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The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 01st September 2023 from Messe Stuttgart, Germany

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, after four years of restrictions, *Jalsa Sālāna* of *Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya* Germany is taking place on a larger scale. May Allāh enable all the participants of the *Jalsa* to achieve its objectives.

The participants of the *Jalsa* should not be happy merely upon the fact that they have been able to convene again and will be able to meet one another. Rather, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has taught us that the major purpose of the *Jalsa* is to acquire religious knowledge, progress in spirituality, strengthen the relationship with Allāh and become true followers of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). The love of the world should grow cold and faith should take precedence.

This year marks hundred years since the establishment of the *Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at* in Germany. Members of the Germany *Jamā‘at* are rightly happy that the beautiful message of Islām reached this country about a hundred years ago through the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). While celebrating this, we should also reflect on what we have achieved in these hundred years. To what extent have we preserved our faith? When the *Jamā‘at* was first established here, there were only a few members. Then the situation in Pakistan changed and the condition of the world changed, leading to many Aḥmadīs coming to this country. Aḥmadīs came here because they did not have religious freedom in their own country. They should now strive to bring about a positive change in their lives.

I will now present excerpts from the writings and sayings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that guide us towards our objectives. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Do not think that Allāh is pleased with us merely for taking the pledge of *Bai‘at*. Those who claim to have pledged *Bai‘at* should ask themselves whether they have done so ostensibly or attained the essence. Until the heart is transformed, one cannot be sincere in one's claim of faith, love, obedience, and allegiance.

What does it mean to prioritize religion over the world? Elaborating on this, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: This does not mean that Muslims should become lethargic. Islām does not promote lethargy. Engage in your trades and occupations, but not to the extent of having no time for Allāh. Give faith precedence over all things. The world is not the ultimate goal; the real goal should be religion. If you do so, then even your worldly endeavours will be religious endeavours.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) further says: Look, there are two kinds of people. The first are those who accept Islām and then become preoccupied with worldly businesses and trades, and Satan holds their reins. By this, I do not mean that trade is prohibited; the *Ṣaḥāba* were involved in trade, but they kept religion at the forefront. When they accepted Islām, they acquired knowledge about Islām, which filled their hearts with conviction. That is why they did not waver in the face of Satan's onslaughts.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I have more hope in those who do not diminish their religious zeal and passion. As for those who diminish this zeal, I fear that Satan may gain control over them. Therefore, one should never become lax. Those who seek intellectual

and spiritual progress should read the Holy Qur'ān with diligence. The Holy Qur'ān is an ocean of knowledge containing countless invaluable pearls. We should, therefore, assess how many among us read the Holy Qur'ān regularly and with concentration.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: I believe that whoever wants to be saved from being ruined should secretly make peace with Allāh and bring about such a transformation within himself that he feels that he is not the same person. Faith in Allāh is the essence of true religion which requires true piety and fear of Allāh. Allāh never abandons the righteous. He helps them from the heavens and angels descend to help them. What can be greater than the fact that miracles appear through the righteous?

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The prayer that repels evil is that which is infused with the spirit of truth, it is not just merely sitting and standing; the essence of prayer is filled with joy and delight. We must ask ourselves whether we derive pleasure from our prayers. Do we have complete trust in Allāh, or do we rely solely on material means? If we safeguard our prayers, then we are fulfilling our pledge of *Bai'at*; otherwise, we are in a precarious state.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: One should understand the mentor-disciple relationship through the analogy of a teacher and student. Just as a student benefits from a teacher, likewise, a disciple benefits from his mentor. If a student maintains a connection with the teacher but does not advance in his education, he does not derive any benefit from it. The same holds for a disciple. Therefore, in establishing a connection in this *Jamā'at*, one should grow in knowledge and understanding. The seeker of truth should not reach a certain level and stop; otherwise, Satan may lead him astray.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: If you have pledged *Bai'at* to me, then accept me as the *Hakam* (Judge) and *'Adl* (Just Arbiter). Have faith that what I say is in keeping with the teachings of Allāh and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Those who have rejected me and those who object after accepting me have not truly recognized me. Those who accept and then object are even more unfortunate, as they have become blind despite seeing.

Explaining the purpose of his advent, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: The real purpose is to spread the oneness of Allāh (*Tauhīd*), morals, and spirituality. By oneness of Allāh, I mean accepting Allāh alone as one's beloved and one's master. By morals, I mean that all human faculties should be expended in their respective places, not that some are left completely idle while others are overly stressed. By spirituality, I refer to the effects and signs that arise when a true connection is established with Allāh.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Every *Aḥmadī* should ponder over how much zeal they have for the oneness of Allāh (*Tauhīd*). If we have this zeal, then we will do justice to our mosques. Likewise, in the process of constructing mosques, our aim should be to ensure they are occupied by devoted worshippers.

Furthermore, every *Aḥmadī* should also manifest the highest moral standards. These high moral standards play a crucial role in conveying the message of Islām. Progress in the field of spirituality will be evident when the highest standards of fulfilling the rights of Allāh and the rights of fellow human beings are established.

Recently, *Amīr Ṣāhib* of Germany *Jamā'at* asked me about the target for the next century. The first thing we should consider is whether, in the last century, we have achieved the goals I have mentioned, whether we have developed a strong connection with Allāh, whether our prayers have reached a high standard, whether we regularly recite the Holy Qur'ān, whether we strive to act upon its teachings, whether we are making efforts to connect our children with the faith, whether our relationships are of a high standard, and whether we are attracting others towards Islām through the demonstration of higher morals? If we have achieved these standards, which in my

opinion we have not, then the target for the next century is what I have described in the words of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

We claim that our mission is to win the hearts of the world, to establish the oneness of Allāh and to bring the world under the banner of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Therefore, each of us should do self-analysis in this regard. *Jamā'at Aḥmadīyya* Germany should enter the new century with a new determination that we will make every effort to achieve this goal and we will continue to train our children and future generations in a way that their connection with Allāh is passed on from one generation to the next. May Allāh grant us the ability to do so. *Āmīn*

Wassalām,

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