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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 28th June 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allah be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon in Germany.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna Germany is starting from today. Jalsas are also simultaneously being held in other countries, such as USA and Kababir. Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) reminded the Jama‘at of the aims of the Jalsa as stated by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has done us a great favour by introducing the institution of Jalsa Sālāna, which provides us with spiritual nourishment, and serves as a reminder of our obligations.

Speaking of the aims of the Jalsa Sālāna, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "So that their hearts may incline towards God, be filled with His fear, and so that they may become an example for others in piety, *Taqwa*, kindness, compassion, mutual love and brotherhood, and so that they should be meek and humble and righteous, and become motivated to serve the objectives of their faith."

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said that in these few sentences, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has outlined the objectives of an Ahmadi's life. Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) elaborated on each of these points and gave valuable advice to the Jama‘at.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: Righteous deeds are divided into two categories, *faraiz* (obligatory), and *nawafil* (supererogatory). Our worship and our deeds should be accompanied by *nawafil*. If we repay kindness with kindness, without expecting anything in return, this constitutes true piety. God requires from us the essence and not the mere shell. If our prayers do not inspire us with compassion for others, then these prayers are of no use. Our feelings of love and kindness should not only be for our own people, but for others as well. Only our own righteous example will elevate us in *Taqwa* and attract other people towards the beautiful teachings of Islam. Humility brings a person closer to God, brings harmony into society, helps to overcome grievances, and fosters love.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has also laid great stress on piety and truth, while instructing those who come to attend the Jalsa to raise their standards of *Taqwa*, reform themselves, and acquire the traits of piety and truthfulness. Thus will they be able to fulfil the purpose for which they have gathered.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah's ﷺ mission comprises of two major objectives: to help people recognize and commune with God, and to fulfil our obligations to one another. Both these objectives require *Taqwa*, sacrifice, and a transformation in our character. We cannot draw the world towards God, unless we ourselves have first established communion with Him. Nor can we fulfil our obligations to our fellow beings, unless we adopt humility, meekness, truth, love, brotherhood, and the spirit of sacrifice.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) said: We need to analyse ourselves and develop these traits, so that we may fulfil the objectives of the Jalsa and also live up to the expectations of the Promised Messiah ﷺ. During the three days of Jalsa, every Ahmadī and every participant should strive to progress in *Taqwa* and reform himself. May Allāh enable us to do so, and help us to live up to the aims of the Jalsa. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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