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The National Amīr/ President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

**Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK.***

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some people write to me, arguing that we should show some reaction instead of being patient in the face of the difficulties faced by the Jamā‘at in Pakistan and elsewhere. They even cite examples of Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) in this regard. However, these examples are erroneously attributed to him. While he did make some statements that were within the bounds of the law, he did not authorize holding mindless processions like those of rioters. If there was any protest anywhere, it was held with the permission of the Khalīfa of the time; it was not that some office-bearer gathered people and started a protest.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Before the partition of India, when the British were in power, our adversaries attempted to portray Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd's speeches as provocative, but they were always unsuccessful. This was because while he exposed the schemes of the opponents and the officials, he invariably concluded by reminding the Jamā‘at that the followers of Prophets always show patience and adhere to the law. Whenever the opposing officials tried to plot against the Jamā‘at, they failed.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Is it conceivable that Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) said something that contradicted the teachings of Islām and the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him)? The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) taught us the importance of patience and supplication on numerous occasions. He once said: Those who are weak and cannot walk with me on these perilous paths, they are free to leave me.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Patience is the distinguishing feature of our Jamā‘at. I often say to the media people that some of those who persecuted us have since embraced Aḥmadīyyat, and many others are following them. Though we could have responded in the same manner as our oppressors, we have chosen to follow the guidance of the Imām of the age who has taught us to pursue peace and seek our rights within the bounds of the law.

Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) has explained that there are two types of patience. The first is when a person has the capacity to retaliate but chooses to exercise restraint. The second is when a person lacks the ability to react and therefore shows patience out of compulsion. The former type of patience is demonstrated by refraining from responding to oppressors and showing forbearance for the sake of Allāh. The latter type of patience is shown when one is faced with heavenly calamities and, being powerless, endures them with fortitude. Allāh has repeatedly emphasized the importance of patience in various contexts.

Based on Divine teachings, patience can be understood in three ways. Firstly, it involves protecting oneself from sin and avoiding it. Secondly, it requires remaining steadfast in performing good deeds. Thirdly, to refrain from bewailing and mourning. In the first sense, patience means consistently resisting the temptations of evil and being prepared to counter future temptations. In the second sense, it means persevering in the virtues that one has

already acquired and striving to acquire those that one has not yet acquired. This kind of patience brings a person closer to Allāh and can only be achieved through prayer. Allāh says:

وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَأِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ

*“And seek help with patience and Prayer; and this indeed is hard except for the humble in spirit.” (2:46)*

وَالَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ رَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً وَيَدْرُءُونَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ السَّيِّئَةَ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ

*“And those who persevere in seeking the favour of their Lord, and observe Prayer, and spend out of that with which We have provided them, secretly and openly, and repel evil with good. It is these who shall have the best reward of the final Abode.” (13:23)*

Thus, patience means steadfastness, modesty, and seeking Allāh’s pleasure through prayers. This will come about when we align ourselves to the teachings of Allāh, and spend our lives accordingly, and when gaining the pleasure of Allāh becomes our sole objective.

The opponents want us to show some violent reaction so they can use it as an excuse to further tighten their restrictions on our Jamā‘at. Unfortunately, some government officials support these opponents. It has been observed in the Jamā‘at’s history that reactionary responses have caused us harm. On the other hand, when we have exercised patience and worked towards improving the situation peacefully, it has been more beneficial and has even positively influenced some officials. Any harsh reactions on our part will not only have negative impact on Aḥmadīs but also on those whom we are preaching, as they may question that what positive changes the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) brought about in us that would motivate them to join this Jamā‘at. Hence, we must bear these difficulties with patience for the greater good of the Jamā‘at. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has taught us to endure such difficulties with patience. During the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him), many people were inspired to embrace Islām by observing his and his companions’ patience and forbearance. Similarly, during the time of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), many were drawn to the Jamā‘at after witnessing his patience and fortitude. Today, we face the same situation.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The difficulties faced by our Jamā‘at are similar to those faced by the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him). It is important to remember that such difficulties are necessary to strengthen our belief in Allāh and bring about righteous changes in us. It deeply troubles me when I hear that a member of the Jamā‘at has engaged in a fight with someone. If a person cannot exhibit patience, he does not belong to this Jamā‘at. We must entrust our affairs to Allāh and bear insults and persecution with patience. When I can be patient, you too are obliged to be patient.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today, the message of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has reached every corner of the world and the Jamā‘at has been firmly established. This is not the outcome of any reactive behaviour or show of force, but it is the result of sacrifices, perseverance, and prayers. Therefore, we must continue to practice patience.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Moses (Peace be upon him) was immediately accepted by his people, so he did not face any difficulties from his own community. On the other hand, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s blessings be upon him) was rejected and faced persecution from his own people. He endured difficulties for thirteen years but Allāh guided him to be patient to persevere. He was repeatedly commanded to be

patient like the Prophets before him. Therefore, he never faltered and always moved forward.

An Aḥmadī from a village once came to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and expressed his troubles caused by a cleric who strongly opposed the Jamā‘at. He requested the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) to pray that Allāh may have this cleric transferred. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) responded with a smile and said: Having entered this community, you should act on its teachings. Without facing hardship, how can you expect to receive any reward? The Messenger of Allāh himself went through thirteen years of hardship, yet he taught his companions to be patient. Allāh desires to spread this pious Jamā‘at throughout the world and to teach patience through it. If you are patient, you will see soon that anyone who causes you pain will either repent or perish. Allāh says that He will reward those who are patient, and their reward will be beyond measure. The people of the world put their trust in material means, but Allāh is not limited by such things. So, purify your actions and do not neglect them. One who is negligent falls prey to Satan. Always keep seeking forgiveness, because true repentance is like a magnificent seed that produces fruit in due time. Allāh has commanded us to be patient and steadfast. Pray for those who oppose us that Allāh may guide them. Our success lies in following the example of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Our foremost weapons for achieving success are seeking forgiveness, showing penitence, gaining religious knowledge, keeping in mind the greatness of Allāh, and fulfilling the obligation of offering the five daily prayers. These principles serve as the very bedrock of our success and progress.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: by adhering to them in the right manner, we are bound to succeed, *inshā’Allāh*. If all Aḥmadīs comprehend their responsibilities, a lot of our problems can be solved by our attitude and our supplications.

May Allāh grant us the ability to remain patient and to keep praying. May He grant us the ability to act upon these teachings to achieve His pleasure. *Āmīn*

*Jazākumullāh*

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