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Dear Brother,

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Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 17th April 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The various aspects of the life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) are being discussed. Today, I will speak about his moral excellence, particularly his truthfulness, honesty, and righteousness.

The events of his life present the finest examples of truthfulness. Even his enemies were compelled to acknowledge his outstanding piety. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) instructed his followers to adopt and maintain these same standards of truthfulness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that each of us must reflect upon our own condition in this regard. It is these highest standards of truthfulness that ensure success at every stage of life and also open the way for the propagation of the faith.

Referring to the pure life of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that even his opponents acknowledged his truthfulness and trustworthiness and found no basis for any accusation against him. One may ask what quality of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) influenced his adversaries so deeply. The fact is that they were not at first moved by the Holy Qur‘ān; rather, it was the earlier life of Muhammad (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) that attracted them. He lived among them, and his honesty, integrity, compassion for humanity, and selflessness left a lasting impression upon their hearts. Before Allāh bestowed prophethood upon him, he did not forbid them from idolatry, since no divine command had yet been given, but still he himself never practised idolatry. The excellence of his conduct and way of life itself had its effect, and this was working quietly within them.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that Allāh bestowed victory and triumph upon our Master and Chief, the Prophet of the latter days and the leader of the righteous, through many forms of divine support. In the early period, he too, like Moses and Jesus, endured the trial of migration; but within that very migration lay the foundations of victory and divine assistance. Know that a righteous person is never brought to ruin. When two parties stand in opposition and their hostility reaches its peak, the one that is righteous and God-fearing in the sight of Allāh receives help from heaven. In this way, religious disputes find their resolution through divine judgement.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that Allāh addresses the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) with the words:

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

“And thou dost surely possess high moral excellences.” (68:5)

This signifies that every form of moral virtue was encompassed in his person. All the natural faculties and tendencies present in the human heart, when they appear in their proper place and are guided by reason and reflection, collectively constitute what is known as morality.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was sent to establish truthfulness in the world and, on many occasions, urged his followers to adopt it. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) says: “Truth is binding upon you, for truth leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise. A person continues to speak the truth and seeks it until he is recorded as truthful in the sight of Allāh. Beware of falsehood, for falsehood leads to wickedness, and wickedness leads to the Fire. A person persists in lying until he is recorded as a liar in the sight of Allāh.”

On another occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said that lying is never permissible in any situation, whether in earnest or in jest, and that a person must not make a promise to his child and then fail to fulfil it.

When news of the Holy Prophet's claim to prophethood reached Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr (May Allāh be pleased with him), he went to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) asked, "O Abu Bakr, what have you heard about me?" Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr replied that he had been told he was calling people to the Oneness of Allāh and claiming to be His Messenger. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) replied, "Yes. My Lord has appointed me as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner. He has made me the fulfilment of the prayer of Abraham and has sent me to all mankind." Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr said, "By Allāh, I have never known you to speak a lie. Your trustworthiness, kindness to relatives, and righteous conduct make you most deserving of prophethood. Extend your hand so that I may pledge allegiance to you." The Messenger of Allāh then extended his blessed hand, and Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr pledged allegiance to him.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), reflecting on the words of Ḥaḍrat Khadijah (May Allāh be pleased with her) concerning the trustworthiness and truthfulness of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) at the time of the first Revelation, said that one should consider the testimony of a fifty-five-year-old woman from the same city and tribe, who had been married to him for fifteen years. Her statement, made at a time when the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was in a state of grief and distress, calls for deep reflection. Had these qualities not been firmly established in him, her words could never have provided such reassurance and comfort at that moment.

On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said that although he may sometimes speak in jest, even then he speaks nothing but the truth. He also warned that destruction awaits the person who tells lies merely to make others laugh.

Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) said that the Holy Prophet's rank in truthfulness was so lofty that his people called him Ṣiddīq. He continually instructed his community to remain firm upon truthfulness, for truth leads to righteousness and righteousness leads to Paradise. The true level of truthfulness is reached when a person persists in speaking the truth until he is regarded as truthful even in the sight of Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) further said that it is the duty of every Aḥmadī today to reflect upon himself, assess the standard of truthfulness he maintains, and work to remove any weaknesses that may exist.

At the conclusion of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that after the Friday prayer he would lead the funeral prayer in absentia for the Shahida Aḥmad Ṣāḥiba, wife of Mirza Naseem Aḥmad Ṣāḥib. She was the great-granddaughter of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). She is survived by four sons. She was extremely hospitable and wished to expand her home in order to host even more people. She spread her love to all, wealthy or poor. She endured her final illness with great patience and without any complaint. She always remained positive and cherished every moment of life. She was among those who carry out virtuous deeds in silence, and they come to be known only when others bring them to light.

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