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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 22nd March 2019 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Our Imām, *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper), said:

23rd March is commemorated in the Jamā‘at as “*Yaum Masīh Mau’ud*” or “*The Promised Messiah Day*”. Today I will present some sayings of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) in which he elaborates upon the need of the coming of the Promised Messiah, the conditions that were prevalent in that age, what his own claims were, and the signs that accompanied his advent. In one of his couplet he says:

*“It is time for the Messiah, and for no one else;
Had I not come, someone else would have!”*

This means that the conditions prevailing in that age demanded that someone should come and take hold of the helm of the floundering ship of Islām. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: The Khalīfa of the Mosaic dispensation who appeared fourteen centuries after Moses was Jesus of Nazareth; therefore, it was necessary that the Messiah of the Islāmic dispensation should also appear at the head of the fourteenth century. Sages who received divine visions also said that this is the century for the appearance of the Promised Messiah. For example, Ḥaḍrat *Waliullah Shah Ṣāhib* says that the signs of the coming of the Promised Messiah have been fulfilled. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: God has done a great favour in this age by sending a man who now speaks to you and invites you towards the light.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Always remember that Islām can only be spread through the one who has been sent by God, and this is the Divine decree. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The eclipses of the sun and the moon announced the time of the coming. These were signs from God, free from all human machinations. Anyone who reflects on them, no matter how great a logician he may be, he will have to conclude that if the signs have been fulfilled then there must be someone to whom they apply.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: Another sign of the advent of the Promised Messiah was that a comet (ذو السنين) would appear, the same comet (ذو السنين) that appeared at the time of the Messiah of Nazareth. And so the comet has appeared that had once informed the Israelites of the coming of the Messiah. Also, when we read the Holy Qur’ān we find prophecies such as;

وَإِذَا الْعِشَاءُ عَظُمْتُ وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ

“And when the she-camels, ten-month pregnant, are abandoned. And when the beasts are gathered together.” (81:5,6)

That at the time of the appearance of the Promised Messiah wild animals would be gathered together, which refers to the establishing of zoos. Then there was the prophecy of the spread of education, the wiping out of some indigenous people, the joining together of oceans. There was also the prophecy that women whose rights had previously been usurped would start questioning what their crime was for which they were punished. It was foretold that books would be published and spread, and today the press and media are proof that this indeed is the time of the Promised Messiah. The Holy Qur’ān contains prophecies to this effect. With regard to the prophecy that camels would be rendered useless, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says that new means of transport would be invented that would make travel by camel outmoded. It is also written that irrigation canals would be dug and books would be published on a large scale. All these signs pertain to this age.

As to where the Promised Messiah was to appear, the advent of the Antichrist is said to take place in the East, which refers to India. The author of *Hijaj-ul-Kiramah* writes that the mischief of the *Dajjal* (Anti-Christ) is arising from India, thus the Promised Messiah should also appear where the *Dajjal* appears. The name of the place of his appearance is mentioned as “*Kad’a*” (كدء) which is an abbreviation of Qādiān, and this is what the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) pointed to.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says that many kinds of calamities were also predicted, of which the heavenly calamities took the form of the plague and dysentery. The plague was such a great affliction that it rattled the government. It wreaked havoc for five to six years. An appointee of God has to show signs for his truthfulness, and the sign of *Lekh Ram* was not a minor one. Also with regard to the Conference of Great Religions, Allāh had informed me many days in advance that my lecture would excel; and those who witnessed that grand conference bear witness that it was no small matter to make such a claim beforehand. But it came to transpire as was foretold.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: Just as Jesus Christ did not bring any new law and only came to fulfil the teachings of the Old Testament, so did the Messiah of the *Muḥammadan* Dispensation bring no new law, but rather came to revive the teachings of Islām and to spread them and complete the propagation of its guidance. This is the time for the propagation of Qur’ānic guidance, this is why all kinds of means are at hand, such as the profusion of printing presses and the innovations around it every day. Postal systems, telegrams, airplanes, and newspapers have made the whole world like one city. All this development is, in fact, enabling us to promote and spread the Islamic teachings brought by the Holy Prophet (May Allah's Blessings be upon him) all over the world.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: Now, taking all these developments into consideration, can any wise person dismiss my claim lightly, or does it require full thought and deliberation? Did my claim not come at the head of the century? Even if I had not come, any sensible and God-fearing person would still be looking for someone to have appeared at the head of the century. Now that 20 years have passed, people should be only more worried about this. The current chaos is itself crying out for a reformer. Pray to God in your Ṣalāt so that He may reveal the

truth to you. I am certain that if a person gets himself rid of all his prejudices and obduracy and turns to God to reveal to him the truth, forty days will not have passed before the truth is revealed to him.

Ḥaḍrat Muṣṭah Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: When opposition to the Jamā'at grows, so does the Jamā'at grow. When the opposition grows, there is also an increase in God's miraculous help and support. This is why whenever someone told the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) that there was a lot of opposition in their area, the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) would say that this is a sign of their progress.

People of all religions opposed the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) but he did not care for any of them and persevered in announcing his claims. The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) used to say that people of the world torment and persecute the Prophets, so much so that it makes life impossible for them, and then it occurs to a portion of the society that people should not torment them in this way. But the fact is that the Prophets themselves cannot leave the world alone; and even if people do not torment them, they will still nudge them and try to awaken them so that people give them their attention and listen to them, no matter how much sacrifice they have to make for it.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Muslims and non-Muslims all tried to destroy Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), but the result is that his followers are now spread in 212 countries. If this is not a sign of his truth, then what else could be?

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: Remember that God's promises are true. He sent a Warner into the world in keeping with His promises, but the world did not accept him. But God will most certainly accept him and will reveal his truth through mighty signs. I tell you the truth that I have come as the Promised Messiah in keeping with God's promise; accept me if you want or reject me, but your rejection is of no avail, for what God has willed shall come to pass.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) first condemned and expressed sorrow with regard to the sad incident of terrorism that happened in New Zealand during last week.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then informed the Jamā'at about the demise of *Maulana Khurshid Ahmad Anwar Ṣāhib*, Wakīlul Māl of Taḥrīk Jadīd in Qādiān; demise of *Ṭāhir Hussain Munshi Ṣāhib*, National Vice *Amīr* of Fiji Jamā'at; and demise of *Mr Musa Sisko Ṣāhib* of Mali.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led the funeral prayer of the deceased in absentia after the Friday prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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