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Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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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 01 May 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will share some incidents from the life of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) — the true and devoted servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh’s Blessings be upon him) — that shed light on his unwavering adherence to truth at all costs, and the manner in which he challenged his opponents in this regard.

I will begin with the response he gave to one of his foremost opponents, Maulawi Muḥammad Ḥussain Batalawi, who had levelled against him the charges of being a disbeliever and a liar. This reply is so lucid and convincing that no fair-minded person, upon reflecting on it, could give any weight to such accusations.

In answer to the Maulawi Muḥammad Ḥussain’s letter — in which he had branded the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) an enemy of Islām, a disbeliever, and a liar — the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) wrote, “If you were to examine my life as a sincere seeker of truth, it would become clear to you through conclusive proof that Allāh Almighty has always kept me safe from the impurity of falsehood. There were times when, in British courts, my life and honour fell into such danger that no lawyer offered me any counsel except to resort to falsehood. But by the grace of Allāh, I renounced my life and honour for the sake of truth. And on many occasions, I bore great financial losses for the sake of truth. And at times, purely out of the fear of Allāh Almighty, I gave testimony against my own father and brother and did not let go of the truth. Who can prove that even a single lie has ever passed my lips? When I have, purely for the sake of Allāh, abstained from lying to people from the very beginning, and have time and again sacrificed my life and wealth for the sake of truth — then why would I lie about Allāh?”

Another means by which the truthful are tested is when a person finds himself in such difficulty that no apparent way of escape remains except through a lie. He is then truly tested as to whether his nature is grounded in truth or in falsehood. In this regard, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) presented three examples from his own life: first, the property possession case filed through the efforts of Mirza Azam Baig of Lahore; second, a postal case; and third, a case filed by his son, Mirza Sulṭān Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, against a Hindu.

In that third case, the Promised Messiah’s son filed a suit against a Hindu man, alleging that he had built a house on land belonging to him and his family, and a claim for demolition was made. However, there was an inaccuracy in how the case had been prepared. The opposing party had the Promised Messiah’s name included among the witnesses, saying that whatever testimony Mirza Ṣāḥib gave would be acceptable to them. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) later said that he himself allowed the case to fail purely out of regard for truth, choosing to uphold honesty even at the cost of financial loss. When Mirza Sulṭān Aḥmad Ṣāḥib learned that the opposing party had requested the testimony of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), and knowing that he would never resort to falsehood, he withdrew the case altogether.

The history of that house is as follows. It was known as the mansion of Deputy Shankar Dās, who was extremely prejudiced against the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). From this mansion, the privacy of the Promised Messiah’s residences was compromised, and the man would also abuse those going to the mosque. When worshippers complained about his behaviour, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) would advise them to be patient, saying that no one can stand before the divine decree. Before long,

the Deputy's once prosperous household began to fall apart, and he himself became ill or left the place altogether. The property was later purchased by Sheikh Ya'qūb 'Alī 'Irfānī Ṣāhib. In 1932, the offices of Ṣadr Anjuman Aḥmadiyya were established there, and the building was inaugurated by Ḥaḍrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him). By the grace of Allāh, the house and the entire surrounding area have been transformed into a mosque. This building has now become part of Masjid Aqṣā.

Sheikh Noor Aḥmad Ṣāhib relates that his father and uncle used to say that their village fell under the administration of Mirza Ṣāhib. For some time, he acted as his father's representative, and they would accompany him to court hearings. He consistently upheld the side of truth, even when it harmed his own case.

Mian Allāh Yār Ṣāhib relates that when the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was around twenty-five to thirty years old, his father became involved in a dispute with their co-sharers over the cutting of trees. His father maintained that since the land belonged to his family, the trees must also be the family property. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) travelled to Gurdaspur to pursue the case, accompanied by two witnesses. On the way, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said to them, "My father is insisting unnecessarily. Trees are like crops. These people are poor; what harm is there if they have cut them? I cannot say in court that they are entirely ours; at most, we may have a share in them." The co-sharers had complete trust in the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). When the magistrate questioned them, they replied without hesitation that he should ask Mirza Ṣāhib himself. When asked, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said that in his view trees are like crops: just as they had a share in crops, they likewise had a share in the trees. On the basis of this statement, the magistrate ruled in favour of the co-sharers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have presented a few incidents highlighting the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), who always gave precedence to truth and did not even go near falsehood. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also consistently instructed his followers to remain steadfast upon truth. In fact, it is written in the Conditions of Bai'at that we will shun falsehood and remain firmly established on truth. It is our duty to adopt truthfulness as a distinguishing quality. May Allāh grant us the ability to do so. Āmīn

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