

The National Amīr/ President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 03<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK.***

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited the following versus of the *Surah Āle ‘Imran*:

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

‘Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allāh surely knows it well.’ (3:93)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this verse, Allāh has clearly stated that the highest standard of righteousness is attained when you spend in the way of Allāh out of that which is dear to you in order to earn His pleasure.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) explains that you cannot truly attain true piety, which leads to salvation, except by spending in the path of Allāh the things that are dear to you. No one can claim righteousness by offering that which is worthless. The path to piety is narrow and you cannot attain it without spending out of that which you love and cherish. How can you expect to be successful and achieve your objectives if you aren't willing to encounter pain and embrace real piety? Did the Companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) achieve their status for nothing? The pleasure of Allāh, which is the source of true happiness, cannot be attained unless temporary suffering is endured. Blessed are those who endure pain for the sake of Allāh's pleasure, because the light of eternal joy and eternal rest shines upon the believer after that temporary hardship.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This is the true spirit of sacrifice that we should cultivate within ourselves in light of the teachings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). It is Allāh's great favour upon the *Jamā‘at* and upon all Aḥmadīs that He granted us this understanding and enabled us to make offerings in the cause of our religion. Many members of the *Jamā‘at* forego their own needs and make sacrifices for the *Jamā‘at*.

Today, we see that the deteriorating global economic conditions are impacting the developing world as well as the developed world. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has further exacerbated the situation. Additionally, the rampant corruption among politicians in developing countries compounds the challenges. Nevertheless, Aḥmadīs continue to steadfastly make financial sacrifices. To the worldly observer, this may seem perplexing, but those with unwavering faith understand that such sacrifices yield the blessings of Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The new year of *Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd* is announced in the first week of November, and today I will speak in this regard.

The President of *Lajna Imāillāh* Lahore writes that during a gathering, attention was drawn to *Chanda Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd*. Surprisingly, despite financial constraints, women enthusiastically made offerings. It is astonishing to see people with low incomes making such sacrifices. Hundreds of thousands of rupees were given in cash and jewellery. *Wakīlul Māl I* has also submitted a long list of Aḥmadī women who have offered their jewellery as *Chanda*.

When *Hadrat Muṣṭafā Mau‘ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) initiated *Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd*, one of its requirements pertaining to financial sacrifice by women was that they should not buy jewellery or should buy less jewellery and instead make sacrifices for the *Jamā‘at*. From then on to this day, Aḥmadī women have continued to make these sacrifices. Some have given all of their jewellery as *Chanda*.

Many of poor people forego their own basic needs to pay *Chanda*, and Allāh blesses their sacrifices. Wealthy people should learn from these examples and try to raise their standards of sacrifice.

Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says that there are poor people who sacrifice up to 45% of their monthly income, while the rich give only 1.5%. There are even some among the poor who offer 100%, while the wealthy people give just 1%. In this regard, the standard of sacrifice among the poor is very high. People who are affluent should ponder over this. Remember that Allāh never withholds the reward for what is offered to Him. As the Holy Qur'ān emphasises in different places, Allāh returns what is offered to him manifold, sometimes even seven hundred times or more. Huḍoor (May Allāh be his Helper) presented some examples of those who are making such sacrifices.

Mr Maḥmūd from Guinea-Bissau is a motorcycle mechanic. When the missionary reminded him of *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd*, he immediately paid the 10,000 CFA francs that he had with him at that time. At the same time, his daughter-in-law approached him and asked for money for food, but he advised her to be patient. He was in this state of great apprehension when he received a call from a government department instructing him to come and collect 190,000 francs for the repair of their motorcycles from the previous year. He collected the money and said that this was all due to the blessings of *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd*.

Mr Ashfāq from Fiji writes that during a journey, he listened to the previous sermon about *Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd* which had a profound impact on him. While on the trip, he contacted the secretary *Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd* and doubled his *Chanda*. He mentions that soon afterwards, the profit in his business doubled, which he attributes to the blessings of *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd*.

An Aḥmadī from Tanzania was working for a firm that had to reduce the salaries of its employees due to financial losses. It happened to be the last month of *Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd*. When *Mu'allim* contacted him and reminded him of the *Chanda*, he did not speak of his difficulties; instead, with complete trust in Allāh, he paid the *Chanda* he had pledged. The following day, the firm called to inform him that his salary would not be reduced due to his hard work and honesty. He attributed this to the blessings of *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd*.

An elderly woman from Malawi made a pledge for *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd* but was unable to pay it. When she was reminded of it, she made earnest efforts and prayed that she might find some work, but was unsuccessful. One day, after the 'Aṣr prayer, she received news that her grandson had sent her 45,000 in the local currency. She promptly fulfilled her pledge and repeatedly expressed her gratitude to Allāh for enabling her to honour her commitment.

Ms Maryam from Tanzania says that when the *Mu'allim* reminded her of *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd*, she paid the 10,000 shillings that she had at the time. She says that on the very same day, Allāh blessed her with 100,000 shillings, and she attributed this to the blessings of her *Chanda*.

Mr Uthmān of Guinea-Bissau was facing many difficulties. One night, he heard a voice urging him to pay his *Chanda* regularly. When he told the missionary about his dream, he was given information about *Chanda*. He paid his *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd* and also started paying his other *Chandas*. Soon Allāh alleviated his difficulties, which he said was because of *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd*.

The Amīr of Niger reports that the wife of a *Mu'allim* was a housewife, and her husband used to pay her *Chanda Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd* on her behalf. However, one day, she expressed her desire to pay *Chanda* herself. This left the *Mu'allim* perplexed as to how she would manage it. A few days later, a neighbour offered her a job and paid her 3000. This opportunity was followed by more work, making it easy for her to fulfil her *Chanda* obligation.

Huḍoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while the opponents are making their utmost efforts to eliminate the *Jamā'at*, Allāh has instilled the spirit of sacrifice in the hearts of new Aḥmadīs and is showering His blessings upon them. Regardless of how intensely the opponents strive, failure and frustration are their ultimate fate. The *Jamā'at* is making exemplary sacrifices in every corner of the world and is advancing steadfastly.

Huḍoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of the historical background of *Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd* scheme, its objectives and *Dafātar* (Phases) and urged the members of the *Jamā'at* to not only continue these sacrifices but also to urge their children to take part in them.

Huḍoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then announced the commencement of *Daftar* (Phase) VI and year 90<sup>th</sup> of *Tahṛīk-i-Jadīd* and read out some statistics for the 89<sup>th</sup> year.

At the end of the Friday sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) once again appealed for prayers for the Palestinian people. May Allāh bring relief to the women and children who are suffering from this great oppression. *Āmīn*  
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