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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 Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Mubarak Mosque, Islamabad, Tilford UK.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) inaugurated the newly built Mubarak Mosque by unveiling the plaque. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) then entered the mosque and before starting the sermon, announced the inauguration of the mosque and offered *Sajdah Shukr* as a gesture of gratitude to Allāh for the new mosque. Ahmadīs all over the world performed *Sajdah Shukr* in congregation with Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper).

Afterwards in the beginning of his Friday Sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verses 30-32 of Surah *Al-A'rāf*:

قُلْ أَمَرَ رَبِّي بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَقِيمُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۗ كَمَا بَدَأَكُمْ تَعُودُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾  
فَرِيقًا هَدَىٰ وَفَرِيقًا حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الضَّلَالَةُ ۗ إِنَّهُمْ اتَّخَذُوا الشَّيَاطِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنََّّهُم مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٣١﴾  
يٰۤأَيُّهَا آدَمُ خُذْ وَاكِتَابَكَ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلْ وَاشْرَبْ وَلَا تُسْرِفْ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

“Say, ‘My Lord has enjoined justice. And fix your attention aright at every time and place of worship, and call upon Him, making yourselves sincere towards Him in religion. As He brought you into being, so shall you return.’ Some has He guided, and as for others error has become their desert. They have taken evil ones for friends to the exclusion of Allāh, and they think that they are rightly guided. O children of Adam! adorn yourself at every time and place of worship with garment of fear of Allāh, and eat and drink but exceed not the bounds; surely, He does not love those who exceed the bounds.” (7:30-32)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: *Alhamdulillah*, today Allāh has enabled us to offer the Friday prayer at this new mosque in Islamabad. Although the mosque is being formally inaugurated today with this Friday sermon, it has been practically in use for prayers and other programs since I have moved here. The space of this mosque is four times that of the Fazl Mosque. The reason for the naming this mosque as *Masjid Mubarak* is the revelation of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him):

مُبَارِكٌ وَمُبَارَكٌ وَكُلُّ أَمْرٍ مُّبَارَكٌ يُجْعَلُ فِيهِ

“This mosque is a source of blessings, and is blessed itself. In it will be performed every blessed deed.”

May the prayers of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) which he offered in *Masjid Mubarak Qādiān* for the spread and victory of Islām across the world be accepted for this mosque as well. May this mosque and this Centre always remain the means through which the Oneness of God and the message of Islām are spread across England, Europe and the entire world. May the shift of the headquarters be a blessing

in every way and may all the projects initiated by Khilāfat continue to be blessed with Divine grace. May this mosque receive all the blessings that Allāh had intended for the mosque of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: At the time of the building of *Masjid Mubarak* in Rabwah, Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) had said that this mosque would represent and be a reflection of *Masjid Mubarak* in Qādiān. May Allāh continue to bless these expansions.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: All those who live at this new site and those who have taken or are trying to find residence in the vicinity because this place has now become the Centre, should behave in a manner that represents the true picture of Islām for the people of this area. Our gratitude to Allāh requires that our words and teachings and our deeds be in harmony with each other, and not that we preach one thing and do another.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In the Holy Qur'ān, Allāh has given us injunctions regarding mosques and the verses I have recited draw our attention to many important aspects. If we adhere to these injunctions, we will not only fulfil our obligations of worshipping Allāh but will also fulfil our duties towards His creatures. We should make our worship pure and sincere and convey the true teachings of Islām to the world. We need to realize our responsibilities in this regard.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This mosque and Centre could not have been built by individuals and our community efforts, rather this has been possible only through Allāh's blessings. In this Ramaḍān when Allāh has blessed us with provisions for our spiritual betterment, we should submit ourselves before Him with ever greater sincerity and love, and we should turn to Him as the only Provider and Sustainer. We should free ourselves of all forms of idolatry and become so pure of heart that only God's greatness and lordship should be in our minds. We should offer the prescribed prayers and other prayers and seek forgiveness and admit our weaknesses so that the self is purified and we have a true relationship with Allāh and become totally immersed in Him. When we purify our faith for Him and offer sincere worship, then will we be able to purify ourselves, overcome our egos, fulfil our obligations to Allāh's worship and to His creatures and follow His commandments.

In this age, ostentation, affectation, egotism, arrogance and pride have skyrocketed and faith in God has been lost. There are disputes over trivial things. Moral values have completely vanished. Now God wishes to sow these seeds again, and this has been done through the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). God has now willed through the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) to revive these moral values and purify the worship and re-establish the rights of Allāh and His creatures. We are to be the branches of the tree that sprouts from this seed. And we can become this only when we purify our worship for Allāh. When we see weakness in others, we should be reminded to reform ourselves, and the will of God should have priority over all other considerations.

