

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 20th April 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

In continuation of the previous Sermon, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted more examples of courage, patience and forbearance shown by the Companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام after pledging Bai‘at. They bore every hardship with fortitude and Allāh protected and helped them in extraordinary ways. All these accounts help to strengthen our own faiths.

The Companions whose accounts Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ related are Hadrat Mian Abdullah Khan Sahib, Hadrat Shaikh Abdur Rashid Sahib, Hadrat Maulana Abul Hasan Sahib, Hadrat Hafiz Ghulam Rasul Sahib of Wazirabad, Hadrat Babu Abdur Rahman Sahib, Hadrat Chaudhary Abdul Hakim Sahib, Hadrat Allāh Ditta Sahib, Hadrat Master Wadhawe Khan Sahib, Hadrat Maulawi Sufi Ata Muhammad Sahib and Hadrat Maulana Ghulam Rasul Sahib Rajeki.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Jama‘at that Allāh gave to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام is showing extraordinary examples of courage and steadfastness even today. And women are in no way behind the men in this respect. The seed sown in the hearts of the Companions by the holy influence of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام continues to sprout in the heart of every Ahmadi. May Allāh grant strength to the descendants of these Companions and also to those who have newly joined the Jama‘at or will do so in future.

Speaking about the sign of the plague which appeared in the time of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ explained that the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام also gave certain instructions for avoiding the epidemic. For instance, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ instructed members to immediately vacate a house where mice are found dead or an area where the disease appears and move to some airy dwelling outside the town. Physical precautions must not be ignored. Living in dark and congested houses is discouraged in all events whether there is plague or not. All filth has to be avoided, clothes, dwellings have to be kept clean and washed. In short, all measures should be taken to eradicate and avoid disease. And one should also remain engaged in prayer and offering *Istighfar*.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh made two pledges to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, first that He would safeguard everyone who lived in his dwelling, and secondly that all those whose faith is free from every impurity and transgression will be granted peace. Thus Allāh has promised that all members of the Jama‘at will be saved who fully act upon His commandments and strive to free themselves of their shortcomings and inner weaknesses and are not drawn towards evil.

Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: In order to be safe from every difficulty or pestilence we need to be ever vigilant about our faith and see how far we are striving to perfect it. All these accounts reveal the strength of the Companions' رضی اللہ عنہم faith in the truth of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. Such is the faith we should all strive to acquire. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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