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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

As a result of the spiritual influence of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the Companions exhibited such a high level of sincerity and loyalty that they were willing to be slaughtered like lambs and sheep in the cause of Allāh. Thus the companions themselves acquired this spiritual trait.

The Companions had such true love for God that it was impossible for them to be unmindful of Him even for a moment.

For those who are close to Him, God fills the hearts of the people with their honour and acceptance in the world.

On 12th January 2018, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīḥ V* ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that the spiritual effect of the Holy Prophet ﷺ was such as was never given to any other Prophet in the world. This tremendous spiritual attraction of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the source of all Islāmic progress. There was such magnetism in his words that whoever listened to him fell in love with him. He cleansed and purified all those who were drawn to him. When we look at the Companions, we do not find even one among them who was a liar. The Arabs were steeped in filth from head to foot, but the Holy Prophet ﷺ brought about such a revolution in them that the like of it is not to be found in other nations. This miracle alone is enough to open people’s eyes. It is quiet hard to reform and correct one person, but the Holy Prophet ﷺ reformed a whole nation who as a result showed such examples of sincerity and devotion that they were willing to be cut down like lambs and sheep. He turned them into heavenly beings who acquired holy traits. This is why he was given the name Muḥammad (the one who is highly praised). This is the face of Islām that we present to the world.

Huzoor ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Prophet ﷺ filled the earth with peace, fraternity and lofty morals. Even non-Muslims could not help but admit that the Holy Prophet ﷺ turned extremely ignorant, barbaric and sinful people into human beings, and then into godly beings. Even today anyone who studies with fairness the extraordinary transformation of the Companions as a result of the spiritual influence of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, will admit that he was truly a Prophet of God. With regard to the examples set by the Companions, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام said that each and every one of them was worthy of being emulated.

The Companions exhibited the true meanings of sincerity and devotion. They were indeed a precious group of people who were worthy of being followed. Their hearts were filled with certainty and the Holy Qur’ān says regarding them:

رَجَالٌ لَا تُلِهِمْ بِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

“Men whom neither trade nor commerce makes oblivious of the remembrance of Allāh.” (24:38)

They are the perfect men of God who never forget to remember God. They have a true relationship of love with God and never forget Him in any circumstance. Thus the Companions had developed such a true love and attachment to God that there was no question of them being unmindful of Him or hesitating from making any sacrifice for His sake.

On the funeral of Ḥaḍrat Khabbab رضي الله عنه, Ḥaḍrat Ali رضي الله عنه said these historic words: “May Allāh have mercy on Khabbab. He accepted Islām with great love and zeal. He had the honour to migrate and he lived the life of a Mujahid. He passed through severe tribulations but exhibited the utmost perseverance.” Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar رضي الله عنه invited Ḥaḍrat Khabbab رضي الله عنه to sit on his own seat and said that he was the only one worthy of that seat, except Bilal who also bore great hardship in the beginning of Islām. Ḥaḍrat Khabbab رضي الله عنه said that Bilal was indeed worthy.

Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said: It is said regarding Mu‘adh bin Jabal رضي الله عنه that he used to offer Tahajjud and spent long hours of the night in worship. He would pray: “O my God, everyone is sleeping at this moment, You are the Living and Sustaining One, I seek your paradise. I am weak and feeble in running from the fire, O Allāh, grant me guidance from Thyself, the guidance that will accompany me even on the day of judgment.” One Companion said that Allāh’s relationship with Mu‘adh was strange; Allāh would grant him whatever he prayed for. Because of their love for Allāh, the Companions also loved the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. As I have said, this was because of the spiritual influence of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم that had transformed them.

Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said: During the battle of Uhud we learn about the great love of Ḥaḍrat Talha رضي الله عنه who placed his hand in front of the Holy Prophet’s صلى الله عليه وسلم face to protect him from arrows, and we also learn about the great role played by Ḥaḍrat Sham‘as رضي الله عنه who stood in front of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and took every blow on his own body. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Sham‘as was like a shield. He fought in front of me and behind me like a shield till his last breath. When the enemy attacked the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, Sham‘as fought defending him and incurred serious injuries. He was brought to Madina but died of these wounds. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that, like the rest of the martyrs, he should be buried in the same clothes he was wearing.

