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The Amīr/National President

Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

The Promised Messiah's عليه السلام practice with regard to some points of jurisprudence as related by Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ.

Enlighten your thoughts and your hearts and fill your hearts with *Taqwa*.

Celebrate in a way that benefits humanity and your leisure should be such as fosters knowledge and love.

On 22nd April 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) cited some narrations of Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ and some of his statements regarding the practice of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ says that two kinds of purity are essential for man. The first is the purity of thought and reflection, and the other is that of emotions, which means subtle and pious emotions. Once your heart is purified, your emotions will follow suit. Purity of thought is essential for the purity of the mind. Enlightenment means that a person should have such a light in him that he only experiences true thoughts. This comes about through ceaseless effort and by the blessing of God.

Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said that whenever the Promised Messiah عليه السلام was asked some questions related to jurisprudence he would refer it to Ḥazrat Maulwī Nuruddin Ṣāḥib, Maulwī Abdul Karīm Ṣāḥib or some other scholar. But when he felt that the matter was such as was necessary for him to address as the appointed one of God then he would explain it himself.

Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau'ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said that for spiritual growth one requires an enlightened mind and *Taqwa* and purity. Thought, reflection and meditation are dependent on the enlightenment of the mind, whereas the piety of emotions is called *Taqwa*. When man finds enlightenment he becomes safe from sin, and when he is saved from sin he comes under God's blessings.

Addressing the question of *Qaṣr* (or shortening of prayers while traveling), the Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: My view in this regard is that man should not overburden himself. When a person picks up his bundle and sets off with the intention of going on a journey then it is considered a journey even if it is only two or three miles. When a journey is undertaken with that intention, then it is a journey. One should bear in mind the Ḥadīth انما الاعمال بالنيات and be very clear about one's intentions. One should abide by *Taqwa* in these matters.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that when officers and government workers go on official tours, it cannot be considered a journey, it is just like a person walking about in his garden. Addressing the question as to whether prayers should be shortened when one travels to the Markaz, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that it is permissible to do *Qaṣr* if someone comes to Qādiān only for three days. But if he is praying behind a local Imām then he will have to offer full prayer behind him.

A question was raised that in case of the Jumu‘a and ‘Aṣr prayers being combined, does one still have to offer the two *Rak‘as* of Sunnah before the Jumu‘a prayer? Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه said that there were varying views on this. When two prayers are joined, then all the sunnah prayers before, after and between are excused. Once, however, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام joined the Jumu‘a and ‘Aṣr prayers but also offered the sunnah before the Jumu‘a prayer, as was his custom. He said that when traveling it is permissible both to offer or to forego Jumu‘a prayer. Foregoing Jumu‘a prayer means offering Zohr in its stead.

Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه says that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has also guided us on celebrating happy occasions. It is permissible to put up lighting for special occasions. For example, lighting was put up to celebrate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه said that such occasions are very pleasing for children. He said he remembered that on this occasion candles were placed on the roof of Masjid Mubarak, on the Promised Messiah’s عليه السلام house, and on the school building. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام, being the Ḥakam and ‘Adl, never did anything that was contrary to the spirit of the Holy Qur’ān. There is no harm in putting up lighting for political and national purposes. Occasions should be celebrated in a way that profits humankind. The sacrificing of animals on Eid helps provide meat to the poor and the Fitrāna is also used to help them. If children have a little enjoyment there is no harm in it. But it should be made clear to the children from the beginning that we will only act within the sphere of religious and national laws.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited a couple of incidents from Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd’s رضى الله عنه childhood. During their stay in Lahore while returning from Multan they went to see wax sculptures of different kings. Since this was a source of knowledge, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام took Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضى الله عنه with him. In another incident, while returning from Lahore he saw a crowd of opponents who were hurling abuses upon the Promised Messiah عليه السلام.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is a divine decree the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام will grow, and it is growing. May Allāh enable us to undergo the kind of transformation that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام required of us. Let us enlighten our thoughts and hearts and fill our hearts with *Taqwa*.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of Amatul Hafīz Rehman Ṣāḥiba, wife of late Dr. Ataur Rehman Ṣāḥib, former Amīr of District Sahīwāl, Pakistan, and led her funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

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 Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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