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Those who spend their wealth by night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; on them shall come no fear, nor shall they grieve. (2:275)

➤ At various places in the Holy Quran, Allah has drawn the attention of believers towards financial sacrifice. Believers spend their wealth in Allah's way day and night. This spending is done both in open and in secret and both are acceptable in the sight of God. By the grace of Allah, members of Jama'at are presenting such sacrifices. The aim of such sacrifices should be to attain the pleasure of Allah. If they are done as a showoff for others, they are not worthy of being accepted and are rejected by Allah.

➤ The sense of competing is a good thing. However, this competition should not be done with this intention that what will people say if we stay behind. We may have the intention that we will try to go further than others in financial sacrifice to gain the pleasure of Allah or may do so with the intention of gaining the prayers of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. However, if a person does it for being praised by others or for gaining influence among Jama'at or office bearers, such financial sacrifices will in fact be harmful.

➤ Those who make financial sacrifices should also remember that their families have a right upon them. Not fulfilling these rights is a sin in the sight of God. Simultaneously, we should inculcate contentment in ourselves and in our families and pay attention towards spending our wealth in the way of God.

➤ Afterwards, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) narrated many incidents of financial sacrifice and how such individuals were blessed by Allah. Hazoor (aa) stated that hearing such incidents also encourage others. Thus, these people have double reward; one for making the sacrifice in the way of Allah and one that others were drawn towards piety due to their sacrifices.

➤ Explaining the philosophy of hidden and apparent sacrifices, the Promised Messiah (as) stated: The Holy Quran tells us that you should not hide all of your acts from people; rather, as suitable, you should carry out some acts in secret if you think that is better, while carry out other actions overtly if you think that it is good for the general public. In some instances, practical model carries more influence than words.

➤ After this, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) mentioned some incidents of Ahmadis from around the world such as Argentina, Indonesia, France, Canada, Marshall Islands etc. For example, Hazoor Anwar (aa) mentioned an incident of a Canadian Syrian who wrote to Hazoor that following the construction of Markaz in Islamabad, I had pledged to pay 5000 dollars in Tehrik-e-Jadid. My monthly income at that time was 4000 dollars. After some time, I bought a car and changed my work which further increased my income. However, due to sending money back home to Syria and other

reasons, I still did not have the capacity to fulfill my pledge. I had an accident in January 2020 and could not work for a month. Then, our financial situation further worsened due to Covid lockdown. Both me and my wife were praying that we should be able to pay the Tehrik-e-Jadid pledge before Ramadan ends. Then, I left driving taxi and started the work of food delivery. I started receiving income from sources that I had never even imagined. My monthly income grew to 9000 dollars and I was able to pay my pledge even before Ramadan started.

➤ By the grace of Allah, 87th year of Tehrik-e-Jadid is commencing. May Allah bless the persons and wealth of all participants and accept their sacrifices! Ameen

➤ Towards the end, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) stated that you should pray fervently during these days. Pray a lot for Muslims. Some world leaders hold grudge against Muslims. Even if they do not express it openly, their hearts carry enmity towards Islam and Muslims. The anti-Islamic forces carry out such acts because they know that Muslims lack unity. If they knew Muslims were united and are ready to sacrifice for the sake of Islam, they would never carry out such acts. No newspaper would dare publish such cartoons.

➤ Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) condemned the recent remarks of France's President who said that Islam is in crisis. Hazoor stated that Islam is a living, flourishing religion. In comparison, he praised the comments of the Canadian Prime Minister who said that we should take care of the religious sentiments of people.

➤ Hazoor Anwar (atba) stated that no Muslim can bear such degradation hurled towards the Holy Prophet (sa). If a person becomes emotionally unstable and carries out an act due to this provocation, the responsibility lies upon these governments and upon the so-called freedom of expression. Killing anyone is not a solution for any problem. If the Muslim ummah wishes for a permanent solution, they should inculcate unity amongst themselves.

➤ We are continuing our work. It is the responsibility of the followers of the Muhammadan Messiah to explain the true teachings of Islam to people and inform the world that their salvation lies in recognizing one true God and in abolishing oppression. We must not forget the Muslim ummah in any condition. May Allah enable them to accept the Promised Messiah (as). We should also pray for humanity in general that may they not be befallen by any other calamity after this pandemic. Ameen