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Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥadhrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 14 August 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In previous sermons, I described the teachings and excellent example of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) regarding gratitude. I shall now present how his true servant and the Imam of this age, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), understood this lofty standard and, through his own practice, taught it to the children of his household.

Explaining the wisdom of thanking Allāh for His bounties, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that when a person attains high rank, he often becomes arrogant, although that position is in fact an opportunity to do great good and benefit humanity. Allāh says in the Holy Qur’ān:

لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ

"If you are grateful, I will surely increase My favours upon you, and if you are ungrateful, then My punishment is indeed severe." [14:8]

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: First and foremost, offer gratitude to Allāh Who has given us life and health, bestowed well-being and peace, and provided the means for the propagation of faith. In truth, it is impossible even to count His blessings.

On another occasion he said that Muslims should thank Allāh abundantly for granting them a religion that is pure, both doctrinally and practically, free from every kind of disorder, abhorrence and evil. If one reflects deeply, one realises that Allāh alone is truly deserving of all praise. No human being or other creation is genuinely deserving of absolute praise. If a person considers the matter in all fairness, it becomes clear that anyone deemed worthy of praise can only be so for a few reasons: because he brought something into existence when nothing existed; because he provided all the means necessary for its survival, health and sustenance; because he protected it from calamities; or because he did not allow a labourer's toil to go unrewarded and fully discharged his rights. Even paying a worker his due is a form of recompense, but one who fully discharges the rights of others may still be regarded as a benefactor. These are lofty qualities, and upon reflection, it becomes clear that only Allāh possesses them perfectly.

Drawing attention to gratitude for the revival of Islām and the establishment of the Jamā‘at, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that Allāh sent a heavenly light at a time of spiritual darkness to revive Islām, support Muslims and purify their condition. This fulfilled Allāh's promise to safeguard Islām and the Holy Prophet's prophecy that a reformer would be raised at the head of every century. Rather than being a cause for surprise, its fulfilment should inspire immense gratitude, greater faith and certainty. Those who have attained this long-awaited era should therefore give thanks and strive to benefit from it.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is the duty of Muslims today to be grateful to Allāh, to accept the one sent by Him, and to unite, so that they may be saved from difficulties.

Addressing a seeker of truth, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: Be grateful to Allāh that He extended His help at exactly the right time and established this Jamā‘at. Therefore, do not waste the grace that has been given to you. Regard it with respect and value the help and support you have received. It is by the grace of Allāh that people recognise the one sent by Him. It is a great favour upon you that He has granted you strength and bestowed upon you the eye to recognise the truth.

He then gave the example of Mian ‘Abdul Ḥaq of Kasur. While a student, ‘Abdul Ḥaq became a Christian. After reading some of the Promised Messiah's writings, he wrote to him saying that he wished

to see the truth and authenticity of Islām demonstrated in practice. He was advised to come and stay in Qādiān for at least two months. Many people tried to dissuade him and advised him not to go, but the grace of Allāh prevailed and brought him to Qādiān.

Describing the sincerity and love of those who joined him, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I cannot refrain from expressing my gratitude that, through the grace and mercy of Allāh, He has not left me alone. Those who have formed a bond of brotherhood with me and entered this Jamā‘at, which Allāh has established with His own hand, have been coloured in an extraordinary way with love and sincerity. This is not the result of my own efforts; rather, Allāh, through His special favour, has granted me these truthful souls.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: First, I feel compelled to mention one spiritual brother of mine, Noor-ud-Deen. I look with longing at some of the religious services he renders by spending from his lawful wealth for the exaltation of Islām, and I wish that I too could render such services. When I contemplate the zeal in his heart for supporting the faith, a picture of Divine power appears before my eyes, showing how Allāh draws His servants towards Himself. He stands ready at all times with his wealth, his strength and every means available to him for obedience to Allāh and His Messenger. I know from experience, and not merely from favourable opinion, that he would withhold from me neither wealth, nor life, nor honour in this cause. Had I permitted him, he would have sacrificed everything and fulfilled the requirements of physical companionship just as he has fulfilled those of spiritual companionship.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this account dates from 1890. Later, Ḥaḍrat Hakeem Noor-ud-Deen (May Allāh be pleased with him) left everything and came to Qādiān, where he remained with the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) for the rest of his life.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also prayed: O Lord of the Worlds, I cannot adequately thank You for Your favours. You are Most Merciful and Most Generous, and Your favours upon me are boundless. Forgive my sins lest I perish. Place Your special love in my heart so that I may attain life. Cover my faults and enable me to perform deeds that please You. I seek refuge with Your Noble Countenance from Your wrath. Have mercy upon me and save me from the calamities of this world and the Hereafter, for all grace and beneficence are in Your hands alone. Āmīn

