

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 31st March 2023 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: These days we are passing through the month of *Ramaḍān*. This is a month in which we experience a special spiritual atmosphere. Along with fasting, there is more emphasis on worship, as well as on reciting and listening to the Holy Qur’ān. If we want to truly benefit from fasting, we should pay greater attention to reciting the Holy Qur’ān. *Ramaḍān* has a special affinity with the Holy Qur’ān. Allāh says:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ

“ *The month of Ramaḍān is that in which the Qur’ān was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination.*” (2:186)

This means that *Ramaḍān* is the month in which the Holy Qur’ān was revealed, the same Holy Qur’ān that was sent as guidance for all humanity.

The first revelation was bestowed upon the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) on the 24th of *Ramaḍān*, and every subsequent *Ramaḍān*, the Angel Gabriel (*Jibrīl*), would repeat the Holy Qur’ān with him. In the last *Ramaḍān*, Gabriel (*Jibrīl*) repeated the Holy Qur’ān with him twice. We, too, should prioritize reading the Holy Qur’ān, studying its commentary, and listening to its recitation throughout this blessed month. We should also listen to the *Dars* of the Holy Qur’ān that is broadcast on MTA. To truly understand the importance of the commands outlined in the Holy Qur’ān and to integrate them into our lives, we must read its translation and commentary alongside its recitation. This will enable us to become individuals who live in accordance with Qur’ānic teachings and thereby reap the blessings of Allāh. To attain the full benefits of *Ramaḍān*, we must give special attention to reciting and contemplating the Holy Qur’ān. It is also imperative to repeatedly study the sayings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) so that we may gain a thorough understanding of the Holy Qur’ān. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the commandments of Allāh fall into two categories: permanent and temporal. The former are unchanging and enduring, while the latter are issued to meet specific needs, but they also have a permanent application. For example, during travel, certain commandments related to prayer and fasting are different, such as the joining or shortening of prayers, whereas in normal circumstances they are to be performed separately and in full.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that the commands of the Torah and the Gospel were suitable for temporary needs, but the *Shari‘ah* brought by Ḥaḍrat Muhammad (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) is an eternal and permanent *Shari‘ah*. Whatever has been stated in it is complete and perfect. Even if the Holy Qur’ān had not been revealed, the Torah and the Gospel would still be abrogated because they were not eternal and permanent laws. The teachings of the Holy Qur’ān, on the other hand, are for all times.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The reason for my coming is to revive and reinforce the true teachings of Islām. The prophethood and the *Shari'ah* of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) were perfected with him and there is no possibility of any new *Shari'ah* being introduced. The Holy Qur'ān stands as the final and complete book, with no room for even an iota of addition or subtraction. The blessings and teachings of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), and the fruits of the teachings and guidance of the Holy Qur'ān, have not come to an end. They are fresh and alive for all times, and Allāh has made me stand as a witness to the proof of these blessings and teachings.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: After receiving knowledge from Allāh, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) announced to the whole world:

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا

“ Say, ‘O mankind! truly I am a Messenger to you all from Allāh ’ ” (7:159)

Therefore, it was necessary that the Holy Qur'ān encompass all the teachings that had been revealed from time to time and all the truths that were conveyed to humankind by various prophets. The Holy Qur'ān addressed humankind at large, and not any particular nation, people, or era. The declaration of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) by the command of Allāh that he was the Messenger of Allāh to the whole world is also proof that the Holy Qur'ān is a source of guidance for all creation.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Holy Qur'ān stresses the importance of taking actions based on reason, understanding, wisdom, and faith. This is the primary distinction between the Holy Qur'ān and other books, as no other book has dared expose its teachings to the scrutiny of reason and independent criticism. It is a book whose protection has been guaranteed. Its teachings are not just stories that fade away with time, rather whoever understands and acts upon them will receive the blessings of Allāh. Its power and depth are only realized by the pure-hearted, and it is necessary to seek the company of such people. In this era, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulām Aḥmad (Peace be upon him), after receiving knowledge from Allāh, has given us teachings that we should read and ponder over.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The Holy Qur'ān has been named '*Adh-Dhikr*' because it reminds us of the true nature of man, which is embodied in his various capabilities, such as patience, generosity, courage, anger, contentment, and so on. Thus, the Holy Qur'ān serves as a reminder of our inner nature. Allāh has instructed us to ponder over the Holy Qur'ān, for it will elevate our human nature to its highest potential. If we read the Holy Qur'ān with this in mind, we will be able to prevent the poison that is being spread in the minds of children and adults in the name of freedom. By studying the Holy Qur'ān and its interpretations, parents can better respond to their children's questions. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had predicted that a time would come when people would read the Holy Qur'ān but it would not go beyond their throats. This is exactly what we are seeing today: there are countless reciters and readers of the Holy Qur'ān, but no one is acting upon its teachings.

Nowadays, it is alarming to see that many people lack basic knowledge of Islām, as evident by the short programs or clips on social media. They are easily swayed by the words of their *Mullah* (clerics), and without understanding the true teachings and history of Islām, raise slogans against the Aḥmadiyya Jamā'at in the name of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the Holy Qur'ān, or the Companions.

This is a malicious attempt to cause harm. Someone wrote to me from Bangladesh that when Aḥmadīs were attacked by the mob, he saw one boy throwing stones. When the Aḥmadī asked the boy if such behaviour was sanctioned by the Holy Qur’ān or taught by Islām, he immediately put down the stones. It is thus that people are roused at the instigation of the *Mullah* (clerics). May Allāh keep us safe from the harm of the wicked and grant us the ability to understand, learn, and act upon the Holy Qur’ān this *Ramaḍān* and beyond.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) reminded members of the Jamā‘at to especially focus on prayers during *Ramaḍān*. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that may Allāh save every Aḥmadī everywhere from every evil and make an example of those who are incorrigible so that others may follow God’s commandments. Also, pray for the world at large; may Allāh save it from the calamity of war.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke in detail about the virtues of Maulāna Munawar Aḥmad Khurshīd Ṣāḥib, a missionary; who passed away recently. Thereafter he informed the Jamā‘at about the sad demise of Iqbāl Aḥmad Munīr Ṣāḥib, a missionary, from Pakistan; and Syeda Nuṣrat Jahān Begum Ṣāḥiba of Qadian. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about their services for the Jamā‘at and announced to lead their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Jazākumullāh
Wassalām,

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