بسم الله الرحمان الرحيم

The Amīr/National President Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

Dear Brother.

السلام عليكم ورحمة اللدوبر كابيذ

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitun Nur, Calgary, Canada.

After reciting verse 52-57 of surah Al-Nur, which are translated as follows:

"The response of the believers, when they are called to Allāh and His Messenger in order that he may judge between them, is only that they say: 'We hear and we obey.' And it is they who will prosper.

And whoso obeys Allāh and His Messenger, and fears Allāh, and takes Him as a shield *for protection*, it is they who will be successful.

And they swear by Allāh their strongest oaths that, if thou command them, they will surely go forth. Say, 'Swear not; what is required is actual obedience in what is right. Surely, Allāh is well aware of what you do.'

Say, 'Obey Allāh, and obey the Messenger.' And if they turn away, then *remember, whoever does so* will be held responsible for that reposed in him, as also you will be held responsible for that which is reposed in you.

Allāh has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.

And observe Prayer and give the Zakāt and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy." (24:52-57)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The 27th of May is celebrated in Jamā'at Ahmadiyya as Khilāfat Day. In his book *Al-Wasiyyat* the Promised Messiah did not only foretell about his own demise, but also elaborated on the Jamā'at's spiritual, financial and organisational system, and gave the good news that this system shall continue forever.

The Promised Messiah عيالاله says: "It is essential for you to witness the second Manifestation also, and its Coming is better for you because it is

everlasting, the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement. And that second Manifestation cannot come unless I depart. But when I depart, God will send that second Manifestation for you which shall always stay with you."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh we are witnessing the fulfilment of this promise for the last 105 years. The Jamā'at passed through all kinds of situations, but, by the grace of Allāh, it has continued to move rapidly on its path to success. God's support for Khilafat is unceasing. Khilāfat, according to the prophecies, is a lasting institution, for this is what God has destined.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The verses I have recited outline the following signs of those who benefit from the blessings of Khilāfat: They listen and they obey, and they settle their affairs in keeping with the commandments of God and His Prophet.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If the workers and office bearers do not make decisions with the fear of God and with justice, and do not fulfil their obligations, they will be bringing a bad name to Khilāfat itself. They will be guilty of sin in the eyes of God. In particular, the Qadis, the office bearers and the Amīrs who give verdicts and judgements, should hold fast to the norms of justice and thus help to strengthen Khilāfat. Otherwise, the very office bearers will be working to destroy the foundations of the Jamā'at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In all our Ijtimā's we make the pledge that we will abide by everything good that the Khalīfa commands us, but sometimes we do not obey the Khalīfa even in minor things. In fact at times we even deviate from the commandments of the Holy Qur'ān itself. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited laxity in purdah as an example. Likewise, offering of five time prayers is an obligation but some of our prominent workers are lax about its fulfilment. The Promised Messiah has said, "It is of no use to pledge Bai'at to me if it is not accompanied by good deeds."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God's promise of abiding Khilāfat is conditional. Only if we fulfil the above conditions will we be blessed with strength and fears will be turned to peace. If members of the Jamā'at walk the path of *Taqwa*, offer their prayers punctually and make greater financial contributions, they will continue to reap the blessings of Khilāfat.

The Promised Messiah عليالا says: "If your life and your death, your every action and movement, and your kindness, and your anger are for God only and if, in any trouble or difficulty you do not put God to the test nor sever your relationship with Him—rather, under these trials, you step forward towards God— then I truly say to you that you will become a chosen people of God. ... Let the Greatness of God take root in your

hearts; and acknowledge His Unity not just with your tongues but also with your actions, so that God, too, practically shows His Mercy and Kindness to you. Refrain from malice and treat human beings with true compassion. Adopt each and every path of righteousness for who knows from which of these paths you will be accepted?"

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that may Allāh enable us all to become truly devoted to Khilāfat Ahmadiyya. And may He enable us to progress in our obedience and our worship so that we may forever reap the blessings of Khilāfat.  $Am\bar{i}n$ .

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh. Wassalām,

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