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also says: Allāh supported the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) by pointing to his exemplary character and challenging his opponents to identify any flaw in the forty years of his life that they had witnessed before his claim to prophethood. They could find none, either in his character or in his noble family. A man whose forty-year life bore witness that fabrication and falsehood were not his practice was now showing heavenly signs, receiving Divine support, and presenting a teaching that stood in stark contrast to beliefs filled with impurity and shirk. What basis, then, remained for doubting his truthfulness? In the same way, Allāh has held my opponents and deniers to account. Thus, on page 512 of Barāhīn-e-Aḥmadīyya, there is a revelation concerning me which was published twenty years ago. It is:

وَلَقَدْ كُنْتُ فِيكُمْ عُمُرًا مِّن قَبْلِهِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

“And indeed, I lived among you for a lifetime before this. Will you not then understand?”

That is, tell these opponents: I lived among you for forty years, and throughout this long period you continued to observe me and saw that fabrication and falsehood were never my way, and that Allāh preserved me from a life of impurity.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also sought to instil gratitude in the children of his household. According to one narration, he once told them the story of a bald man and a blind man. Allāh sent an angel to them. The angel asked the bald man what he wanted. He replied that he wanted hair on his head and wealth. The angel passed his hand over his head, his hair grew, and he was given wealth. The angel then went to the blind man and asked what he wanted. He replied that he wanted his sight restored and to be given wealth. The angel passed his hand over him, his sight was restored, and he too

received wealth. After a time, in order to test them, Allāh sent the angel again in the form of a poor man. He approached the formerly bald man and asked for help. The man responded harshly, rebuking him: "Go away; there are many beggars like you wandering about." The angel passed his hand over his head, and the man became bald again and lost his wealth. He then approached the formerly blind man and asked for help. The man replied that everything he possessed had been given by Allāh and belonged to Him, so the visitor could take whatever he needed. Allāh then increased his wealth even further.

The lesson taught to the children was to thank Allāh for His bounties, to value what they had been given, and not to rebuke those in need. Giving charity is virtuous, it pleases Allāh, and it leads to an increase in His bounties.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashīr Aḥmad (May Allāh be pleased with him) narrates from Ḥaḍrat Maulavi Sher ‘Ali (May Allāh be pleased with him) that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) used to say it was also a grace of Allāh that Ramaḍān fell in the cooler months during his time, making fasting less physically demanding and allowing him to continue working with relative ease. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashīr Aḥmad added that he had examined the calendar of that period. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) claimed to be the Messiah at the end of 1890. In 1891, Ramaḍān began on 11 April, just as it was beginning to move into the cooler part of the year. In 1908, the year he passed away, Ramaḍān began on 1st October. Thus, throughout the period of his mission, Ramaḍān fell in comparatively cool months, and his discerning nature found in this circumstance another reason for gratitude.

On another occasion, he said of Ḥaḍrat Maulānā Noor-ud-Deen: "He is one of the bounties of Allāh. Through him, many poor people receive medical treatment." Although the treatment was being provided to others, it was the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) himself who expressed gratitude, because humanity was being served and people were benefiting.

At the end of the Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the following members who passed away recently:

- **Ḥāfiẓ Shāhbāz Aḥmad Ṣāhib**, a missionary in Ivory Coast, was hospitable, kind, hardworking and deeply devoted to Khilāfat and the service of faith. He was passionate about propagation, quietly helped those in need, taught many children the Holy Qur’ān and maintained strong ties with the local Jamā‘at. He is survived by his wife and a daughter.
- **Yaringana Momini Ṣāhib** of Burkina Faso was martyred when terrorists opened fire while he was working in the fields. Deeply devoted to Khilāfat, worship and the Holy Qur’ān, he regularly attended Jamā‘at programmes and offered financial contributions.
- **Yahya Sumare Ṣāhib** of Mali, a soldier, was martyred in a terrorist attack. He accepted Aḥmadīyyat in 2022 and, despite being a new convert, was deeply devoted to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and Khilāfat. He is remembered as a loving husband and father, a devoted son and regular in worship. Following his martyrdom, his father also accepted Aḥmadīyyat.
- **Sirājul Ḥaq Qureshi Ṣāhib**, Naib Afsar Jalsa Salana Rabwah, served the Jamā‘at in various capacities and also worked as a professor. He was known for carrying out his responsibilities diligently.
- **Nawal Tayyab Ṣāhib** of Nigeria, a local missionary, passed away from injuries sustained after falling from a ladder while adjusting a satellite dish for the two-way streaming of Jalsa Sālāna UK. He was humble, hardworking and devoted to his duties and family.
- **Master Ghafoor Aḥmad Ṣāhib** of Canada was regular in prayer, devoted to Khilāfat and generous in quietly helping those in need. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and five sons. One son, Naeem Iqbal Ṣāhib, serves as Amīr and Missionary In-charge in Fiji.

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