

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 28 August 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The efforts of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) to raise the banner of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) throughout the world are well known. He was also deeply grateful to all those who assisted him in any way in fulfilling this mission. In an announcement dated 4 October 1899, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said:

“It is the way of Allāh the Almighty that every community of the righteous requires financial contributions in its early stages. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) also called upon the Ṣaḥāba to make financial sacrifices on numerous occasions, and Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr (May Allāh be pleased with him) surpassed them all. Therefore, one should step forward with courage and without delay to render assistance. Everyone should contribute to this Langar Khāna according to his means. I desire that, if possible, arrangements be made whereby we are relieved of the burden of managing the Langar Khāna, so that we may devote ourselves to our work with peace of mind and our time is not misspent. Ultimately, those who help us will witness the help of Allāh.”

He further said:

“I cannot refrain from mentioning that foremost in this devotion and zeal is our sincere companion, Ḥaḍrat Maulavi Ḥakīm Noor-ud-Deen (May Allāh be pleased with him). Not only has he provided financial assistance, but, casting aside all worldly ties and adopting the life of a dervish, he migrated from his homeland and settled in Qādiān, where he remains ever ready to serve. If I wish, I can send him to the East or the West. In my estimation, such are the people concerning whom the revelation is recorded in Barāhīn-e-Aḥmadīyya:

أَصْحَابُ الصُّفَةِ وَمَا أَكْرَأَكَ مَا أَصْحَابُ الصُّفَةِ

“The Companions of the Lounge, and what will make you know what the Companions of the Lounge are?”

Next, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) mentioned Ḥaḍrat Maulawi ‘Abdul Karīm Sialkoti (May Allāh be pleased with him), who had completely set aside worldly ambitions and devoted himself to the service of religion day and night. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also mentioned Ḥaḍrat Ḥakīm Faḍl Dīn (May Allāh be pleased with him), who lived nearby and remained actively engaged in these services.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also acknowledged Dr Bura Khan, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa Rashid-ud-Din Lahori, Dr Mirza Yaqub Baig Kalanuri, Dr Muḥammad Ismail, Dr ‘Abdul Ḥakīm Khān, Mirza Khuda Bakhsh, Ḥaḍrat Sahibzada Sirāj-ul-Ḥaq and Ḥaḍrat Seth ‘Abdul Raḥmān (May Allāh be pleased with them). Ḥaḍrat Seth ‘Abdul Raḥmān regularly sent one hundred rupees every month and, on several occasions, as much as five hundred rupees. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) also mentioned Ḥaḍrat Sheikh Raḥmatullah (May Allāh be pleased with him), a merchant of Lahore, who contributed a substantial amount towards legal expenses, as well as Ḥaḍrat Nawāb Muḥammad ‘Ali Khān (May Allāh be pleased with him).

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was grateful even for the smallest acts of service. A man who sold Falooda, lived in Khawāja Kamāl-ud-Din Ṣāḥib’s neighbourhood. On one occasion, he expressed a desire to present Falooda to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). When the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) visited the house, the man was called and presented Falooda to him, which

he greatly appreciated. He later sent ten or twenty bowls for the other friends. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) sent him two rupees, but the man declined the money and instead asked to be taken into his blessed presence. When he came before him, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) prayed for him and said may Allāh reward you.

Ḥaḍrat Ibrāhīm Baqāpuri (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that on one occasion some friends from the Sialkot Jamā‘at presented a sum of money as a gift. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) first said, “Alḥamdulillah” and then, “Jazākallah.” This had a profound effect upon them, for he first expressed gratitude to Allāh and then prayed for those who had made the offering.

Ḥaḍrat Zulfikar ‘Ali Khān Gohar (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that on one occasion the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) came downstairs from Baitud-Du‘ā’ after applying henna to his hair. He asked him to tell Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Syed Sarwar Shah (May Allāh be pleased with him) to bring him some food. However, no food remained. Deeply worried, Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Syed Sarwar Shah (May Allāh be pleased with him) brought a small bowl of milk, three pieces of toast and some sugar, and apologised that nothing else was available. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) accepted this simple meal with such profound gratitude that it was clearly visible on his face. He dipped two pieces of toast in the sugar, ate them and drank some water.

