

**MESSAGE OF HAZRAT KHALIFA-TUL-MASIH V (AYYADA-HULLA-HO- TAA'LA) TO  
PARTICIPANTS OF JALSA SALANA SYDNEY, 22<sup>nd</sup> TO 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011  
IMAM JAMAAT AHMADIYYA (REF T 20922 dated 20.04.2011)**

Bismilla-hir-Rahmanir-Rahim. Nahmodohu, wa nusalli ala Rasool-i-hil-Karim. Wa ala abd-e-hil-Masi-hil-Maud. Khudaaa kay Fazl aur Rahm kay Saath. Ho-wan-Nasir.

Dear friends of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Australia

Assalam-o-alaikum.

All praise belongs to Allah that the Jamaat-e- Ahmadiyya Australia has been enabled by Allah to hold his Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention). May Allah make the Jalsa an occasion of receiving goodness and blessings, and may He enable all participants of the Jalsa to attain perfect and rightful benefit of it.

On this Jalsa, I want to remind you the fact that you belong to the Jamaat of a 'Ma'moor' (commissioned by God). Your real aim in joining the 'Jamaat' is to reform yourselves, purify your hearts and submit all of your faculties and potentials to the obedience of Allah. Without achieving it, and while sitting idly, it is of no value to declare by mouth that I will give precedence to my religion over my worldly matters. 'Bai'at' demands a change. Formal initiation carries no benefit. God is not pleased by the simple act of undertaking formal 'Baiat'. Formal 'Bai'at' is merely a shell, the kernel of which is faith, love and obedience. The reality of 'Bai'at' is to leave the sinful acts and adopt righteousness; it is to bring about a real change in oneself and inculcate in heart the fear of God. The purpose of 'Bai'at' is to create a clear difference between you and others.

The Promised Messiah, peace be upon him, says:

"Just pledging a formal 'Baia't' is of no benefit. Until and unless one delivers what his pledge of 'Bai'at' demands from him, his 'Bai'at' is nothing more than a formality. Try therefore to fulfil the real object of 'Baiat', which is to achieve 'Taqwa' ( righteousness)." (Malfoozat Vol 6, p 404)

He again says:

"I have said repeatedly and time and again that apparently we and the other Muslims bear the same name. You are Muslims and they also call themselves Muslims. You recite 'Kalimah' as they do. You claim to follow the Quran and they also claim the same. Therefore, as far as claims are concerned, you are at par with the other Muslims. But Allah is not pleased with only the claims, unless they are accompanied by reality, and the claims are substantiated by deeds and change in moral and spiritual condition. The number of people who take 'Bai'at' (i.e. the oath of allegiance) by letters and in person is increasing day by day.... But they should fully understand the reality of 'Bai'at', and demonstrate by actions the truth of their pledge. The reality of the 'Bai'at' is that one who takes initiation brings about a true change in himself and inculcates the fear of God in his heart; and by recognising the real object of 'Bai'at' they should exhibit purity. If it is not so, then the 'Bai'at' is of no avail; rather it will make him liable of being punished even more, because of breach of his pledge with God and wilful disobedience, that entails serious consequences." (Malfoozat Vol 5, new edition, p 604-606)

Therefore, the real objective of establishment of this Jama'at is that everybody should attain purity, follow the teachings of Holy Quran, bring about improvement in his self, and exhibit in his person a good example of high morals. Every Ahmadi is supposed to give up bad manners and adopt good morals instead. He should clear his heart of all the idols and clean it up. He should give preference to religious matters over worldly matters. Allah says in Quran: Be straight as you have been commanded. It means that there should not remain any crookedness of bad thoughts and deeds. Only then God will be pleased. One should not be content with just words of the mouth. You should show the practical example of matching your words with deeds, with such brilliance which should attract others to Ahmadiyyat. People do not accept mere claims, if they are not accompanied by the light of actions. But these qualities will take root in you, only when you tread the paths shown the Promised Messiah. You should lose yourself in his obedience. 'Baiat' is nothing but to sell oneself. If you efface your egoism and earnestly obey him, a light will descend upon your heart from God. The Promised Messiah says:

"Purification of heart from idols requires a 'Jihad' (i.e. you have to strive hard). I tell you how to do this 'Jihad' and assure you that if you follow my path you will be able to demolish all the idols. The path I tell you to follow is not of my own making; I have been commissioned by God to guide you to that path. What is that path? It is to follow me and come after me. This cry is not new. To clear Makkah of the idols, Allah enjoined the Holy Prophet to say: If you love Allah, then follow me and as a result Allah will love you. Likewise, if you follow me, you will be able to cleanse your heart of many kinds of idols, which may have occupied it. For self-purification, it is not necessary to retreat in cells, in devotion and fasting etc. No such 'Chillas' were undertaken by the companions of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. Rather, they did something else. They devoted themselves entirely to the obedience of the Holy Prophet (saw). As a result, the light of the Holy Prophet flowed into the hearts of his companions through the pipes of obedience, and it obliterated the desires and aspirations of things and objectives other than Allah. The light that came from the Holy Prophet occupied their hearts completely and expelled all darkness. Similar is the condition now. Until that light descends on your heart, which comes through the pipes put in place by God, purification of your hearts cannot take place. The chest of man is the landing place of lights of God. This is why it is called the 'Baitullah' or the 'House of Allah'. The major task is to exterminate all the idols occupying the heart, so that nothing remains there except God and God alone." (Malfoozat Vol 1, p 187-188)

As such, after pledging allegiance of 'Bai'at', the obedience of the Promised Messiah is the only way to purify ourselves. It is a great bounty of God that after the demise of the Promised Messiah, the 'Second manifestation of God's power', has perpetuated his spiritual influence. The 'Khalifas' (Successors) of Ahmadiyyat are his reflections and represent him, and so the way to spiritual progress is to follow them and obey them. Now it is the only pipe through which God's light will descend on your hearts and purify them. Therefore, whatever guidance and instructions you receive from the 'Khalifa-tul-Masih', you should follow them in letter and spirit, with all heart and mind. As I told you earlier, merely taking pledge of 'Bai'at' is of no avail, if the practical example is not manifested along with it.

In Surah Al-Noor, where Allah promised to bestow 'Khilafat' continuously to the righteous believers, it is also mentioned that there are some people who swear to Allah by their most

earnest oaths that if you only command them to fight, they will certainly fight. Allah who was aware of what their hearts concealed, desired the Holy Prophet to tell them: Do not swear; there is nothing just in verbal swearing. The real thing is to render obedience in matters which are reasonable.

In view of above, obey in all that is reasonable and according to Quran and Sunnah. Be loyal to the 'Khilafat' and fulfil your pledges. Just recitation of the verse containing the promise of Khilafat is not sufficient. What is required of you is to follow the advice and instructions of Khilafat.

May Allah keep you obedient and loyal to the 'Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya'. May you progress in 'Taqwa' (righteousness) and may the love of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him fill your hearts and may Allah grant you His nearness. May Allah keep all of you in His care and protection and bestow upon you His grace and beneficence.

With prayer of peace upon you,  
Humble one  
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