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) says: Let it be clear that, according to the Holy Qur'ān, man's natural state has a strong affinity with his moral and spiritual states, so much so that what a man eats or drinks has a great impact on his morality and spirituality. It is indeed a true philosophy that the body heavily influences the spirit. We see that physical prostration produces a state of awe and humility. Physical diet has a role in improving the spiritual state. This is why it is important to use a balanced diet, which will create a balance in man's character and make one more

mindful of worshipping Allāh. Thus, a true servant of Allāh does not only improve his spiritual condition and foster his connection with God, he also looks after his physical wellbeing with the aim of winning Allāh's pleasure. Likewise, a believer is also mindful of fulfilling his obligations towards God's creatures. Just as we need to raise our standards of worship in order to be grateful to Allāh for this new Centre, we also need to raise our moral standards. If we live our lives being conscious of this, it will become a source of Tablīgh, and thus as we offer our gratitude we will become recipients of Allāh's blessings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Some people appear to be very civil and cordial to their neighbours and other people, but their behaviour with their own wives and children is not good. These are not personal matters, for such behaviour negatively impacts the unity of the Jamā'at. Children who grow up in disturbed households, instead of being a productive part of the Jamā'at, will be estranged from the Jamā'at. In order to spread Islām and devote our faith to God, we should be sincere in our faith to Allāh and that we take care of our future generations and realize that our behaviour can cause them to go astray. And this impacts the Jamā'at, because when children see that their father is apparently very religious and holds certain position in the Jamā'at, but his behaviour in his house is completely different, this can cause the next generation to lose their way. Likewise, quarrels between husband and wife can involve the in-laws, and thus the peace of the whole society is disturbed. Therefore, the homes that are experiencing this kind of discord should strive to establish an atmosphere of peace and harmony and make a firm commitment to bring this about. Allāh has favoured us by making us a part of this Jamā'at, and so as an expression of gratitude we should strive to devote ourselves to Allāh and strive to follow His commandments. Likewise, women who are prone to lose their temper at trivial matters should also try to overcome this habit for the better upbringing of their children. Let us make this Ramaḍān different by using it to bring blessings into our homes.

In Ramaḍān while we are drawn to the mosques we should remember that righteousness (*taqwa*) is true adornment of the mosques. Let us not be among those worshipers whose prayers displease God and become a source of damnation, rather we should be among those who win Allāh's pleasure and reap His blessings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh has enabled us to build our Centre in this part of the world that is devoid of Oneness (*tauhid*) and full of *shirk* (associating someone with Allāh) so that we can do the work of spreading *tauhid* with a new vigour and fulfil the mission of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) who is the true servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him). As a result, the day will dawn when dwelling after dwelling and city after city will pronounce the Oneness of God, and the people who utter indecencies about the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) will feel proud to gather under his banner and offer him *durood*. It is the responsibility of every Ahmadī in the world to find ways of raising the flag of *tauhid* and bringing people under the banner of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him), fulfilling the mission of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), and helping the Khalīfa to complete his projects. We have to help the Khalīfa with our prayers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh has given us the opportunity to open this mosque in the month of Ramaḍān. I am not sure about the past Khulafa', but for me it is the first time that I have inaugurated a mosque in the month of Ramaḍān. Therefore, let us make the most of this blessed month and pray for the progress of the

Jamā‘at and for the fulfilment of the objectives of the establishment of this Centre in this part of the world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The main hall of this mosque can accommodate up to 500 worshipers. If we include the other hall and roofed area, up to 2000 people can pray at one time. Despite being a major project, no separate appeal was made for funds for its construction. As far as I can remember, this is the first such project to have been built without a special appeal. At the same time there were also major projects going on in other countries like Qādiān, Mali and Tanzania. At times I was worried that any ongoing project might have to be stopped, but Allāh always provided the means and all the projects continued towards completion. May Allāh continue to bless these projects and enable us to undertake newer projects. *Amīn*.

These projects are being completed with the financial sacrifices that the whole Jamā‘at is making and these will continue in future as well. *Insha’Allāh*. May Allāh increase the financial capacity of the Jamā‘at and bless the lives and possessions of the members. This project has been completed through the regular budget of the Jamā‘at, and thus all the Jamā‘ats of the world are part of this, there is no distinction between those who have contributed more or less. May Allāh bless them all. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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