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Despite Relentless Opposition the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Continues to Thrive under Khilafat

Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community states that the support of Allah the Almighty continues to protect and uphold the Khilafat of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

The World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke of the Divinely supported

institution of the true *Khilafat* (Caliphate) and the extraordinary progress made by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community despite all manner of opposition.

Speaking during his Friday Sermon at the Mubarak Mosque in Islamabad, Tilford, on the 28 May 2021, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad highlighted the significance of ‘Khilafat Day’, commemorated annually on 27th of May to mark the blessed inception of the Khilafat of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in 1908.

Shining a light on the immense advancements made by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community under the five Caliphs of the Community, His Holiness reminded Ahmadi Muslims about the importance of gratitude towards God Almighty for the favours that He has bestowed upon them in the form of Khilafat.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Associating oneself with the Khilafat of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community places a great responsibility upon every Ahmadi Muslim and only if we fulfill this responsibility can we do justice to that great favour [of Khilafat] that Allah the Almighty has blessed us with.”

His Holiness recited *chapter 24 verse 56* of the Holy Quran which speaks about the divine blessing of Khilafat being granted to the true believers. His Holiness highlighted that the verse makes the blessings associated with Khilafat conditional to fulfilling certain responsibilities such as worshiping God alone and spending in Allah’s way and unconditionally obeying the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him).

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Only if we truly seek to act upon the pledge we have made of giving precedence to faith over the world, will we be recipients of the rewards that Allah the Almighty has promised and only then will we benefit from the blessing of Khilafat in the real sense.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad further stated:

“We will only be fully obedient to Allah the Almighty and His Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and we will only attain peace and contentment when every action that we carry out is solely for seeking the pleasure of God Almighty. A blessed society will be created under the shade of Khilafat only when our every action is in fulfilment of our responsibilities towards Allah and His creation.”

Speaking of the responsibilities that lie upon Ahmadi Muslims, His Holiness highlighted the importance of complete obedience to Khilafat.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Only those who profess utmost obedience to Khilafat can rightfully claim of having a loyal relationship with it. They safeguard Khilafat and Khilafat safeguards them. The prayers of the Khalifa of the time shall be with them. Their hardships shall draw the heart of the Khalifa of the time to pray for them. Those who truly act upon good deeds are the ones who have a relationship with Khilafat and Khilafat has a relationship with them – solely to attain the pleasure of God Almighty.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad further stated:

“This is the true Khilafat, in which the bond between the Community and the Khalifa of the time exists for the sake of Allah the Almighty alone and only this Khilafat is the Khilafat that is the means of peace.”

Speaking of those Muslims who have not accepted the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Other Muslims desire to establish a Khilafat but they do so with worldly intentions, materialistic means and schemes and such ways will never be of use to them and Khilafat can never be established in that way. They can try all they like, however Khilafat will now continue to be established only in the way that Allah has decreed.”

His Holiness mentioned that the Khilafat of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community had now been established for over 113 years and despite facing decades of cruel and relentless opposition, every effort to hinder the progress of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been rendered futile and, under the divine guidance of Khilafat, it has flourished.

His Holiness went on to narrate the major events from the eras of each of the four Caliphs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community preceding him.

His Holiness said that during the time of the First Khalifa, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community faced a grave challenge whereby the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (peace be upon him) had passed away. However, the First Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community stood resolute and proved true the divine promise

of Caliphate that had been prophesied by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

Speaking of the challenges that the Second Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community faced, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“We can see, that whether it was the plans to attack Qadian or it was efforts in the field of outreach or the moment of Migration [from India to Pakistan], this Ulul-Azm [the Resolute One] Khalifa safely took the ship of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community towards ever greater success.”

His Holiness continued and highlighted the works of the Third Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, including his historic role in helping the people of Africa and standing firm against the opposition that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community faced in Pakistan in 1974 when laws were introduced declaring Ahmadi Muslims to be ‘non-Muslim’.

Speaking of the historical event of the migration of the Fourth Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from Pakistan to Britain in 1984 due to the oppressive laws of Pakistan, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“God Almighty arranged the migration of the Fourth Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community through extraordinary divine aid and succour. The enemies were left helpless. Thereafter, a new era of progress began in the time of the Fourth Caliph”

His Holiness explained the major role that the satellite channel MTA International, established by the Fourth Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, played in taking the message of true Islam to people’s homes across the globe.

His Holiness then explained the blessings being manifested during the time of the Fifth and present Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Speaking of the difficult and challenging time at the demise of the Fourth Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Allah the Almighty heard the prayers of the believers and turned their fear into peace and in the annals of the history of Islam, through the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), the era of the Fifth Caliph commenced. If in the initial period of Islam the Khilafat was restricted to four Caliphs, it was in accordance with the prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) and now that the era of the Fifth Caliph has commenced in the time of the Promised

Messiah (peace be upon him), this too is according to the prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad further said:

“The opponents of our Community presumed that the leadership of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is no longer in strong hands, but little did they know that the true hand is that of God and whomsoever that hand supports and assists, he becomes strengthened. Today, the envious glances of our opponents are set upon the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community more than ever before.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad further stated:

“The introduction of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the world that has occurred in this era in every sphere and at every level has been extraordinary and astonishing. I myself am a very weak person and this advancement is not taking place due to any quality of mine. The fact that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is becoming renowned amongst the leaders of the world’s governments and parliaments is solely due to the blessings of God Almighty and the promises He has made to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). This is happening according to the prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). We are witnessing the scenes of the favours of Allah the Almighty every single day.”

His Holiness mentioned the numerous ways that the message of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is spreading throughout the world at a rapid pace including through the ever-increasing reach of MTA International which now has expanded to eight channels and several studios across the globe.

Reflecting upon such growth, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“If we consider our very limited resources then such [progress] is not possible at all to achieve. Even through social media the message of true Islam is being spread. Where the government of Pakistan has placed several restrictions upon this, Allah the Almighty has opened up many new doors in other countries.”

His Holiness also mentioned how, as a result of coronavirus restrictions, His Holiness has been conducting virtual meetings with various delegations and executive branches of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from around the globe. His Holiness said this too was a manifestation of the way that Allah the Almighty assists the progress of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Advising Ahmadi Muslims to always show gratitude to God Almighty for the blessing of Khilafat, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“We should never forget the signs of His blessings that Allah the Almighty is manifesting upon us and the fact that He has blessed us with the favour of Khilafat. We must always fulfil our obligations towards it so that until the Day of Resurrection we may benefit from this blessing according to the prophecy of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)...We must bow down to Allah the Almighty as His grateful servants. Our every action and word must manifest [gratefulness for] the blessing of Khilafat. We must be ready to offer every sacrifice for fulfilling our pledge to remain obedient to Khilafat till our last breaths. Only then will we be able to fulfil our obligation to make our children obedient to Khilafat till the Day of Judgement.”

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