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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at *Ḥadīqatul Mahdī*, Hampshire, UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By Allāh’s grace, today is the start of the Jalsa Sālāna UK. Thousands of Aḥmadīs have converged here in order to benefit from the spiritual atmosphere of the Jalsa. A temporary city has been erected here in the *Ḥadīqatul Mahdī* during these days, so that by staying here we improve our religious, spiritual and moral conditions. Therefore, instead of considering what facilities are available here or what facilities are not available, we should rather consider how we can best utilize this atmosphere to enhance our faith.

No man, however, is free from human needs and requirements; the administration therefore tries their utmost to provide every possible facility to the guests. To achieve this, a number of departments are put into operation here during the Jalsa days and thousands of Aḥmadīs voluntarily present themselves to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

Hence, I would first like to ask the volunteers to perform their duties in the best possible manner. They should consider the Jalsa guests to be the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). If, in their opinion, a guest acts unreasonably, they should ignore it. It is by the grace of Allāh that in every place, hospitality and good morals have become a hallmark of the Jamā‘at. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) used to say that a guest’s heart is delicate like glass and he may get upset over minor things, hence the host should be kind to the guest. Most of the Aḥmadīs who come here know that they will have to face some discomfort here; however special care has to be provided for those guests who have not yet joined the Jamā‘at.

To the guests I would like to say that they have come here for a noble purpose and as guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). Hence, instead of focusing on worldly protocols and comforts, they should seek to improve themselves morally, which is the true honour for a Muslim. Those who embark on a journey for Allāh, hardly pay any attention to the worldly comforts. Sometimes one finds minor weaknesses in the arrangements. They should be overlooked. If every Aḥmadī Muslim who travels here believes that his actual purpose in attending this event is to obtain spiritual food, then both the guests and the hosts will spend these days in an atmosphere of love and peace. The administration does its best to treat all guests equally, however at times it is not possible. The guests should therefore overlook any situation like this.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) treated his guests with great respect and honour and asked the guests to inform him about their needs. However, this was in other days. During the Jalsa days he asked the administration to make the same arrangements for all the guests. He tried to impress upon the guests the fact that actual purpose of the Jalsa was to learn about Faith, purify one’s heart and soul and seek closeness to Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh, in His grace, has granted to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) such a Jamā‘at which transcends the physical borders of countries, nations and ethnicities. Allāh has thus laid down the foundation for a great sense of fraternity among the Jamā‘at. This has been described as one purpose of the Jalsa by the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). To achieve this, members of the Jamā‘at are supposed to meet with each other. However, it is very important for a believer to make the right use of his time. Therefore, such gatherings should take place only after attending all the programs of the Jalsa during the daytime and one should not indulge in these activities to the extent that it amounts to wasting of time.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: When people get together in such large numbers, some unpleasant incidents may also take place. On such occasions, one ought to remember that the true believers try to suppress their anger. One should keep in mind the sacred spiritual atmosphere of the Jalsa and try to ignore others' shortcomings. If a volunteer makes some mistake, the guests should be kind and patient and overlook the mistake. This would eliminate all kinds of disputes. Both the guests and volunteers should also remember that some non-Aḥmadīs and non-Muslims also attend the Jalsa. If the guests and the volunteers show good morals, it would be silent Tablīgh on their part. This leaves a good impression on the non-Aḥmadī and non-Muslim guests and they begin taking interest in Islām and get impressed by the excellences of Islāmic teachings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Another important thing is to say Salām to each other. By teaching us to say Salām, Allāh has taught us a blessed prayer. When the host and the guests say Salām to each other, both become safe from all kinds of worries relating to each other and the prayer in Salām results in spiritual reward for each other. Therefore, we should pay lots of attention to this during these days so that we are able to spread peace and love in our surroundings and so that the atmosphere of the Jalsa is filled with love for each other merely for the sake of Allāh. Try to cleanse your hearts of all types of worldly goals and create a revolution in your lives. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) has advised us to say Salām to everyone regardless of whether or not we know the person.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would like to narrate an incident from the life of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). The debate between the Muslims and Christians which is called Jang-e-Muqaddas was in progress and due to the large number of guests staying in the same place where the Promised Messiah (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) was staying, the local administration of the Jamā'at forgot to serve dinner to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). A large part of the night had already passed when the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), after much waiting, enquired about the food. The administration suddenly got worried because it was late in the evening and no food had been spared for the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). The markets too were closed by that time. When the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) came to know of the anxiety of the administration, he told them that there was no need to worry. He told them to bring for him whatever was left behind from dinner. When the administration looked into the kitchen, they found only a few pieces of bread and there was also no curry left. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said that those pieces of the bread were sufficient for him, so he ate them. This was the example set for us by the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) who was the greatest lover of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). We too, who claim to be members of his Jamā'at should exhibit patience, generosity, gratefulness, and passion for each other's welfare.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would also like to draw the attention of the guests to the various exhibitions that have been arranged here. This year is witnessing the centenary of Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd's (May Allāh be pleased with him) visit to Europe. For this reason, the UK Jamā'at, in collaboration with the central archives department, has arranged an exhibition of pictures in this regard. The guests should visit this exhibition.

Nowadays, the number of Covid patients is on the rise in some parts of the world. Since people have come here from various places, they should get the homoeopathic medicine at the entrances to the Jalsa. Also, pay special attention to the security arrangements during the Jalsa days. One should keep an eye on his surroundings as this is the best security. However, the greatest security that we have is to pray to Allah the Almighty for His refuge and protection.

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