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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 21st April 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today is the final Friday of *Ramaḍān* and the holy month is almost over. There might have been some people who had made plans to engage in worship and make positive changes within themselves during the month of *Ramaḍān*, but unfortunately could not do so. However, every Friday there comes a moment when every prayer made in it, is accepted. Now that we are approaching the final hours of *Ramaḍān*, we should pray that Allāh may overlook our shortcomings and grant us the strength and guidance to lead our lives in accordance with His will. If we continue to strive to live with piety from one Friday to the next, and thus from one *Ramaḍān* to the next, then it will not only benefit us but our future generations as well. In this way, we will attain the true objective for which the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) established this Jamā‘at. *Taqwa* is the objective upon which Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has greatly emphasised. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was sent so that the standards of our righteousness are raised. On one occasion, he said: I have been sent so that the age of truth and faith should return and the hearts should be filled with righteousness, and these are the ultimate objectives of my advent.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: According to the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the era of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) will last till the Day of Judgement. It is now up to his followers to attain high standards of worship while remaining steadfast upon the truth. This objective cannot be achieved through just one month of worship or good deeds, but if we persist in our devotion, we will be among those about whom Allāh said to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), "I am with you and with those whom you love." So if we spend our lives in this manner, we will, through our actions, convey to the world that if you wish to establish a living relationship with Allāh, then come and embrace this sincere servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

What is true piety? And how does a person behave when he practices true piety? And how does Allāh treat those who practise true piety? Regarding this, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Ignorance cannot coexist with true piety. True piety carries a light with it, as Allāh says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنْ تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ (8:30)

وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا يَمْشُونَ بِهِ (57:29)

O you who believe! If you remain steadfast and mindful of Allāh, He will grant you a distinction from others and that distinction will be a light which will illuminate your deeds, words, capabilities and senses. He will illumine your mind and your heart as well. There will be light in your eyes, ears, and in your speech, and every movement and stillness. This is the state that a believer and a pious person should strive for. Even though *Ramaḍān* has passed, we can still make an effort to attain this state. Those of us who are able to do so are indeed fortunate.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We must remember that this is the age in which Satan is particularly active, using all his tricks, schemes, and machinations to attack. In such challenging circumstances, we need to show even more humility towards Allāh, seeking His help and protection. Satan has set traps through various ways, such as the TV, social media, and even through children's schools, making it nearly impossible to escape except by the grace of Allāh. Our primary concern should be to safeguard our children from Satan's attacks, and both parents and the Jamā'ats must make concerted efforts towards it. Every responsible adult Aḥmadī must strive to attain the highest standards of piety, as it is only through this that we can shield our future generations from Satan's onslaught. Rather than becoming lax after *Ramaḍān*, we should aim to increase our knowledge of the Holy Qur'ān and religion.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: We must bear in mind that *Dajjāl* is actually the embodiment of Satan who leads people astray from the path of righteousness. It is said that there will be a great battle with Satan during this period, but Satan will ultimately be defeated. Throughout the history of all prophets, Satan has always been defeated, but these were temporary defeats. His ultimate defeat was predetermined at the hands of the Messiah, and Allāh has promised that He will always keep His true followers victorious until the Day of Judgement. Satan intends to fight with all his might during these latter days of the world, but the final triumph will be ours.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The truth is that Allāh will give victory to my followers over my opponents until the Day of Judgement.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Let it be clear that to affirm the covenant of Bai'at with the tongue alone amounts to nothing unless it is practiced with full, heartfelt resolve. Thus, whosoever fully acts upon my teachings enters mine house, concerning which God Almighty has promised in His Word:

إِنِّي أَحَافِظُ كُلَّ مَنْ فِي الدَّارِ

That is, I shall protect everyone who is within the four walls of your home.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: You already know that Satan flees from the words:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

There is no might nor power save with Allah alone.

But Satan is not so naïve that mere words will cause him to run away. The true meaning of this is that those who have these words ingrained in every particle of their being and constantly seek help and support from Allāh are protected from Satan.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Prayer has a magnetic effect, and it attracts grace and blessings. Until a person prioritises the Holy Qur'ān and acts upon it, his prayers are a mere waste of time.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is also stated in a *Hadīth* that prayer is the essence of worship. If we make an effort to obtain this essence, we will be able to fulfil our obligations towards worship and will attain closeness of Allāh. Otherwise, mere act of prayer is worthless. There are countless people who go to mosques and pray but then commit injustice and oppression. Terrorist organisations and the so-called clerics perpetrate all kinds of injustice in the name of Allāh and His Prophet and have destroyed the peace of the world.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: We must bear in mind that prayer is the key to overcoming all difficulties and averting all calamities. However, prayer does not

mean the prayers offered by people as a formality, rather, it is the prayer that makes one's heart melt in the presence of the Almighty.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh give us the ability to pray with sincerity. May we become those who perform such worship that ensures the survival of our future generations. It is Allāh's promise to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that *Dajjāl* will be destroyed in his era. It will be our good fortune if we are included in those who do justice to being part of his community. For this purpose, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has stressed upon the need of praying and supplicating before God. He says that no part of our day or night should be devoid of prayers. May Allāh give us the ability to do so.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Pray for the Aḥmadīs in Pakistan as well, may Allāh keep them safe from the machinations of the opponents. Aḥmadīs living in Pakistan should also pray for themselves. It is not just a matter of praying for three or four days or a week, but it is necessary to pray consistently. Make a commitment to lead your lives according to the commandments of Allāh. Also remember to pray for the safety of Aḥmadīs in Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Algeria, and every country in the world. May Allāh protect each and every Aḥmadī from the harm of their enemies. May Allāh grant us the ability to bring about a pure transformation within ourselves and to make supplications that are accepted by God. *Āmīn*

Jazākumullāh

Wassalām,

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Additional Wakīlut Tabshīr

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