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The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 10th February 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In my previous sermon, I quoted the teachings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) regarding the significance and greatness of the Holy Qur’ān. Today, I will present further excerpts in this regard.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) emphasized the significance and benefits of the Holy Qur’ān in his work *Toḥfa-e-Qaiṣariyyah*. This writing was directed to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee to convey to her the message of Islām. He wrote that the Holy Qur’ān encompasses deep wisdom and teaches true piety, in contrast to the New Testament. The Holy Qur’ān serves as a guiding light, directing individuals towards real Allāh. Without the revelation of the Holy Qur’ān, the world would have been dominated by idolaters and polytheists. It is fortunate that belief in the Oneness of Allāh has been restored.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Who else had the courage at that time to send such a message to the Queen of India and preach Islām? Unfortunately, the same people who lacked the courage to speak up about the brilliance of Islām and the Holy Qur’ān during that time, are now falsely accusing the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and the Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at of dishonouring the Holy Qur’ān. Non-Muslims cannot deny the magnificence of the Holy Qur’ān, but they have become so disillusioned due to the behaviour of some Muslims that they resort to burning copies of the Holy Qur’ān as a means of expressing their anger. Such incidents have been reported in Sweden and other Nordic countries. If Muslims embrace the *Imām* of the age and comprehend the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān and implement them, non-Muslims will not dare to disrespect it. May Allāh guide these people.

The Holy Qur’ān is the sole source of guidance, as the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Islām is the blessed and enlightening religion that, if sincerely followed, enables a person to experience the presence of Allāh in this world. The Holy Qur’ān reveals the existence of a Allāh who is hidden from the eyes of the world, obscured by numerous veils. The Holy Qur’ān guides individuals towards Allāh in a simple and straightforward manner through reasoning and heavenly signs. The Holy Qur’ān possesses a charismatic power that attracts seekers of Allāh towards Him, providing light, peace, and fulfilment.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: It is important to remember that the Holy Qur’ān is a complete guide to attain the pinnacle of knowledge and pious actions. The Holy Qur’ān says:

إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us in the right path. (1:6)

and

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ

The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings. (1:7)

Here the Holy Qur’ān has taught us to pray for guidance so that we may walk in the footsteps of those who had been rewarded by Allāh, such as Prophets, *Siddiqīn*,

Shuhadā, and *Sāliḥīn*. There are numerous historical and contemporary examples of individuals who have been blessed with these rewards.

Just as a plant cannot grow and thrive until it reaches maturity, guidance is ineffective if it lacks the result of high and noble achievements. The Holy Qur'ān serves as a guide to attain a higher level of perfection and develop a true relationship with Allāh, resulting in actions that yield fruit like a blessed tree. At a time when false beliefs and corruption were widespread, Allāh sent the Holy Qur'ān as a source of guidance to correct these flawed ideologies. People of all backgrounds, whether they were followers of the Scriptures or not, were plagued by misguided beliefs and lived in a world overrun by misguidance. That is why Allāh sent the Holy Qur'ān as the perfect guide to dispel these false beliefs and provide us with guidance. Surah *Al-Fatiḥa*, which is recited in every unit of the five daily prayers, particularly encapsulates these beliefs.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: A religion that neglects the realization of Allāh is lifeless and unable to bring about true transformation. If a religion relies on philosophical or rational arguments to prove its truth but fails to produce any supernatural evidence, its followers are misguided and will remain in ignorance. Religion is of no benefit until it presents irrefutable evidence of the existence of Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is the level of spiritual advancement we should all aim for. We should acknowledge the existence of Allāh through His signs and through our personal relationship with Him. This is the path to realizing Allāh. There are numerous examples in Jamā'at Aḥmadīyya who have come to believe in Allāh through rational arguments and signs. A friend from Belgium recently embraced Aḥmadīyyat after accepting the existence of Allāh. He said that, once he was convinced of Allāh's existence, he had no choice but to embrace Aḥmadīyyat the true Islām, as it was Aḥmadīyyat that showed him this path. Sadly, our opponents refuse to listen to these enlightening words and instead falsely accuse us of tampering with the Holy Qur'ān.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The stories told in the Holy Qur'ān are, in fact, prophetic revelations about the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and Islām, and these prophecies have been fulfilled with remarkable clarity. As such, the Holy Qur'ān serves as a fountain of knowledge and a wellspring of prophecy. It is impossible to truly believe in Allāh without the guidance of the Holy Qur'ān. This holy book removes the barriers between Allāh and man. Its teachings consist of two parts: historical accounts and commandments. Those who fail to understand the distinction between these two often misinterpret the Holy Qur'ān, leading to perceived contradictions.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is an ongoing topic and there are many more sayings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that I will present in the future. May Allāh help us to follow the Holy Qur'ān's teachings with sincerity. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh

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