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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,  
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Exhortation to observe patience on the loss at Baitul Futūh, and a pledge to rebuild it even more beautiful than before.**

**Those who show patience in the face of trials and tribulations are deserving of Divine reward.**

**Pray and offer Istighfar. The management should take note of its shortcomings. Because of this incident the Jamā‘at’s introduction has reached a wide population.**

On 2nd October 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verses 156 and 157 of surah *al-Baqarah*, which are translated as follows:

**“And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient, who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, ‘Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ ” (2:156-157)**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these verses speak of the qualities of the believers that they manifest in the face of any kind of trial or tribulation or loss. Whenever believers suffer a loss, whether it is personal or communal, they come out of it successful and winning God’s pleasure.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and said: Always remember that when trials and tribulations befall God’s chosen ones and their followers, they are only meant as a trial after which God promised to reward them. But when such tribulations come upon the enemies of God’s chosen ones, they come as their doom and destroy them. Those who persevere in the face of hardships are entitled to immeasurable Divine rewards. While we should to a degree express grief at such tribulations, at the same time it is important to strive with a greater zeal to progress even further. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that only those who show patience know the true meaning of prayer. A believer ought to be resigned to God’s will no matter what the circumstances and should never complain. This is the true meaning of *sabr*, or patience.

Speaking of *taubah*, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that seeking forgiveness for our shortcomings is essential for our success and for emerging triumphant out of trials and

tribulations. Along with good deeds, a believers should also be mindful of *taubah*, which means that upon every hardship and difficulty we should turn to God, confess our shortcomings and strive to continue our good deeds. Believers are never permanently beset by tribulations; the tribulations come and go.

Therefore, seek Allāh's blessings through patience, prayer and good deeds, and when you face trials and hardship, say *انا لله وانا اليه راجعون* ('Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return'). This means that since we belong to Allāh, He will never destroy us, and that if some tribulation has come upon us it may be that Allāh wishes to reward us more than before. And then we submit before God and pray that we may not be a hurdle to the greater rewards that He has promised in the future. We say that we submit before You and seek those rewards, and we are ever in need of Your grace.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that our opponents cannot harm us if we have an abiding relationship with God. Recently there was a fire in two halls of Baitul Futūh which caused a lot of damage. Our opponents rejoiced over this while many others expressed sympathy. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the way this news was covered by the media served as a mean of introducing the Jamā'at on a wide scale. Although we felt sorrow over this incident, and we showed patience and recited *انا لله وانا اليه راجعون* God caused people to stand by the Jamā'at in this time of trial and thus showed the world that He is with us.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that whatever the cause of the fire, this incident points to some failure on the part of the workers or the management at Baitul Futūh. They need to seek Allāh's forgiveness. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that though we feel sorrow for our loss, we do not let it overwhelm us. Today Allāh has blessed the Jama'at with abundant provisions and, *Insha'allah*, this loss will be rectified in a befitting manner. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that regardless of the cause, it is now upon us to bring the building back to its beautiful form. For the time being I do not need to appeal to the Jamā'at for financial support in this regard, but many people have started sending in donations on their own. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke in particular about financial sacrifices being made by children.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the damage to the two halls and the areas that remained safe from the fire. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that, by the grace of Allāh, there were no casualties and that one person was miraculously saved from the fire. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) exhorted the Jamā'at to pray and pointed out some prayers to offer in particular. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said we need to offer a great deal of *Istighfar*. May Allāh enable us to fulfill our responsibilities adequately.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Chaudhary Mahmood Ahmad Mubashir, a *derwaish* of Qādiān; and of Khalid Saleem Abbas Sahib of Syria and another Ahmadī brother from Syria. 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,

(Hameedullah)

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