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Who is it that will lend Allah a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? And Allah receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return. (2:246)

- In this verse, it is mentioned that a loan should be given to Allah. This does not mean that Allah is in need of man's wealth. This means that who will spend in the way of Allah, so that Allah grants him an excellent reward. For establishing the religion of Allah and for serving humanity, financial sacrifices have often been mentioned in the Holy Quran.

- Allah has mentioned 'goodly loan'. This means that the financial sacrifice should be of one's own accord and with contentment of heart. Then, the promise of Allah's rewards is fulfilled.

- Explaining this verse, the Promised Messiah (as) states that some fools think that Allah is in need, hence, He asks for a loan. This means that I will return it manifold. Whoever presents righteous actions to Allah, Allah rewards him many times in return.

- Regarding financial sacrifice, Ahmadis of every class know that such sacrifices not only provide peace of heart, but Allah also rewards manifold. There are many Ahmadis who do not even expect any worldly reward. They sacrifice only for Allah's sake. However, Allah continues to give back.

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) presented many incidents of Ahmadis how they presented sacrifices and consequently earned Allah's pleasure. We see thousands of such examples in the Jama'at.

- Some Ahmadis say that why don't we witness such incidents in our lives? They should do Istighfaar (seek Allah's forgiveness) and ponder that did they really sacrifice for the sake of Allah? If so, this question would not arise to begin with. Allah surely rewards in one way or another.

- A missionary from Guinea Conakry writes that the sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih about Waqfe-Jadid was read out in the mosque. In this sermon, it was mentioned that the Promised Messiah (as) has stated that financial sacrifice is one of the five ways of attaining Allah's nearness and that our heart cannot love wealth and Allah simultaneously. Hearing this, a poor devout Ahmadi named Musa sahib reached into his pocket and presented whatever he had for the sake of Allah. He was asked to keep some for himself or to at least keep the money he will use to go back home. He replied that did you not hear that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) has stated that love of God and wealth cannot remain simultaneously. Hence, let me stay today with Allah's love and then he walked back home.

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) stated that we see astonishing tales of faithfulness and devotion. Our enemies claim that they will annihilate the Jama'at. Who is it that can defeat people who love Allah in such manner? No matter how much they try, Jama'at has been established by Allah and He safeguards it at all times.

- There are many who write to me that I should pray for them that they are able to pay their promises in full. Many pray fervently and offer Tahajjud for this purpose. A materialistic person might say that such individuals are foolish. However, it is such fools whom Allah loves and whose needs He fulfills.

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) presented the example of a ten-year-old boy from India, who had saved up quite a bit of money. He decided to give this amount towards Waqf-e-Jadid. He was asked, that normally when children save up money, they use it to buy something for themselves, why had he decided to give it toward Waqf-e-Jadid? The young boy replied by saying that he did so because this is what God, His Messenger (sa), and his Caliphs command us to do. His Holiness (aba) commented that if this is the mentality of our youngsters, then what harm can the opponents of Ahmadiyyat inflict upon us?!

- By the grace of Allah, the 64th year of Waqf-e-Jadid has now begun. Some stats from the previous year are being given here. Total collection was 1.53 million pounds which is 887000 more than the previous year. Total participants: 1.452 million.

- Towards the end, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (atba) urged Ahmadis to pray for Ahmadis of Pakistan and Algeria and for humanity in general.