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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 21 August 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) would impress upon his Ṣaḥāba the importance of gratitude. In this regard, Ḥaḍrat Pīr Sīrāj-ul-Ḥaq Na‘umāni (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that one day the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) asked him, “What dispute were you and Mirān Bakhsh Saudai having today?” Ḥaḍrat Pīr Sīrāj-ul-Ḥaq says that he became apprehensive as to what the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) might say and hesitantly related the whole incident. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, “A person who is mentally impaired is not held accountable for his actions....When you see such people, instead of quarrelling with them, you should thank Allāh that He has bestowed all these blessings upon you and has not deprived you of them.”

On one occasion, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) asked, “Where were the sarangi and tanbur being played throughout the night?” He was told that Mirza Niẓām-ud-Dīn had invited a dancing girl. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said, “By Allāh! How faithfully she earns her wages: for twenty rupees she remained awake all night, dancing and singing; but we cannot remain awake for even an hour or two for our true Creator and Master.”

It was the practice of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) to say **سبحان الله** and **الحمد لله** while eating. He would eat as though searching for something: with every morsel he would express gratitude for the blessings of Allāh.

Ḥaḍrat Muṣṭaḥ Mau‘ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: “We observed the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) while eating. He would place a small piece of bread in his mouth and continue chewing it for as long as it could be chewed. Meanwhile, he would take another morsel, slowly work it with his hand, and repeatedly say **سبحان الله**.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that abandoning the use of means is contrary to Divine law. Tawakkul—trust in Allāh—comes after employing the available means. One should make use of them without placing one’s reliance upon them. True understanding lies in seeing the hand of Allāh behind those means.

Ḥaḍrat Muḥammad Ibrahim (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that in 1904, while the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was staying in Gurdaspur in connection with the Karam Dīn case, he went to visit him. One day, a friend brought some freshly ripened dates. Someone remarked that dates produced heat in the body, to which another replied that one could eat as many as one wished and then eat a little onion to counteract their heat. Hearing this, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) observed how wonderfully Allāh had provided a remedy or counterbalance for everything. He then spoke of the remarkable provisions Allāh had made for mankind, for which man could never adequately render gratitude.

A prominent feature of the Promised Messiah’s character was his appreciation of even the smallest acts of service. When he wrote Barāhīn-e-Aḥmadīyya, he recorded the names of those who had assisted him, including even those who had contributed as little as two annas, i.e. 40 cents in today’s money.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) wrote a book entitled Minanur-Raḥmān, in which he sought to establish that Arabic is the mother of all languages. Thanking those who assisted him in finding references for this work, he wrote: “I cannot refrain here from thanking those friends who assisted me in

demonstrating the relationship between languages. I am delighted to acknowledge that my friends exerted themselves in this task in a manner that will remain memorable for as long as this world endures. These men of Allāh generously devoted their precious time to me and, through strenuous labour day and night, accomplished this great task. I know that they shall receive a great reward from Allāh, for they have taken part in a battle in which the drums of Islām's victory will soon be sounded. Thus, each of them deserves a Divine medal."

Referring to Ḥaḍrat Mian Manzoor Muḥammad (May Allāh be pleased with him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: "As an expression of gratitude for the favour of Allāh, it is incumbent upon me to mention that, in the important work of my writings, Allāh has graciously provided me with an excellent and valuable sincere helper—my dear Mian Manzoor Muḥammad, the copyist, whose handwriting is exceptionally good. He works not for worldly gain but solely out of love for the faith. He has migrated from his homeland and taken up residence here in Qādiān. It is a great favour of Allāh that He has provided me, according to my needs, with such a sincere and diligent helper. At any hour, by day or night, I call upon him for copying work, and he performs this service with complete devotion for the pleasure of Allāh."

Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: "The hearts of Prophets are profoundly grateful. They regard even the smallest kindness as a great favour. I have seen that when the Promised Messiah's books were being printed day and night, there were occasions when he would remain awake for several nights. Even then, whenever someone brought proofs during the night and called out to him, he would personally rise to receive them, saying as he went, 'جزاك الله احسن الجزاء'."

Ḥaḍrat Mian Nabi Bakhsh (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that on one occasion the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was walking in the garden with a staff in his hand. While using it to bring down fruit from a tree, the staff became caught among the branches and could not be retrieved. With permission, Ḥaḍrat Mian Nabi Bakhsh climbed the tree and quickly brought it down. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was so pleased and repeatedly praised him as though he had performed some great service.

Whenever someone brought the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) a gift, he would be greatly pleased and would also speak appreciatively at home of the sincerity of the person who had brought it.

The wife of Ḥaḍrat Dr Khalīfa Rashīdud Dīn relates that whenever her husband travelled from Agra to Qādiān, he would bring khurmay—a sweet resembling balushahi—for the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). On one occasion, she herself brought some to Qādiān. When they were presented to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), he greatly appreciated them and said, "So many khurmay!" He ate a few and then said, "Keep these; I shall eat them later."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then quoted Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him), who said that he had always felt a sense of regret that, as children of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), they had been exempted from the institution of Waṣiyyat and had thereby been deprived of an opportunity for virtue. He then recalled a revelation he had received some time after the Promised Messiah's demise:

اعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا

"Work, O House of David, in gratitude."

That is, perform some deeds specifically as an expression of gratitude to Allāh. Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) acted upon this and said, "I therefore believe that my contributions must have exceeded those of the Muṣis."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) clarified that this exemption applied only to the five children of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). All other members of his family make Waṣiyyat. Likewise, no Khalīfa is exempt from it. Ḥaḍrat Muṣleḥ Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) and all subsequent Khulafā have also participated generously, according to their means, in all financial initiatives.

Ḥaḍrat Sher Muḥammad (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that when the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) travelled to Jhelum in connection with the Karam Dīn case, some friends arranged tea for him at Batala. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) asked who had provided the tea and thanked them. Nor did his appreciation end there: he later had his gratitude published in a newspaper and acknowledged the service they had rendered him. Such was the importance he attached to their kindness.

At the conclusion of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may enable us also to attain the highest standards of gratitude. Āmīn

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