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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

The Importance of the Companions’ Accounts of the Promised Messiah’s عليه السلام life, and Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ud’s رضی اللہ عنہ instructions in this regard.

The accounts of the Companions are a source of guidance for future generations and helpful in solving many questions.

Observance of Prayers is important for reformation. Ahmadīs all over the world should attend mosques regularly.

On 18th September 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Allāh has sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in this age to rejuvenate Islam. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has revealed to us the essence of Islām and its true teaching in its most pristine form, and has taught us to shun false innovations and false norms. The example of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام serves as a beacon for us in this regard.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we are fortunate that our elders and Companions of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام conveyed to us accounts of the life of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. On one occasion Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ quoted some of these accounts and illustrated how points that seemed apparently insignificant contained in them many guiding principles and fundamental teachings of Islām. Since many Companions of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام were still present at that time, Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ urged them and their relatives to record these accounts for they would serve as guidance for future generations and solve questions that might arise.

Hadrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضی اللہ عنہ says that the Jama‘at should be repeatedly reminded to collect the accounts from the life of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام as related by his Companions. If someone has even a smallest recollection of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and he does not share it with others, he is being unjust to the community. There is no doubt that some of these accounts seem trivial and insignificant, but they can be of great consequence on account of the conclusions that can be drawn from them. The world has and will continue to benefit from the recorded account of the Holy Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم life. Likewise the world will benefit from the Promised Messiah’s عليه السلام accounts, and so it is our duty to collect them.

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud رضي الله عنه says that today we might not realize the significance of these matters, but when Ahmadiyya *tasawwuf*, Ahmadiyya Jurisprudence, and Ahmadiyya Philosophy come into being, these seemingly minor accounts will become important references. Great philosophers, when they read these accounts, will leap with joy and pray that God may reward those who reported these matters and thus solved complex questions.

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud رضي الله عنه says that even if you know of something, no matter how minor, with regard to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, you should relate it because important inferences will be drawn from it later on. Anyone who has been blessed with an occasion to behold the Promised Messiah عليه السلام or listen to his discourse, regardless of whether it something small or great, should write it down and bring into record. For instance, if someone remembers how the Promised Messiah عليه السلام used to dress they should write it down and send it to be recorded.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that after this the Companions started to write and record their accounts of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام which have been collected in the form of a register. Some of these I have related in my sermons. The process of their collection is on-going and they will at some point be published in the form of a book. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also related some instructive and faith-inspiring episodes related by Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud رضي الله عنه.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that every account of the Promised Messiah contains intellectual aspects that are essential for our practical training, and they also shed light on verses of the Holy Qur'ān and Hadīth. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that right from the beginning the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had a great zeal and a passion for the progress of Islām. He desired that people should reform themselves, and the most important aspect of this reform is to worship Allāh and to attend the daily Prayers. We should bear in mind the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام desire that prayers should be offered in congregation and that our mosques should be full of worshippers. Today by the grace of Allāh mosques are being built everywhere, but sometimes I receive reports that they are not full of worshippers as they should be. Ahmadīs in Pakistan, India and other countries should also strive in this regard.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also answered the objection that is sometimes raised with regard to the indoor games or other functions that are arranged in the halls adjoining the mosques. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that there is no harm in holding such events. If there are young missionaries who bring together young Ahmadīs for games, it definitely has the benefit of drawing those youngsters to the mosque. This is an unjustified objection and it is evident from the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام own example that there is no harm in it.

At the end of the Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Al-Haj Yaqub of Ghana and Fazal Ilahi Bashir Sahib. Huzoor

(May Allāh be his Helper) led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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