

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 22nd November, 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام regarding the purpose of his advent. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "God has sent me in this age to revive the faith. I have been sent so that people grow in the certainty that God exists, who listens to prayers and recompenses good and evil, so that I may show the world the path to God. I wish to cultivate faith in God, for whoever has faith in God is saved from sin. I have been sent to nurture the moral faculties."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in order to perfect our faith and overcome our weaknesses, we need to strive hard, and to seek God through His help. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has set his practical example for us in this regard, and also exhorted us to follow the example of his master the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in terms of worship and high moral values. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام exhorts his followers to seek self-purification and undergo a pure transformation so as to virtually become a new being.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that today we see that the world has sunk into materialism and forgotten God. More than 80 per cent of people have no interest in religion. Wealth and other material attractions have estranged them from God. In these circumstances, it seems impossible to counter the forces of falsehood and materialism, to make the majority of humankind recognize God, and to establish the spiritual supremacy of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. But we believe in the words of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام that he was sent for this very purpose and that it will, *inshaallah*, be fulfilled. Hence, we should not become despondent due to people's denial, for the signs of God's succour keep reassuring us that if we seek God through Him, He will cause paths to open up before us.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Holy Qur'ān teaches us to seek God's help with *Sabr* - patience and perseverance; and *Salāt* - prayer and supplication; for God is with those who show *Sabr*. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that *Sabr* means to avoid evil with consistent effort. Ahmadīs should strive to avoid all evil and keep control over their selves. *Sabr* also means to be steadfast in the performance of good deeds, and to present one's woes before God without lament or complaint. But along with *Sabr*, a believer also needs to worship God as He deserves to be worshipped and seek His help. The fruits of *Sabr* will only manifest themselves when prayers are also

observed. *Salāt* also means to seek God's mercy and forgiveness, to supplicate, to be compassionate towards God's creation and fulfil one's obligations to them, and to offer *durood* to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Thus when we observe *Sabr* and *Salāt*, God's help will be with us, and all our endeavours will be made easier for us. A believer's duty is to take his worship and his efforts to the utmost limit and then leave the result to God.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that true repentance comes about when one expels from one's heart all the evil thoughts that lead him towards evil conduct, and to be penitent and sorry for one's sins, and to make a firm resolve never to repeat them. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if we strive to transform ourselves through *Sabr* and *Salāt*, we will witness extraordinary signs of God's favour.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if we are to live up to our pledge of *Bai'at* and complete the mission of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, then we have to enliven our mosques permanently with our worship. If we make a sincere effort to fulfil the purpose of the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام advent, we will witness how God comes to the help of the steadfast, and how the world will come to realize the status of the Holy Prophet عليه السلام and gather under his banner. May Allāh enable us to fulfil our obligations and be a witness to all this.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Bashirud-Din Osama Sahib of USA. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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