resolution congratulating the community on the inauguration of the new mosque.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Another mosque was inaugurated in Dallas and the ceremony was attended by 140 non-Aḥmadī guests. The member of the city council of the City of Allen, who presented me the key to the city, said, It is truly an honour to be part of this historic inauguration of the *Baitul- Ikrām* Mosque. I congratulate the Aḥmadīyya Muslim Community on this special day. We appreciate the services of Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at in helping the needy people of this city. The city of Allen is fortunate that such a peaceful, service-oriented community has decided to settle down here and build such a beautiful mosque. It is my wish that this mosque becomes a beacon of hope not just for the city but for all those around it.

A Muslim guest, *Sultān Chaudhary*, said that the Imām of the Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at had given an excellent message for world peace.

Another Muslim guest, Dr *Halīmur- Rahmān*, said: The organization and hospitality of this event were unbelievable. I was not worthy of the respect that was accorded me. Seeing this blessed atmosphere, I was overcome with emotion. I had the opportunity to spend time among the best people following the true teachings of Islām.

A guest Ms Mary McDermott, who is a neighbour of this mosque and volunteered a large portion of her land as parking for the event, said: I have never been so happy with this dusty piece of land as I am today in having offered it for this occasion.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: A building has been purchased at Fort Worth, about fifty miles from Dallas, and plans are in place to build a dome and two minarets to give it the form of a mosque. It is a good location and the local Aḥmadīs offer their prayer in it. I also had the occasion to lead *Maghrib* and *Ishā* prayers in this mosque. A delegate from Fort Worth said that the Imām’s message of working together in peace and harmony was delivered beautifully. The warning about avoiding nuclear war was particularly relevant.

A high school teacher said: Two points from *Khalīfa’s* address impressed me greatly. One was that he admitted that there are prejudices against Islām within society, and I have witnessed these among my own students. Another thing I appreciated was *Khalīfa’s* warning against the use of nuclear weapons. It was great to hear such a wise message in today’s situation.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: An exhibition was also set up at the *Fath-i- ‘Azīm* Mosque in Zion highlighting the Promised Messiah’s (Peace be upon him) prayer-duel against Dowie. In the third volume of *Majmū‘ah Ishtehārāt*, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has cited 32 newspapers that reported on this prayer-duel. After research, Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya USA has found a further 128 newspapers which carried this story. Thus, in America alone, 160 newspapers reported the prayer-duel. All these newspapers were digitally displayed during the exhibition. This visit was covered by many newspapers and news channels.

Speaking of the *Bai‘at* by Mr Christopher, an American who has newly converted from Christianity, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this *Bai‘at* had a great impact on old Aḥmadīs too who had migrated here from different countries and provided them also an opportunity to renew their pledge of *Bai‘at*. Overall, Allāh blessed this tour immensely. May Allāh continue to shower His blessings in future. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

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