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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

## Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, we are now in second ten days of Ramaḍān. Allāh has highlighted a special connection between the Holy Qur’ān and this blessed month. He says:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى 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 is why we are encouraged to focus on reciting the Holy Qur’ān frequently during this month.

In this age, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has also drawn attention to this, just as the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) strongly urged the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān during Ramaḍān. Every year, Jibrīl would recite all the revealed portions of the Holy Qur’ān with the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). In the final year of his life, this recitation took place twice.

There is a deep connection between the Holy Qur’ān and Ramaḍān. We should always bear this in mind and make an effort to read and listen to the Holy Qur’ān regularly. In our mosques, arrangements are made for Dars of the Holy Qur’ān, and also Tarāwīḥ prayers are held. Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān is broadcast daily on MTA, we should listen to it. The true blessings of the Holy Qur’ān, however, can only be attained when we try to put into practice what we have heard. Right at the beginning of the Holy Qur’ān, Allāh says:

ذٰلِكَ الْكِتٰبُ لَا رَيْبَ ۙ فِيْهِ ۙ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِيْنَ ﴿١﴾

‘This is a perfect Book; there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the righteous.’ (2:3)

Thus, Allāh has made it essential for us to follow this Book if we seek righteousness and true faith. In Ramaḍān, as we focus on strengthening our faith and improving ourselves, Allāh shows us that the only way to achieve this is by reciting the Holy Qur’ān often and acting upon it.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “The blessings and bounties of the Holy Qur’ān are ever-flowing, and its light shines just as brightly in every age as it did in the time of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).” As we focus on reciting the Holy Qur’ān in Ramaḍān, we must also strive to act upon its teachings. In this month, everyone reads the Holy Qur’ān according to their ability; even those who cannot complete a full recitation try to read at least a portion of it. Still, everyone should make an effort to complete at least one full recitation of the Holy Qur’ān in this blessed month. We should also make an effort to read its translation and commentary.

Some people think that the Holy Qur’ān is difficult to understand, but Allāh says:

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِن مُّدْكِرٍ ﴿١٨﴾

‘And indeed We have made the Qur’an easy to understand and to remember. But is there anyone who would receive admonition?’ (54:18)

To facilitate the understanding of the Holy Qur’ān, Allāh has raised teachers in every age. In this age, He has sent the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), who has explained it to us clearly. It would be our misfortune if we still failed to act upon it. Likewise, there are commentaries by the Khulafā’. Ḥaḍrat

Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) has written Tafsīr-e-Kabīr, which comprises a commentary of half of the Holy Qur’ān. We also have other commentaries and translations, such as Tafsīr-e-Saghīr. The Jamā‘at also continues to produce translations in different languages. Therefore, while we recite the Holy Qur’ān in Ramaḍān, we should also try to understand its meanings and commandments by reading the translations and commentaries, so that we can act upon these teachings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: People come to me to celebrate their children’s Āmīn, but they should also remember that teaching them the Holy Qur’ān is only one part of their duty. It is also their responsibility to instil in them a love and passion for reciting and practicing it. Aḥmadīs must ensure that they and their families focus on reading the Holy Qur’ān and its translation.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “It is true that most Muslims have abandoned the Holy Qur’ān, yet its light, blessings, and effects remain ever fresh and alive; and I have been sent as proof of this at this time.” He further said, “To seek success while neglecting the Holy Qur’ān is impossible; it is a mere illusion that people chase in vain.”

The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, “A believer who recites the Holy Qur’ān and acts upon it is like a fruit with both a pleasant taste and a delightful fragrance. A believer who does not recite the Holy Qur’ān but still acts upon its teachings is like a date—sweet in taste but without fragrance. A hypocrite who recites the Holy Qur’ān is like a plant with a pleasant aroma but a bitter taste, whereas a hypocrite who neither recites the Holy Qur’ān nor follows its teachings is like a bitter fruit, both in taste and scent.”

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) says, “Among the people, there are some who are chosen ones by Allāh.” The narrator asked, “Who are these people?” The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) replied, “The people of the Holy Qur’ān are the people of Allāh and His special servants”—referring to those who recite the Holy Qur’ān and follow its teachings. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “True success is granted only to those who live by the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “Remember! The Holy Qur’ān is the fountainhead of true blessings and the only means of salvation. Those who do not act upon it have none to blame but themselves. Even now, their only recourse is to recognise the Holy Qur’ān as the greatest of divine blessings and to value it by following its commandments. Only then will they witness how Allāh removes their hardships and tribulations.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The state of Muslims today is such that they have drifted away from the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān. They have abandoned it, do not act upon it, and merely claim to love it. In Pakistan, they have imposed a ban on Aḥmadīs from reading the Holy Qur’ān, yet they themselves do not follow its teachings. No matter how many restrictions they impose, they cannot remove the Holy Qur’ān’s teachings from our hearts. No matter how much they try, they cannot take away our love for it.

Thus, the greatest responsibility now falls upon Aḥmadī Muslims. It is their duty to act upon the Holy Qur’ān so that the world may witness, through their conduct, the true teachings of Islām and the Holy Qur’ān. These commandments promote peace, harmony, love, compassion, and brotherhood within society. Aḥmadīs need to pay greater attention towards fulfilling this responsibility.

Jibrīl once came to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and said, “Many trials (fitna) will soon arise.” It was asked, “What will be the way to be saved from these trials?” Jibrīl replied, “The way to salvation from these trials is the Book of Allāh.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that to protect ourselves and our children, we must turn towards the Holy Qur’ān. Only then will we attain guidance, remain safe from trials and discord, and truly comprehend the commandments that Allāh has revealed for us.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) says, “The one who recites the Holy Qur’ān aloud is like the one who gives charity openly, and the one who recites the Holy Qur’ān quietly is like

the one who gives charity in secret.” Since charity repels calamities and dangers, reading the Holy Qur’ān with understanding will be accepted as a form of charity and shield a person from all tribulations.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “If the heart becomes hardened, the way to soften it is to repeatedly read the Holy Qur’ān. Whenever a believer comes across a supplication in the Holy Qur’ān, his heart naturally inclines towards seeking the same divine grace for himself. The Holy Qur’ān is like a garden—in one place, a person picks one type of fruit, and as he moves forward, he picks another type. Therefore, one should benefit from each verse according to its application.”

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that, during the days of Ramaḍān, while we are giving special attention to the Holy Qur’ān, we should also pledge to maintain this permanently. We should strive to act upon it and encourage our children to read the Holy Qur’ān as well. When this happens, we will always be successful in our lives. May Allāh enable us to do so. Āmīn

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