

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 24th March 2023 at Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited following verses of *Surah Al-Jumu‘ah*:

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَئِي ضَلُّوا

مُذِيبِينَ ۗ وَالْآخِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَنَأْتِيَهُمْ طُوفَانٌ مِنْ رَبِّكَ يُضِلُّ بِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ ۗ

“He it is Who has raised among the Unlettered people a Messenger from among themselves who recites unto them His Signs, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom, although they had been, before, in manifest misguidance; And among others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise.” (62:3-4)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Yesterday was the 23rd of March, which is known as the Promised Messiah Day in Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at. We are fortunate that Allāh has enabled us to accept the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and Maḥdī, whom He sent according to His promise and the prophecies of the Messenger of Allāh. On March 23, 1889, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) took oath of allegiance at Ludhiana and established the Jamā‘at. The verses of *Surah Al-Jumu‘ah* that I have recited give the good news of the coming of the true servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) and the establishment of a Jamā‘at through him. Other verses and *Aḥādīth* also give these same glad tidings. Today, I will elaborate on these verses and on the various signs of the time of the coming of the Messiah. I will also present a summary of his claims in his own words.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) explains that, according to these verses, God sent a messenger at a time when people were lacking in knowledge and wisdom. The knowledge of religious truths, which leads to the perfection of the self and the human soul, had completely disappeared. It was then that God sent His Unlettered Messenger, who purified them and filled them with the knowledge of the Book and wisdom. Through signs and miracles, he raised them to the level of complete certainty. The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) also foretold the coming of another Jamā‘at in the latter days whom Allāh would transform and make them like *Ṣaḥāba*, so much so that they would resemble the *Ṣaḥāba* in their sincerity and certitude. According to *Aḥādīth*, while saying these words, the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) placed his hand on Ḥaḍrat Salman Farsi's shoulder and said, "Even if faith were to ascend up to the Pleiades, a man from among the Persians will bring it back."

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The meaning of this verse is that there are two groups that would receive guidance and wisdom and would witness the miracles and blessings of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The first is the group of the *Ṣaḥāba* of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), and the second is that of the followers of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). Today, more than thirteen hundred years later, the door to the Holy Prophet's

miracles has been reopened, and people have witnessed the occurrence of solar and lunar eclipses in Ramaḍān, just as *Darqutni's* Ḥadīth and *Ibn Hajar's Fatāwā* had foretold. Thousands of people have seen the comet whose appearance had been predicted to take place during the time of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). Similarly, thousands of people witnessed the fire in Java, the spread of the plague, and the prevention of Ḥajj. The development of railways and the redundancy of camels are also according to the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) that have been witnessed in this age. Allāh referred to the second group as "*from among themselves*" indicating that they are similar to the *Ṣaḥāba* in terms of witnessing miracles.

Our Jamā'at has many similarities with *Ṣaḥāba*. They receive guidance and certainty from fresh signs of God and witness fresh confirmations, just as the *Ṣaḥāba* did. They endure people's cursing, ridicule, mockery, and cruelty in the way of God, just as the *Ṣaḥāba* did. They strive to lead a pure life with the help of the signs of God and heavenly assistance, just like the *Ṣaḥāba* did. Many of them cry in prayer and shed tears in their places of worship, just as the *Ṣaḥāba* did. Many of them are blessed with revelation and inspiration, just like the *Ṣaḥāba* were.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: When God saw the present state of the world, full of all kinds of immorality, sin, and debauchery, He sent me to preach the truth and reform mankind. This was also the time when people had reached the beginning of the fourteenth century after the thirteenth-century *Hijri* had ended. Then, in compliance with the Divine command, I started to proclaim to the people through written announcements and lectures that I was the one who had been destined to come at the beginning of this century for the revival of the religion, so that I would re-establish the faith that had disappeared from the earth.

Regarding the developments of the Jamā'at, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: Twenty-three years ago, a revelation was recorded in *Barāhīne Aḥmadīyya*, stating that people would attempt to eliminate this Jamā'at and employ all kinds of means to end it. However, God has promised to support continually this Jamā'at. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We continue to witness the truth of this prophecy to this day. Allāh had said to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in *Barāhīne Aḥmadīyya* that fountains of eloquence would be caused to flow from his tongue. The books of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) bear witness to the truth of this sign. He authored several books in highly eloquent Arabic and published them promising rewards of thousands of rupees to anyone who could match them, but no one came forth.

Regarding the signs of acceptance of the Promised Messiah's prayers, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave the example of a student, 'Abdul Karīm, son of 'Abdul Reḥmān, a resident of Hyderabad, Deccan, who came to Qadian to study and was bitten by a rabid dog. The doctors tried all kinds of treatment but finally gave up and said that nothing can be done for 'Abdul Karīm. Then, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) prayed to God with great anguish, and he experienced a special state of acceptance of the prayer. Within a few days, 'Abdul Karīm was completely cured. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also presented examples of the acceptance of the Promised Messiah's prayers regarding Dr Alexander Dowie, *Ghulām Dastagīr Kasūrī*, and *Chirāg Dīn Jamūni*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: If Muslims today can comprehend the reality of the advent of the Promised Messiah and Maḥdī, and that he is none other than this perfect servant of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), and that it is essential to pledge allegiance to him as per the commandment of the Holy Prophet

(May Allāh's blessings be upon him), then the Muslims will be able to re-establish their supremacy in the world. However, if they fail to do so, they will continue to languish in their current state.

Concluding the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) appealed for prayers for the safety of Aḥmadīs in Pakistan, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, and all over the world, as well as for the world to be saved from impending calamities. Huzoor announced that from March 23, Al-Fazl International has started daily publication, and urged Ahmadīs to make a habit of regularly reading the paper. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also prayed for its readers and contributors.

Jazākumullāh

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