In August 1900, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) wrote to Ḥaḍrat Nawāb Muḥammad ‘Ali Khān (May Allāh be pleased with him), thanking him for sending a fine piece of fabric as a gift. In return, he prayed that Allāh would grant him immeasurable and unseen grace and blessings and clothe him completely in the garment of righteousness, in the hue of the saints and the truthful.

Similarly, in a letter to Ḥaḍrat Dr Khalīfa Rashid-ud-Din (May Allāh be pleased with him), he wrote: “Your remittance of fifty rupees arrived at a time of difficulty. At such a delicate and needful hour, when a wicked person has filed a lawsuit against me in court, your continuous financial assistance is worthy of deep gratitude.”

Ḥaḍrat Mian Miran Baksh Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates:

“I accepted Aḥmadīyyat but kept it hidden from my family. When it became known, my father turned me out of the house. I worked as a tailor and developed a strong desire to make an outfit for the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). I stitched a kurta, shalwar and coat, borrowed the fare to Qādiān, and arrived there on a Friday, hoping that he would wear them for the Friday prayer. Ḥaḍrat Qāḍi Zia-ud-Din (May Allāh be pleased with him) took me to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), and Khawaja Kamāl-ud-Din Ṣāḥib presented the clothes on my behalf. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) immediately put them on. The coat was tight, so I had it altered, but even then the buttons would not fasten. Nevertheless, out of consideration for my feelings, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) pulled and stretched the coat until he was able to fasten them.”

In a letter addressed to the Jamā‘at, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) wrote: “First of all, gratitude to Allāh surges within my heart, for He has blessed my Jamā‘at with true devotion, love and sympathy. Had the grace of Allāh not been with them, they could never have been enabled to follow in the footsteps of the Ṣaḥāba to such a degree of obedience that, despite their financial difficulties and limited incomes, they make financial sacrifices beyond their means. I pray that Allāh bless their wealth and make the help and assistance they render for the fulfilment of religious objectives a source of goodness for them in both worlds. Āmīn!”

On another occasion, he said: “The true expression of gratitude to Allāh by those upon whom He has bestowed His grace is that they show kindness and benevolence towards His creation, do not become arrogant because of this God-given grace, and do not crush the poor like savages.” Thus, he taught that gratitude to Allāh must also find expression in kindness and service to His creation.

Allāh would often inform the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) beforehand about matters concerning people. At times, in accordance with Divine wisdom, their fulfilment would take some time. On such occasions, he would pray fervently, and when the matter was resolved, he would fall into

prostration before Allāh in profound gratitude. Relating one such incident, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said:

“Once, I prophesied that a Hindu named Bishambar Das would not be acquitted in a criminal case, but that half of his sentence would remain. When I was later told that he had been acquitted, I was deeply grieved, fearing that objections would be raised against the prophecy. During prayer, my anguish became so intense that every rak‘at seemed as long as a year. Then I received the revelation:

لَا تَخَفُ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْأَعْلَى

‘Fear not, for surely you are the uppermost.’

For nearly six months, Bishambar Das was said to have been acquitted. Then, one day, a Tehsildar from Batala saw him and said, ‘We are pleased that you secured release from prison, although you were not acquitted.’ Upon hearing this, I immediately fell into prostration of gratitude. It then emerged that the truth had been concealed because a criminal conviction could create difficulties in arranging marriages.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: “There is no nation among whom my signs have not appeared, nor any sect that has not witnessed them. If one were to say that there are a hundred million witnesses to these signs, it would be no exaggeration. One can only lament the condition of the opponents, for they derived no benefit from them. Had the signs shown to them been shown to the Jews at the time of Jesus, son of Mary, they would not have become deserving of humiliation and destitution. And had the people of Lot witnessed these signs, they would not have been crushed beneath the earth by a mighty earthquake. Alas for those hearts that proved harder than stone and whose inner darkness continued to deepen.”

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed: May Allāh grant us a true understanding of gratitude and, having enabled us to enter the pledge of allegiance to the true servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), may He also grant us true light, insight and spiritual understanding. Āmīn

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