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The Amīr/National President

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**The significance of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, the purpose of the Promised Messiah’s ﷺ advent, and a reminder to fulfil our obligations.**

**The purpose of the Promised Messiah’s ﷺ coming was to establish true Tauḥīd and to set lofty examples with regard to fulfilling our obligations towards God and His creatures.**

**The Promised Messiah ﷺ led us to the Living God who even today listens and responds to His servants as He did before.**

On 25th March 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March is a day of great significance in Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya. On this day Allāh permitted the Promised Messiah ﷺ to announce that he was the Promised Messiah ﷺ and the Promised Mahdī ﷺ. We should remember, however, that while we are privileged to have accepted the Promised Messiah ﷺ, this also places certain obligations upon us. We need to recognize and strive to fulfill these responsibilities. Our prime responsibility is to carry on the mission for which the Promised Messiah ﷺ was commissioned. We should ask ourselves about the mission of the Promised Messiah ﷺ and how far we have understood it, applied it to ourselves, and are playing our role in its propagation. The Promised Messiah ﷺ says, “[I have been sent to] remove the malaise that afflicts the relationship between God and His creatures and restore the relationship of love and sincerity between them.... [and to] bring about peace and manifest the Divine verities that have become hidden from the eyes of the world. I am called upon to demonstrate spirituality which lies buried under egoistic darkness.... Above all, it is my task to re-establish in people’s hearts the eternal plant of the pure and shining Unity of God which is free from every impurity of polytheism.”

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when the Promised Messiah ﷺ has outlined these as the objectives of his coming, it clearly means that his followers too should demonstrate these qualities in themselves and thus reveal Islām’s beauty and its status as a living religion. Thus our foremost responsibility is to strengthen our relationship with God, foster our ties of love and sincerity with the Holy Prophet ﷺ. To this end, our own deeds should be such as are worthy of being followed. We will have to set high examples in terms of spirituality and do away with our carnal desires and show the world that God listens and responds to His servants today just as He did in the past. We have to tell the world that God is One, He has no peer, and that our survival depends on being attached to Him.

The Promised Messiah ﷺ says, “I have been sent to convey to God’s creatures the message that among all the religions in the world today the only one that is true and in keeping with God’s will is the one brought by the Holy Qur’ān.” The Promised Messiah ﷺ also says, “If this had been a worldly business, it would have been obliterated; but if it is a Divine undertaking — and it is indeed from Him — then it

will grow and prosper despite opposition from the whole world and angels will protect it.” Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that 127 years later we can see that God’s help is with the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and this dispensation is progressing by the grace of God. It is our duty to bring about a holy transformation in ourselves and become helpers in fulfilling the objectives of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, “God has ordained me so that I may reveal to the world the treasures that are buried, and to remove the filth of unholy objections that has been leveled at these shining pearls.” He also says, “The enemies of Islām wish to attack us with the pen, so it will be extremely unjustified that instead of rebutting them we should raise the sword against them.... God does not want mere words and frivolous claims, rather He desires true piety.”

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) strongly condemned the recent terrorist attacks in Belgium.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has spoken about the four signs of his truth. The first is the sign of the knowledge of Arabic, the second is the sign of the acceptance of prayers, the third is the sign of prophecies, and the fourth is the sign of the knowledge of the subtleties and verities of the Holy Qur’ān. He said that these are the four signs he was given especially as evidence of his truthfulness.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) made an important clarification about the congratulatory phone messages with regard to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and said that it is the task of the Khalīfa to forbid or to enjoin something and everyone must remain behind the shield of the Khalīfa. If you try to get ahead of the Khalīfa you will stumble.

At the end of the sermon Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the sad demise of three members and led their funeral prayers after the Friday prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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