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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

***Taqwa* means to avoid the smallest of evil and to shun everything that one even suspects might be evil.**

**The obligation to fast is aimed at fostering *Taqwa* and protection from evil deeds.**

**Anyone who is not one in his word and deed is deserving of Divine wrath. If our Jamā‘at consists of such people — God forbid — then their end cannot be an auspicious one.**

On 10th June 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 184 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

**“O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous.” (2:184)**

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: That fasting has been made obligatory for the believers so that they may adopt piety and be saved from evil deeds. The month of Ramaḍān comes in our lives once every year in order to raise our standards of *Taqwa*, establishing us on good deeds, bringing us closer to Allāh, and ask forgiveness for our past sins. Thus, according to the saying of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, whosoever fasts during the month of Ramaḍān while calling himself upto account lives up to the objectives of Ramaḍān and to the purpose of his life. Allāh says: Adopt piety so that you may succeed. It is only through *Taqwa* that we will attain this success.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some sayings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام with regard to attaining piety and said that these are the guiding principles that foster our faith, establish us upon *Taqwa*, and give us an objective for this month of training that we are passing through.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: *Taqwa* (or righteousness) is not a trivial thing. It is through this that we fight against every Satan that takes over our inner power and potential. *Taqwa* is a very subtle subject. Anyone who has an iota of ostentation, his deeds will be rejected and thrown back at his face. Do not go after revelations and dreams you receive, rather seek *Taqwa*. If one is righteous one’s revelations are true, otherwise even revelations are not to be trusted, for Satan might have a part in them. Follow the example of Prophets whose aim was to teach the ways of righteousness. The Holy Prophet ﷺ is for us the most excellent example. If you wish to please God, and to see miracles and extraordinary phenomena, then make your lives extraordinary.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام also says: Seek *Taqwa*, for *Taqwa* is the root of everything. *Taqwa* means to shun even the smallest evil and to avoid even that which has a suspicion of being evil. If you find that someone’s tongue or hands or feet or some other organs are pure, then his heart must also be pure. If someone has a foul tongue and does not shun foul talk and quarrelling despite fasting, and his hands are

guilty of wrongful deeds, then you may well conclude that his heart is not pure and is far from *Taqwa*.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: For those who are fearful of God, it is necessary that they spend their lives in humility and meekness, for this is a branch of *Taqwa*. You should avoid unnecessary anger and fury. He says: I do not want members of my Jamā'at to consider one another great or small or to be arrogant and look down upon others. Only God knows who is superior and who is inferior. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: Those who fear God are the ones who walk humbly and meekly and do not speak arrogantly. Hence he who adopts *Taqwa* will be exalted to a higher station.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: True insight and wisdom cannot be attained without turning towards God. If you wish to be successful then use your reason and reflect and read the translation and commentaries on the Holy Qur'ān. Reading the Holy Qur'ān with deliberation and reflection increases one in *Taqwa*. Use this month of Ramaḍān to purify yourself and to purify all your organs and faculties. If you wish to serve the faith then first of all adopt *Taqwa*. God is always with the righteous. *Taqwa* has a powerful influence on others. After citing the famous incident of Syed Abdul Qādir Jilani's truthfulness, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these things should make us ponder as to what evil habits we have gotten rid of. *Taqwa* demands that we shun the evil of falsehood. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that he who is not one in his word and deed is worthy of Divine wrath. If our Jamā'at consists of such people — God forbid — that they say one thing with their tongue but there is something else in their hearts, then such people will not have an auspicious end. May Allāh enable us to attain righteousness in the purified atmosphere of Ramaḍān.

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Ṭahira Hamīda Ṣāhibā of UK and the tragic martyrdom of Hamid Aḥmad Ṣāhib belonging to District Attock of Pakistan and led their funeral prayer 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,

Dated: 16 June 2016