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The National Amīr/ President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK***

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) emphasises the everlasting blessings of the Holy Qur’ān and says that its brilliance and virtues are continuous and unchanged, just as they were at the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Although many Muslims have abandoned the Holy Qur’ān, its splendour and blessings are forever anew and vibrant. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) claims that his advent is a testament to this, and that Allāh continually sends His servants to help with His mission according to His promise:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

*Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian. (15:10)*

In this age, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has been sent by Allāh to preserve and spread the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān. He was given hidden knowledge of the Holy Qur’ān and came to establish its rule in the world. However, from the very beginning, clerics have adamantly opposed him. They refuse to listen to reason and mislead the public. In Pakistan, extremist religious leaders and politicians who desire cheap publicity have repeatedly persecuted Aḥmadīs through false accusations. Recently, they have tried to accuse falsely Aḥmadīs of insulting the Holy Qur’ān. May Allāh shield us from their malevolence and bring about the means for the freedom of those who have been unjustly imprisoned.

Expounding the all-encompassing teachings of the Holy Qur’ān; The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I believe that the Holy Qur’ān contains all truth and no truth is left out of it. However, it is not the task of every cleric to extract and infer all theological issues from the Holy Qur’ān and to be able to correctly interpret its verses according to God's will. Instead, this task is reserved for those to whom Allāh has granted guidance through the status of *Wilāyat* or prophethood.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) highlights the essential role of the Holy Qur’ān as a source of guidance and says: I firmly believe that Allāh has given us three means of guidance. The first is the Holy Qur’ān which speaks of the Oneness and Majesty of God and resolves the differences between Jews and Christians....It strongly prohibits worshipping anything besides God....You must remain vigilant and never deviate from the teachings of God and the Holy Qur’ān. I say to you with conviction that anyone who disregards even one of the seven hundred commandments of the Qur’ān, he risks closing the door of salvation upon him. Allāh has revealed to me that:

الْحَيِّرُ كُلَّهُ فِي الْقُرْآنِ

“All good is contained in the Qur’ān.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Holy Prophet Muhammad (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) is the Seal of the Prophets just as the Holy Qur’ān is the Seal of the Scriptures. There can now be no other *Kalima* and no other form of prayer, there can be no salvation aside from what the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) taught and demonstrated. This is our religion and faith. It is important to remember, however, that the door to Divine discourse is forever open for this *Ummah*, and that this door serves as living proof of the truth of the Holy Qur’ān and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

One of the major objectives of Islām was that people should not only affirm the Oneness of God verbally but truly understand its meaning; that their faith in heaven and hell should not be imaginary but that they should get a taste of paradise in this very world; and that shun the sins that they are engaged in. This was the grand objective of Islām, and it is such a holy objective that nothing like it can be found in any other religion.

As followers of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), we must embody these standards and enlighten the world about them. We must demonstrate to those who question our faith that Aḥmadīs have a strong conviction in the power of the living Book and the living Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) to bring forth blessings from Allāh in this day and age. We believe that God speaks even today.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) emphasises the importance of belief in the Holy Qur’ān and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), saying: In my view, deviating even to the slightest degree from the Holy Qur’ān and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) is equivalent to faithlessness. I firmly believe that anyone who strays from these sacred sources is doomed.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) highlights the harmonious relationship between the Holy Qur’ān and the laws of nature, saying: The Holy Qur’ān's teachings are pure and perfect, and they nourish every branch of the human tree. The Holy Qur’ān does not emphasize any one aspect, rather it teaches the significance of tolerance and forgiveness in suitable circumstances, and also outlines punishment for wrongdoers in relation to the situation. In essence, the Holy Qur’ān is a manifestation of God's laws that we observe in the world around us. It is logical to expect that the words and actions of God align. That is to say, the true Word of God ought to correspond with the phenomena we observe in the world. A true religion is one that claims that God listens and speaks even in this age. In a true religion, God reveals His existence through His revelations and speech. Divine cognition is not easy, and it is not something that the wise men and philosophers of the world can attain. Looking at the flawless design of the universe, one can at most deduce that it should have a Creator, but it does not prove that such a Creator actually exists; and the difference between "should be" and "is" is obvious. Thus, it is only the Holy Qur'an that can bring us definite knowledge of His existence.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I have invited the leaders of all religions and people to come forward and prove the truth of their religions, but not one

has been able to do so. Our faith in the miraculous nature of the Word of God is unwavering, and we believe that it stands unparalleled among all religious scriptures.

In the light of the teachings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) elaborated on the superiority of the Holy Qur'ān over Torah and Bible, and said: Despite British rule and the Church's great power at the time, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) fearlessly upheld the superiority of the Holy Qur'ān over the Bible. He did so in his capacity as the Messenger of Allāh and servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). These beliefs and teachings form the basis of the Aḥmadiyya community's faith, and they belie the accusations of distorting or insulting the Holy Qur'ān that our opponents level against us.

Emphasizing the importance and necessity of the Holy Qur'ān, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Holy Qur'ān is aimed at the reform of the entire world; it is not directed at any specific nation, but is presented openly and clearly for all human beings, and for the improvement of each and every one of them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I will speak further about the excellence, status, and superiority of the Holy Qur'ān, as well as various traditions related to it, in the future, *inshā'Allāh*.

*Jazākumullāh*

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