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### **Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 29 May 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today I will speak about incidents that demonstrate the humility and meekness of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in his devotion to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), and about his counsel to his Community to adopt humility and meekness.

The humility of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was so evident that Allāh Himself testified to it. On 18 March 1907, he received the revelation: “He is pleased with your humble ways.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “It was revealed to me that, in terms of modesty, humility, trust in Allāh, self-sacrifice, divine signs, and spiritual lights, this lowly one reflects the first life of the Messiah.”

On one occasion, a person submitted that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) had endured great hardship while writing ‘Ḥaḥīqatul-Waḥī’ and repeatedly reviewing its proofs, and that this effort had adversely affected his health. The person suggested that he should now take complete rest for a few days. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) replied: “My effort amounts to nothing. I feel ashamed when I look at the sacrifices and struggles of the Ṣaḥāba and see how joyfully they gave up their very lives in the path of Allāh.”

Elsewhere, in response to some people of limited understanding who objected that he elevated his own spiritual status beyond its proper limits, he said, “I swear by Allāh Almighty that it is not in my nature or disposition to seek praise for myself or to take pleasure in the display of my own greatness. I have always preferred a life of humility and obscurity. However, this was beyond my power and control, for Allāh Almighty Himself brought me forth. Whatever praise and greatness He has expressed about me in the revelations granted to me, all of that praise and greatness belongs to the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).”

When speaking to an Australian convert to Islām, Muḥammad ‘Abdul Ḥaḥ Sāḥīb, he said: “One of our principles is that we live simply. All those luxuries and formalities that Europe has now turned into necessities of life have no place in our gatherings. We are not bound by customs and conventions. In our eating, drinking, social interactions, and daily conduct, we prefer simplicity.”

In another place, he said: “One should adopt humility. It is not difficult to learn humility. Indeed, what is there to learn? Human beings are themselves humble by nature and were created for humility.”

He further said: “Blessed are those who consider themselves the most insignificant and lowly of all people, who speak with modesty and reserve, and who walk upon the earth with meekness. Therefore, I say repeatedly that such people are the ones for whom salvation has been prepared.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that during the days of Jalsa, some people desire to sit in the front rows or in designated areas close to the stage. If this desire stems from a wish to hear the words of the Khalīfa more closely, then it is understandable. However, at times personal pride can also become involved. This should not happen, because it creates difficulties for those responsible for organizing and managing the arrangements.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: “When a person goes somewhere, he should choose the lowest place for himself. If he deserves a higher place, the host himself will invite him and give him that position.”

He also stated: “No one can attain the love of Allāh or His pleasure until two qualities are developed within him. First, he must break and destroy arrogance. Second, he must sever all those attachments that are the cause of impurity and divine displeasure.”

He further said: “A person who retains selfishness and ego after taking Bai‘at can never truly benefit from it. The more gentleness, humility, and meekness you adopt, the more pleased Allāh will be with you.”

On another occasion, he said: “The arrogant person wishes to sit upon the throne of Allāh. Therefore, always seek refuge from this vile trait. Even if all the promises of Allāh are in your favour, you should still remain humble, for it is the humble person who becomes beloved to Allāh.”

Once, someone asked him: “It is mentioned in the Ḥadīth that all prophets herded goats. Did you ever herd goats as well?” He replied: “Yes. Once I went out to the fields where a man was grazing goats. He said to me, ‘I need to attend to some work. Please watch my goats for a little while.’ But he remained away until evening, and until he returned I had to continue grazing his goats.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) never considered household work beneath his dignity. He would spread and arrange the charpoys himself, lay out the floor coverings, and prepare bedding. Whatever food was available, he would eat without complaint. He never addressed anyone rudely or disrespectfully and would always speak courteously and respectfully. There was not the slightest trace of arrogance in his character.

When Muḥammad Ḥussain Batālawi had recently returned from Delhi after completing his studies, a debate took place between him and the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). At the beginning of the meeting, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) asked him about his beliefs. After listening to his views, he said: “I do not find anything objectionable in your beliefs. Therefore, there is no need for a debate.” Those who had arranged the meeting were agitated and felt that this would leave them embarrassed. However, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) had no concern for false prestige or personal honour. He later explained that after hearing Batālawi’s beliefs and finding nothing objectionable in them, he abandoned the debate solely for the sake of Allāh.

That very night, Allāh revealed to him: “Your Allāh was pleased with this act of yours, and He will greatly bless you, until kings will seek blessings from your garments.”

In a letter written to Muḥammad Ḥussain Batālawi, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) expressed extraordinary humility. He wrote: “This humble servant is an unlettered and ignorant man. There is neither worship nor spiritual discipline, neither knowledge nor capability. In short, there is nothing in me. There was only a command from Allāh Almighty—certain and definite—which this humble servant conveyed. Whether one accepts it or not depends upon one’s own judgment and understanding.”

When the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) later claimed to be the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) of the age, Batālawi became one of his fiercest opponents. He wrote harsh and discourteous letters and began using inappropriate language against him in his journal ‘Ishā‘at-us-Sunnah’. Despite all this hostility, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) displayed remarkable patience, forbearance, humility, and restraint.

In one letter, he wrote to Batālawi: “I have no concern with victory or defeat. My concern is only with servitude and obedience to the command of Allāh. I believe that your intentions in this opposition are sincere and well-meaning. However, in my opinion, it would be better if you first discussed these matters with me and carefully examined my books—‘Fath-e-Islām’, ‘Tauziḥ-e-Marām’, and ‘Izāla-e-Auhām’—before publishing anything. I feel no grief or resentment that a friend such as yourself has adopted a position of opposition. This difference of opinion, too, is for the sake of truth.”

In another letter, he wrote: “In my view, among all moral virtues and qualities, there is no branch of character more beloved to Allāh Almighty than humility, meekness, lowliness, and every form of self-abasement that stands in opposition to pride and arrogance.”

Concluding the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Every word and every action of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) reflected humility. He had only one aspiration: to attain the pleasure of Allāh Almighty and to spread the message of His Oneness throughout the world. This is the same counsel he gave to us. May Allāh grant us the ability to act upon these teachings as well. Āmīn  
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