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Jamā‘at Aḥmadīyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 24th May 2024 at *Mubārak Mosque Islāmābād, Tilford, UK*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is a great blessing of Allāh upon us that He has enabled us to accept the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), through whom He had promised the revival of Islām. In keeping with the promises of Allāh and the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was sent for the revival of Islām. Then, according to the promises of Allāh and the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the institution of Khilāfat was established in his Jamā‘at. It is in recognition of the fulfilment of Allāh's promises and the prophecies of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) that each year the worldwide Aḥmadīyya Jamā‘at commemorates May 27 as Khilāfat Day.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) passed away on May 26th, and on May 27th, in accordance with Divine promises, Ḥaḍrat Maulānā Ḥakīm Nūriddīn (May Allāh be pleased with him) was elected as his first Khalīfa and pledged to continue the mission of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) under his guidance. After his demise, the Jamā‘at gathered under the leadership of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (May Allāh be pleased with him), and subsequently under the third and fourth Khalīfā. In each era of Khilāfat, enemies of the Jamā‘at made determined efforts to destroy it but were completely frustrated in their plans. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (May Allāh shower His mercy upon him) had to migrate from Pakistan, whereupon he established the headquarters in the UK and the world witnessed the rapid progress of the Jamā‘at.

After his demise, Allāh once again fulfilled His promise, and I was elected. Despite my numerous weaknesses, Allāh granted me extraordinary help and support, and the Jamā‘at has continued to progress by leaps and bounds. In dozens of countries, the seed of the Aḥmadīyyat has been planted and Jamā‘ats have been established. In hundreds of cities and towns, Allāh Himself is guiding people by showing them signs of His support for Khilāfat and instilling in their hearts love for the Khalīfa.

In short, Allāh neither forgets nor breaks His promises, nor does He fail to fulfil the prophecies made by His Chosen Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). We are fortunate to witness the fulfilment of the Holy Prophet's prophecy regarding the re-establishment of Khilāfat on the path of prophethood. Those who truly remain attached to the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) will continue to reap the blessings of Allāh, Inshā’ Allāh.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said that, in keeping with the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), the chain of Khilāfat would continue in his Jamā‘at after him. He said, "I am the seal of the Khulāfā'. From now on, whoever is granted the station of Khilāfat by Allāh will only receive it by following me." Hence, no matter how much people try, they cannot establish Khilāfat which is not linked to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him).

As the time of his demise drew nearer, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) gave the following glad tidings regarding the continuation of Khilāfat:

“He manifests two kinds of power. (1) First He shows the hand of His power through His Prophets. (2) Second, after the death of a Prophet, difficulties and problems arise. It is then that their enemies feel strong and consider everything to be in disarray. They are confident of the imminent extinction of the Jama‘at, and even the members of the Jama‘at find themselves in a quandary and perceive their backs to be broken. Some unfortunate persons even choose paths that lead to apostasy. Then God shows His mighty power for a second time and sustains the distressed Jama‘at. Thus, one who remains steadfast until the end, witnesses this Divine miracle. This is what occurred at the time of Ḥaḍrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (May Allāh be pleased with him), when the demise

of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) was considered untimely and many ignorant Bedouins turned apostate. The [closest] companions of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), were also stricken by grief, and overwhelmed [by sorrow]. Then Allāh raised Abu Bakr Siddiq (May Allāh be pleased with him) and showed a manifestation of His power for a second time and saved Islām just as it approached the edge of collapse, thus fulfilling the promise contained in the verse: *وَلَيَمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا*. That is, We shall firmly re-establish them after their fear. This is also what happened in the time of Moses (Peace be upon him). His death occurred on the journey between Egypt and Kin'ān before he was able to take the Israelites to the Promised Land in accordance with God's word. At [Moses's] death, the Israelites were plunged into mourning. It is written in the Torah that the Israelites wept for forty days because of their grief at his sudden and untimely departure. The same happened with Christ (Peace be upon him). At the time of the Crucifixion, all his disciples scattered and one of them even recanted his faith. So dear friends! Since time immemorial, it has been the Sunnatullah, that God Almighty shows two manifestations in order to crush the two false joys of the opponents. It is not possible that God should suddenly forgo His Sunnah. So do not grieve over that which I have said to you, nor let your hearts become distressed. For it is essential that you witness the second manifestation. And it's coming is better for you because it is everlasting and will continue until the Day of Judgement. But, the second manifestation cannot come unless I depart."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I would like to mention that those who are engaged in discussions about the age of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) will find their answer in this as well. He did not specify the exact number of remaining years of his life but instead hinted at his demise and did not give importance to the debate about his age. What was important was the completion of his mission.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) continued, "After I am gone, God will show the second manifestation and it shall always remain with you just as He has promised in Barāhīn-e-Aḥmadiyyah. This promise is not regarding my person. Rather, it is with reference to you. God has said: I shall make this Jama'at, who are your followers, prevail over all others until the Day of Judgement. Thus, it is certain that you will see the day of my departure, so that afterwards the day of everlasting promise may come. Our God is He Who keeps His promise. He is a Faithful and Truthful God. He shall show you all that He has promised. Though these days are the last days of the world, and many disasters await, it is necessary that this world continues to exist until all those things about which God has prophesied come to pass."