Another Companion Sa‘eed Bin Zaid رضي الله عنه owned a piece of land which was the source of his livelihood. Adjacent to that was the land owned by a woman who laid claim to Sa‘eed Bin Zaid’s رضي الله عنه land as well, whereupon he said that he would not indulge in any dispute and gave up his land. He said that he had heard that when someone unjustly acquires even a handful of property, he will have to bear the weight of seven earths on the day of judgement. Therefore, he could not accept such a blame on himself. He prayed to be exonerated of the charge. And he prayed if the woman had wronged then God should apprehend her and bring her to a bad end. It is reported that the woman became blind and died, which served as a warning for others. Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said: This was the character of the Companions to speak the truth and not fear anyone.

When the Muslims were given permission to migrate, Ḥaḍrat Sohaib رضي الله عنه also decided to migrate. He had come to Mecca as a slave, but then accumulated a lot of wealth through trade. The Meccans said that he had come to Mecca as a poor man, therefore he could not take with him what he had earned here. He therefore gave up half his wealth. When he was going towards Medina, the Meccans followed him, and He said to them; let me go peacefully, you know I am an expert archer and I could fight till my last arrow and then with my sword. However, he removed all the arrows from his quiver and laid them on the ground and offered them the other half of his wealth in exchange for the arrows. Thus, he wisely gave up his wealth for his own safety. When he reached Medina and told how he had given up his wealth to save his life and his faith, the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: This was a good bargain indeed.

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that the best among you is the one who feeds others and greets people with Assalamu Alaikum. Ḥaḍrat Sohaib رضي الله عنه says that he held fast to this teaching and only spent what was necessary. Ḥaḍrat ‘Umar رضي الله عنه had made a will stating that Ḥaḍrat Sohaib رضي الله عنه should lead his funeral prayer. He also led the prayers until the new Khalīfa was elected.

Ḥaḍrat Usama رضي الله عنه was the son of Ḥaḍrat Zaid رضي الله عنه. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم would place both him and Ḥaḍrat Hasan رضي الله عنه on each of his thighs, and pray: O Allāh, love these two, for I love them. But where upbringing was concerned, God’s commandments were supreme. Ḥaḍrat Usama رضي الله عنه was young during the life of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Once when during a battle he overcame an opponent and told him to recite the Kalima. He recited the Kalima, but Ḥaḍrat Usama رضي الله عنه still killed him. When he related this to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, he asked why he had killed him after he had recited the Kalima? He said it was because he had only recited the Kalima to escape being killed. At this the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: “Did you carve open his heart to see what was in it?” He repeated this so many times that Ḥaḍrat Usama رضي الله عنه says he wished he had not accepted Islām before that day. He then made a pledge not to kill anyone who recited the Kalima. Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said: Today Muslims need to understand this. Muslims are killing Muslims; hundreds of thousands have been killed in the war in Syria. May Allāh grant Muslims the understanding that instead of merely raising slogans of love for the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, they should follow his teachings as well.

Huzoor أيده الله تعالى said: The truth is that people are only serving their egos in the name of Islām and are trying to prove their own superiority. While they utter the name of God, in their hearts they only think of themselves. In this age Allāh sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to bring about true righteousness. The Muslims cannot reform themselves unless they accept the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. We should be grateful that Allāh has enabled us to accept the one who came as the true servant of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. He told us about the true status of the Companions of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and taught us to follow in their footsteps. If we keep their example before us and try to understand the teachings of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم then we can become true Muslims.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: When someone gains Allāh’s nearness, Allāh grants him acceptance in the world and his honour and acceptance is put into people’s hearts. Those who are lost in God are granted everything. God does not withhold what is due to someone, but few are those who understand this. May

Allāh enable us to follow the teachings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and become his true followers. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of Amatul Majeed Şāhibā of UK, the great granddaughter of Ḥaḍrat Abdullah Sanauri Şāhib رضى الله عنه. Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led her funeral prayer after the Friday prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

Dated: 17 January 2018