

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 14th January 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 200 of Sūrah Al-A‘rāf, which is translated as follows:

“Take to forgiveness, and enjoin kindness, and turn away from the ignorant.” (7:200)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: When Ḥaḍrat ‘Āyeshā testified that the Holy Prophet’s صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم whole life was the practical manifestation of the Holy Qur‘ān, it indicated that his life was an ocean full of precious pearls in the form of high moral qualities, and every moral quality, you put your finger on, will have its loftiest example in the person of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. God perfected the faith by revealing the Final law-bearing Book to the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his whole life and every aspect of it is a beacon for us.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ spoke specifically about the Holy Prophet’s صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم quality of forgiveness, which drew the pure of hearts towards him and exposed the true intent of the hypocrites. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that God’s chosen people have always been reviled and persecuted but they have always treated their persecutors according to the Divine command ‘turn away from the ignorant’. Our Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم was abused and persecuted but he only prayed for his enemies. In the end they could not harm him and either submitted to him or met their end before his eyes. Despite facing all kinds of atrocities he forgave his enemies when he had power over them. He showed great forbearance in dealing with the hypocrites and the ignorant.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ cited various episodes from the Holy Prophet’s صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم life to highlight this point. When the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم caught hold of an enemy, he would vanquish him with the weapon of love, so that he would become willing to sacrifice his very life for the Prophet’s sake. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Today it is the duty of his followers to uphold these values. Only if people would understand.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم never took revenge for his own self but only for the sake of God when Divine limits were transgressed. He was crushed and wounded and his teeth were broken but he only retaliated with kindness and prayed, “O Lord, guide my people for they know not what they do.” The Promised Messiah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم says that Ḥaḍrat Khātamul

Anbiyā ﷺ forgave all his enemies after he had gained complete victory over them and they were at his mercy, with the exception of the few whose punishment had been ordained by God. He said لا تثريب عليكم اليوم ‘There is no blame upon you this day’. It was this forgiveness, which had seemed impossible in the eyes of his enemies, that opened their hearts to Islām. May Allāh grant Muslims the ability to understand the example set for us by our lord and master, the Holy Prophet ﷺ. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 19 Jan. 2011