

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 15th March 2013, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verses 107-112 of surah Al-Mu‘minun, which are translated as follows:

They will say, Our Lord, our wickedness overcame us, and we were an erring people. Our Lord, take us out of this, then if we return to disobedience, we shall indeed be wrongdoers. God will say, ‘Be lost therein and speak not to Me’ There was a party from among My servants who said, ‘Our Lord, we believe; forgive us therefore our sins, and have mercy on us; for Thou art the Best of those who show mercy.’ But you made them a laughingstock until they became the cause of your forgetting My remembrance while you continued laughing at them. I have rewarded them this day for their steadfastness so that they alone have triumphed.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that, for the acceptance of prayers it is essential that one bring about a transformation in one’s self. Establishing a relationship with God requires complete devotion. Prayers that are offered with full concentration produce extraordinary results. The acceptance of prayers is a gift of God and there is an appropriate time for their acceptance. When a person does not forget God in times of tranquillity and prosperity, God does not forget him in trial and adversity. So fortunate is one who busies himself in prayer, gives charity, strives to abide by His injunctions, shows compassion to His creatures and does good deeds prior to the appearance of Divine chastisement. God cares for the true worshipper. If we wish for the fulfilment of our righteous desires, we should strive to become God’s true worshippers.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Ahmadīs need to turn to prayer and show perseverance more than ever. Schemes continue to be hatched against Ahmadīs in many places, but our God is the best schemer; He turns their schemes upon themselves. He is the One Who saves us from their dangerous plots. We should never turn away from God.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, ‘During the interval between a supplication and its acceptance one is often subjected to trial after trial, some of which are back-breaking. A persevering and good-natured supplicant smells the perfume of the favours of his Lord in these trials and difficulties and his intelligence informs him that they will be followed by help. One aspect of these trials is that they foster eagerness for prayer. The greater the distress of the supplicant,

the more his soul will be melted. This is one of the factors in the acceptance of prayer. So one should not lose heart and think ill of God through impatience and restlessness. One should never think that one's prayer is not accepted or will not be accepted. Such a notion is a denial of the attribute of God that He accepts prayers.'

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that one can never benefit from prayer unless one exhibits the ultimate patience and continues to pray with resoluteness, never thinks ill of God, and considers Him the Master of all powers. One should have belief and continue to pray patiently. A time will come that God will listen to one's prayers.

Hudūr أيده الله تعالى said: May Allāh include us among those who receive His mercy and forgiveness. May He cover all our faults and weaknesses and may we continue to pray and supplicate to Him steadfastly and be counted among the successful. *Amīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr أيده الله تعالى to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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