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Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 09 October 2026 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: As an example of the Promised Messiah’s trust in Allāh, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashīr Aḥmad (May Allāh be pleased with him) quotes Ḥaḍrat Dr Mīr Muḥammad Ismail (May Allāh be pleased with him) as saying that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) never stuck to only one method of treatment. For the same illness, he would use both Western and Unani medicine. If someone suggested something beneficial, he would make use of it, and at times he would also act upon an indication received by someone in a dream. Alongside this, he would continue to pray, consult doctors and hakims, and refer to medical books where necessary. Thus, he would make full use of the available means, while his heart remained wholly reliant upon Allāh.

Explaining the difference between the anxiety experienced by Prophets and that experienced by ordinary people, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that a person may naturally feel anxious because of the demands of human nature, and the Prophets are no exception to this. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) himself experienced anxiety at the Battle of Badr. The essential difference, however, is that the anxiety of Prophets is never accompanied by despair. Whatever the circumstances, they remain certain that Allāh will never forsake them.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says, “My own condition is such that even if I were cast into a blazing fire, I would still remain convinced that I would never be destroyed. There would naturally be some anxiety, for fire burns a person, but at the same time I would remain hopeful that at any moment the command might come: ‘O fire! Become cool for Ibrahim, and become a source of peace for him.’”

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) would often say: “One person rejoices because he possesses wealth; another because he has many children; and another because he has a large following. But my joy lies in the fact that my Allāh is Almighty.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that Allāh alone is the true Provider. A person who places his trust in Him can never be deprived of sustenance, for Allāh provides for those who rely upon Him in every manner and from every direction. He says that Allāh declares that whoever places his trust and reliance upon Him, He will send down provision for him from the heavens and bring it forth from beneath his feet. Therefore, every person should place his trust in Allāh.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) would say that, in his view, those who wander restlessly in search of sustenance, while failing to make proper use of the lawful means which Allāh Himself has appointed for obtaining it, fall into a form of shirk. He said: “Righteousness is such a treasure that whoever possesses it has, as it were, received all the blessings of the world. Remember that a truly righteous person is never dependent upon anyone. Rather, he reaches such a station that whatever he desires, Allāh provides for him even before he asks.”

He further said: “In a vision, I saw Allāh place His arm around my neck and say: ‘If you become Mine, the whole world will become yours.’ This is a prescription tested and proven by all the Prophets, saints and righteous people. Foolish people turn away from it and wander about in search of herbs and remedies. If they were to devote the same effort to seeking the One Who created those herbs, they would attain all that their hearts desire.”

There was a prophecy that Pastor ‘Abdullah Ātham would meet his end within fifteen months. As the appointed period approached its conclusion, some members were praying with tears that Ātham should die. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) disapproved of their conduct and said: “Can anyone possess greater zeal for the word of Allāh than Allāh Himself?” He further said that once a person has accepted one sent by Allāh, he should hold firmly to him.

During the debate with ‘Abdullah Ātham, certain questions were raised which some members considered difficult, and they felt that it might be useful to discuss possible answers in advance. After locating some relevant references, they submitted to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that, if he wished, they could consult together regarding the following day’s debate. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) smiled and replied: “Your prayer is sufficient.”

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashir Aḥmad (May Allāh be pleased with him) writes: “Prophets seek consultation in many matters, and no one consults more than they do. Yet there are certain occasions when they prefer to set aside all other means and rely solely upon the help of Allāh.”

When the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was composing the Arabic section of Ā’īna-e-Kamālāt-e-Islām, he handed a large bundle of manuscript pages to Ḥaḍrat Ḥakīm Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen (May Allāh be pleased with him) so that they might be delivered to Ḥaḍrat Maulawi ‘Abdul Karīm Sialkoti (May Allāh be pleased with him) for translation into Persian. The passage was one whose eloquence and literary excellence greatly pleased the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), for he felt that Allāh had enabled him to express the subject exceptionally well. However, the bundle was somehow lost by Ḥaḍrat Ḥakīm Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen (May Allāh be pleased with him). When Ḥaḍrat Maulawi ‘Abdul Karīm Sialkoti later enquired about the pages, Ḥaḍrat Ḥakīm Maulawi Noor-ud-Deen turned pale. An extensive search followed, but the manuscript could not be found. When the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was informed, he too made considerable efforts to locate it. Afterwards, far from expressing displeasure, he began to apologise himself, saying that the loss of the manuscript had caused Maulawi Ṣāhib needless distress and that he felt deeply sorry for the trouble it had caused him. He then said: “It is my firm belief that Allāh, through His grace, will enable me to write something even better than the pages that have been lost.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: “A person who serves Islām in a state of simplicity and contentment becomes, as it were, a miraculous sign. Service performed with abundant worldly resources does not possess the same sweetness, because the full delight of trust in Allāh is no longer experienced in the same way. But when a person works with complete reliance upon Him, Allāh Himself provides assistance. Such experiences arise from spirituality.”

He further said: “In truth, trust in Allāh is itself a quality that leads a person to success and enables him to attain his desired end. Allāh says that whoever places his trust in Him, He becomes sufficient for him. But this requires that a person understand the true meaning of trust in Allāh, take his stand upon it with sincerity of heart, remain patient and steadfast, and refuse to retreat when difficulties arise.”

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says that when concern for faith becomes dominant in a person’s heart, Allāh Himself undertakes responsibility for his worldly affairs. It is deeply regrettable, however, that great calamities occur every day, yet people remain heedless and fail to turn towards Allāh. He said that even the disbelievers in the time of Moses were better in this respect, for whenever punishment descended upon them, they would at least turn their attention towards Allāh and say that if the punishment were removed, they would believe. But the disbelievers of the present age are even more hardened. New calamities continue to appear and chastisement descends in ever-changing forms, but they remain completely unmoved. From ancient times, Allāh had promised that in the latter days many different forms of punishment would appear. At that time, some would receive guidance, while many would perish. Allāh certainly manifests His signs, but it is only those who possess faith who truly benefit from them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh grant wisdom to those who are absorbed in worldly pursuits, so that they may turn towards Him and thereby set right both their worldly lives and their Hereafter. He also prayed that we, who have accepted the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), may continue to advance in faith and certainty, attain ever higher standards of trust in Allāh through prayer, and continue to grow in this quality.

Wassalām,

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