In keeping with Allāh's promise, after the demise of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him), the Jamā'at has been progressing under the guidance of the Khulāfā'. As always, Allāh Himself guides people in distant lands, who have never even seen a Khalīfa, to come under the banner of Khilāfat. Let me share some incidents that demonstrate Allāh's support for Khilāfat-e-Aḥmadiyya and the fulfilment of His promises.

When MTA was first set up in a Jamā'at in Burkina Faso and people saw the Khalīfa for the first time, their eyes were filled with tears, and joy was evident on their faces. They said that watching the Khalīfa on MTA brings comfort to their eyes and peace to their hearts.

Amīr Ṣāhib Jamā'at Gambia writes that a motor mechanic happened to see me (Huzoor) giving an address on MTA. He remarked that there is no doubt this person has Divine support. Consequently, he, along with fourteen members of his family, pledged the Bai'at. After the Bai'at, his business improved significantly, and he attributed this success to joining Aḥmadiyyat. He said that there is no doubt that Aḥmadiyyat is like a bright sun in the darkness.

Germany's Secretary for Tablīgh writes that an Arab gentleman came to the Jamā'at's stall and bought a translation of the Holy Qur'ān. He was invited to attend the Jalsa Salana in Germany, but due to some engagements, he sent his elder brother and another family member instead. After listening to my speech at the Jalsa, his brother said that this person is surely supported by Allāh. That very night, he filled out the Bai'at form and joined the Aḥmadiyya Jamā'at.

On one occasion, an Arab friend wanted to ask me a question regarding *Takfir* (declaring someone a non-believer), but before he could do so, another Arab friend asked the same question, to which I provided a detailed response. After hearing the answer, the first gentleman was satisfied and immediately filled out the Bai‘at form.

In a village of The Gambia, a man who was vehemently opposing the Jamā‘at listened to my sermon on MTA and said that this person is not a liar and surely this is true Khilāfat. He said that it is now impossible for him to turn away, and he, along with ten members of his family, took Bai‘at and joined the Jamā‘at.

In a town in Cameroon, eight families pledged Bai‘at and joined the Jamā‘at. These converts said that MTA has changed the lives of their children. One of the youths, who was not given leave by his school teacher to listen the Friday sermon, said that he could leave the school but not miss the Friday sermon.

In Burkina Faso, a man saw me on MTA and said, "I have already seen this person in my dream." He joined Aḥmadīyyat immediately without needing any further arguments, and many people from his village also accepted Aḥmadīyyat. By the grace of Allāh, a strong Jamā‘at has now been established in that village.

In Kyrgyzstan, a man and his wife used to travel 12 kilometres to listen to my Friday sermon. After some time, they both pledged Bai‘at.

In Guinea-Bissau, despite the opposition from local clerics, people are accepting Aḥmadīyyat. One man listened to my Friday sermon for a short while and remarked that Aḥmadīs cannot be disbelievers. He, along with his family, pledged Bai‘at.

Amīr Ṣāhib Jamā‘at Belgium writes that a gentleman joined the Jamā‘at after thorough research and says that Aḥmadīyyat has changed his life.

A missionary from Cameroon says that many people are watching MTA and joining the Jamā‘at. A local Imām says that through MTA, our faith has increased, a light has been kindled within us, and darkness has been dispelled. It feels like, before MTA and Aḥmadīyyat, we were like animals, and now MTA has made us human beings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these are just a few examples that reflect Divine support, showing that Allāh Himself is opening people's hearts to Aḥmadīyyat. He is establishing the influence of Khilāfat in the hearts of outsiders and connecting righteous individuals with Khilāfat. Every day proves that Allāh is supporting and helping Khilāfat, and the Jamā‘at is constantly making progress.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh, by His grace, enable me to fulfil this responsibility and keep every Aḥmadī always attached to Khilāfat with complete loyalty and sincerity. May Allāh fulfil all the promises He has made to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and establish the rule of the One God in the world through Khilāfat. May the world witness the flag of the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) flying all over the world.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about Chaudhry Muḥammad Idrīs Naṣrullah Khan Ṣāhib, and Kanwar Idrīs Ṣāhib, who passed away recently, and announced to lead their funeral prayers in absentia after the Friday prayer.

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