In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.



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Summary Friday Sermon 27 May 2022

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After reciting *Tashahhud*, *Ta`awwuz* and *Surah al-Fatihah*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that today is the 27 May which is known as Khilafat Day in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

His Holiness (aba) said that on this day we hold gatherings commemorating <u>Khilafat Day</u>, but why? It is important to always keep that answer to this question in mind. This day first started on 27 May 1908 when, in fulfilment of His promise, God established Khilafat in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The Promised Messiah (as) had been informing the Community for some time that his time to pass on was drawing near, however, at the same time, he would give the glad tidings that God had promised this Community's success which would be led by the system of Khilafat.

His Holiness (aba) said that once, the Holy Prophet (sa) said to his Companions that he would remain among them so long as God willed and after his demise, Khilafat upon the precepts of prophethood would be established; these Caliphs would be in complete subservience to the Holy Prophet (sa) and then, this Khilafat would end whenever God willed. Thereafter would follow tyrannical monarchy and upon its end would follow monarchical despotism. The Holy Prophet (sa) prophesied when all this would take place in the Muslim Ummah, when God would manifest His mercy and establish Khilafat upon the precepts of prophethood once again. Then, the Holy Prophet (sa) remained silent. His Holiness (aba) said that the fact that the Holy Prophet (sa) remained silent after mentioning the second establishment of Khilafat upon the precepts of prophethood shows that this second manifestation and system of Khilafat would remain for a long time.

His Holiness (aba) further quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who explained that prophets are commissioned to present God to the people and so that they may sow the seeds, but these seeds do not grow fully during the prophets' time. Rather, there comes after them a second manifestation which sees to the fulfilment of their mission. Allah says in the Holy Quran :

"Allah has decreed: 'Most surely I will prevail, I and My Messengers.' Verily, Allah is Powerful, Mighty." (<u>58:22</u>)

The word 'prevail' (conquest) means that in the same manner that prophets and nabis wish that Allah's ordinance is completely prevalent on earth and no one can contest it, Allah reveals their truth and authenticity with clear signs, and enables them to spread the message of truth and righteousness , though HE does not let them complete their mission. On the other hand HE arranges their demise at a time that raises feelings of fear and failure, thereby allowing the enemies to ridicule and taunt them. And when they are done with their laughing and jest, HE reveals the other side of His power and creates such opportunities through which all incomplete objectives are achieved and become the epitome of accomplishment

His Holiness (aba) said that in history we find that the sincerity and loyalty shown at the time of the First Caliph's (ra) election is a clear indication of God's help. Even though there was a very small number of hypocrites who wished to raise disorder, they were unable to so much as rear their heads. Similarly there were those who sought to create disorder at the time of the Second Caliph's (ra) election. Yet, the world saw thereafter how rapidly the Community spread, with the establishment of mission houses and the publication of literature etc. Then, during the Third Caliph's (rh) time, despite great opposition from the government, the Community continued to spread. The Fourth Caliph's (rh) time saw new avenues being opened in the spread of Islam and though there were those who sought to hinder him, the Community only continued to flourish that much more. If these were not fulfilments of God's promise then what were? Then during the fifth caliphate, we have seen the immense progress made by MTA with the establishment of 7 to 8 new channels in more languages reaching further than ever before, as a result of which the message of true Islam is being introduced to those who had never heard of it.

Huzur (aba) narrated a few heartwarming incidents where Allah had drawn people's hearts towards Islam and Ahmadiyyat through MTA, Literature and dreams and further illuminating the truth of Khilafate Ahmadiyyat recounted examples of how it opened up people's hearts and filled them with the love of Khilafat in Gini Bisao, Gambia, Goetaymala, Indonesia, Berkinafaso and Nigeria.

After that Huzur (aba) stated that this is the bond of loyalty and sincerity that Allah is awakening in people's hearts and will inshallah keep blessing the jamaat of the Promised Messiah (as) with such people. Huzur (aba) said that the Promised Messiah (as) had told us of the continuation of Khilafat so that we may be united in spreading the message of God to the entire world.

His Holiness (aba) said that every Ahmadi must have a bond of sincerity and loyalty with Khilafat, which will in turn enable them to fulfil the purpose of their oath of allegiance. This in essence, is the true purpose of commemorating Khilafat Day.

His Holiness (aba) asked the Jamaat to pray for the success of the Jalsa Salana in Ghana and Gambia.