

Summary Friday Sermon November 5, 2021

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After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that in the Holy Qur'an, one of the qualities of true believers which has been stated is that they spend out of their wealth in the way of Allah.

His Holiness (aba) said that people belonging to divine communities sacrifice their wealth in order to purify their wealth, and in order to please God Almighty and attain His nearness. Such is also the case with the Community of the Promised Messiah (as). The Promised Messiah (as) came to spread the true teachings of Islam throughout the entire world. Of course, there are certain expenditures required in order to fulfil this monumental task. To this end, Ahmadis spread across the world present such examples of financial sacrifice, that it evidently proves that it was indeed the Promised Messiah (as) who was to spread the true teachings of Islam to the world. Had the opponents' hearts not been turned to stone, then they would have been able to see these signs and realise the truthfulness of this Community.

His Holiness (aba) said that indeed, God has said that those who spend in His way will be doubly rewarded. However, Ahmadis who spend in the way of Allah do so only with His pleasure in mind, and if some worldly gain comes about as a result, then that is an added benefit. Thus, the true essence of such contributions and sacrifices is to gain acceptance in the sight of Allah.

His Holiness (aba) said that there are some who wonder why financial contributions are necessary, and some even speak about this aloud at home which leads to the children wondering the same thing. His Holiness (aba) said it is the duty of office-bearers to remove such doubts from the members of the Community. With regards to where these funds are spent, His Holiness (aba) said that they are spent for the sake of spreading Islam through various different means, whether it is for the Community's television channel, or training missionaries to go out in the world and spread the true message of Islam. His Holiness (aba) said that he did not mention this because a large number of people have started wondering such things, rather, even small numbers of people can try to raise disorder and create doubts in the minds of others.

His Holiness (aba) said that he would announce the new year of *Tahrik-e-Jadid*. His Holiness (aba) said that the 87th year of *Tahrik-e-Jadid* came to an end, and now the 88th year has commenced. His Holiness (aba) said that over the last year, a total of £15.3 million were collected under *Tahrik-e-Jadid* which is an increase of £842,000 from the previous year.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah bestow his blessings upon all those who have made financial sacrifices.