

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 24th November 2023 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmabād, Tilford, UK*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has extensively detailed in his writings and teachings the purpose behind his advent and the pressing need for a Reformer in this age. He showed unequivocally that Allāh had sent him at a time of great need.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: For the utmost clarity, I wish to proclaim that when Allāh saw the world engulfed in darkness, steeped in negligence, disbelief, and *shirk*, where faith, integrity, virtuousness, and honesty were waning, Allāh sent me to establish once again the intellectual, practical, ethical, and spiritual truths in the world, and to safeguard Islām from adversaries who seek to undermine it under the guise of philosophical doctrines, fallacious perceptions of nature, idolatry, and the semblance of devoutness. Hence, O, earnest pursuers of truth, reflect: Isn't this precisely the age wherein Islām requires heavenly help?

In a similar vein, elaborating on the criteria to verify the truth of a claimant, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: It is not obligatory for a person's identity to be explicitly detailed in a divine scripture for him to be deemed truthful. If that were the requirement, validating the prophethood of any prophet would be impossible. The truth is that the foremost consideration in assessing someone's claim to prophethood is to examine the need of the time and to see whether he came at the time that had been foretold. It is also crucial to ascertain whether Allāh has helped him or not. Additionally, it must be assessed whether the objections raised by adversaries have been thoroughly addressed. Only when all these elements are fulfilled can it be determined whether or not the person is truthful.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Regarding the second condition—whether the individual appeared at the time foretold by the Prophets—this criterion was also met with my coming. The Prophets had foretold that the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) would appear at the conclusion of the sixth millennium. By lunar calculation, starting from the era of Ḥadrat Adam (Peace be upon him), the sixth millennium has long been concluded; and in solar reckoning, it is nearing its end. Moreover, our Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) had prophesied that at the advent of each century, there would arise a Reformer to rejuvenate the faith. Presently, twenty-one years have passed in this fourteenth century, and the twenty-second year is in progress. Isn't this an indication that the Reformer has indeed arrived?

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Whether our opponents accept the truth of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) or not, they themselves are crying out that there is a need for a *Mahdī* and a Reformer to steer the ship of Islām. And yet they are not ready to accept the one who has already come in keeping with the prophecies and at the time of need. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) did not only make a claim but also showed numerous signs of his truth.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) says: Twenty-three years ago, it was revealed in *Barāhīn Aḥmadiyyah* that people would strive to eradicate this movement and bring every mischief to work, but Allāh would cause it to grow and bring it to perfection, and that He would cause my name to reach the corners of the earth, and that people would come to me bearing gifts from all corners of the earth. Look at how this prophecy has now come to pass! Yet, in the eyes of the opponents, I have not shown any signs!

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Even in the present time, the advancement of the Aḥmadiyya *Jamā‘at*, the multitude of individuals embracing it, and the increased sacrifices being made serve as evidence of the truth of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). His message has reached every corner of the globe, drawing sincere souls towards Islām. There have been occurrences where Allāh Himself guided people to join the *Jamā‘at*. Despite facing opposition,

Allāh continues to strengthen the faith of *Jamā'at* members. The signs we witness today are helping to strengthen the faith of Aḥmadīs. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) referred to various incidents from all over the world which show how sincere individuals are being drawn towards the truth and are growing in faith and certainty.

In the second half of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) reiterated the call for prayers for the oppressed Muslims in Palestine and said: May Allāh grant them relief from this oppression. Reports suggest a temporary ceasefire, allowing essential aid for a brief period. But what follows this pause? Will aid be given only to resume attacks later? The intentions of the Israeli government appear dangerous. Despite apparent sympathies from major powers, the willingness to ensure justice seems lacking. Intellectuals in these nations now warn that this conflict might not confine itself to this region but could embroil neighbouring nations. Muslim governments have started raising their concerns. Even the Saudi King highlighted the urgency for Muslims to speak with one voice. Muslims have to speak with one voice and make strong efforts towards this end. If they have come to this realization, then may Allāh also grant them the ability to translate it into meaningful action. *Āmīn*

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the following recently deceased members of the *Jamā'at* and announced to lead their funeral prayer after the Friday prayer. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also prayed for their lofty station in *Jannah*.

- *'Abdul Salam 'Arif Ṣāhib*, an Ahmadiyya missionary, passed away at the age of 54. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is a missionary and the other is a life-devotee. He was a very loving individual. He instilled love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the Promised Messiah^(as) and *Khilāfat* in the hearts of his children.
- *Muḥammad Qāsim Khan Ṣāhib* the former *Naib Nāzir Baitul Māl Kharch*, who had been living in Canada, passed away at the age of 82. He lived through four eras of *Khulafā'* and worked in the Private Secretary's office during the era of the Third Caliphate. He was regular in offering five daily prayers and reciting the Holy Qur'ān. He always enjoined his children to maintain a connection with *Khilāfat*.
- *'Abdul Karīm Qudsī Ṣāhib* who was a renowned poet in the Community. He is survived by four children. One of his sons is a missionary and serving as a professor in *Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya Rabwah*. *'Abdul Karīm Qudsī Ṣāhib* served the Community in different capacities. He was a good poet and a compilation of his poetry had been published.
- *Mian Rafīq Aḥmad Ṣāhib* who also recently passed away. He endured hardships for the sake of Aḥmadiyyat. He is survived by a son and two daughters. He was regular in offering prayers.
- *Nasīmah Laiq Ṣāhibā* of the USA, wife of *Syed Laiq Aḥmad Ṣāhib*, who was martyred in Model Town, Lahore. Her father was not Aḥmadī but her mother converted to Aḥmadiyyat and their daughters were married into Aḥmadī households. She was very kind and compassionate. She is survived by four sons and four daughters.

Wassalām,

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