Ijtima 1-1-1-1 - Concluding Address (Part 5)

Address by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper)

Take stock of your situation as to what you are. I was reviewing the state of a national Majlis; Sadr Majlis told me proudly: our members were slack in Prayers. Only 10% used to Pray in congregation. We started a campaign for three months and improved to 17%. I could not comprehend fully and I thought—because of the way he described it—that he was saying 70%. Even that is not an extraordinary achievement, as far as Ansarullah are concerned. But 17% is utterly a shameful matter, even after a campaign! If you do not even remember the basic purpose of you creation—or will not remember it—that Almighty Allah has drawn attention towards, in the Holy Qur’an, then how will you justify you being Ansar? If you will not purify yourself and follow the Holy Qur’an, how will you train others? So, if after the passage of 75 years, we came down to 15 or 20% from 80 or 90% attendance in congregational Prayers, it is a decline, not a progress. It is a worrisome matter. It is time to ponder over it. However, now the Jama’at is spreading. If people at one place will show laziness, Almighty Allah will produce true worshippers at another place. As I said and gave an example, and there are many examples, when Almighty Allah says that He and His Messenger will be victorious, He creates resources for that. According to the promise with the Promised Messiah, He is also providing for this. He is providing the worshippers and providing the ones to carry forward your message. How and what kind of people is He bestowing? How He creates fervor and spirit in them? How they present themselves to spread the message of Muhammad’s (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) Messiah? How Almighty Allah corrals the noble natured people close to us and then makes them do the Tabligh work.

I present a few incidents here. Dilayi Muhammad, a Muslim of Ivory Coast came to a city, and by chance offered Friday Prayer in an Ahmadiyya mosque and got introduced to Jama’at Ahmadiyya for the first time. During his stay in the city, he continued to visit there regularly and took part in Jama’at’s programs enthusiastically, contributed financially as well but did not take the formal Bai’at. Then he went back to the Capital city of Abidjan but kept himself in touch continuously. He took part in the arrangements of Jalsa Salana Ivory Coast in 2014 but still did not do Bai’at. He came to France in connection with a contract in 2015. Almighty Allah provided him the opportunity to visit there. Before leaving for France, he obtained the address of the France mission house as well and kept communication with the members of the Jama’at. During his stay in France, he came to know about the Jalsa Salana Germany. He took three days leave, went to Germany, and attended the Jalsa. He said that the spiritual atmosphere and brotherhood that he observed and felt in those three days could not be described. Then he also mentioned my speeches which touched his heart immensely. He said that he was feeling a spiritual change in his heart. Taking part in the Jalsa, he did Bai’at. Now he says that according to our wish, he will work for the progress of Ahmadiyyat in Ivory Coast and will spread the message in every possible way.
way. This is the spirit of Ansarullah.

Then a seventy-two year old gentleman from Gambia, a Nasir in the senior part of Ansarullah, says that after listening to the broadcast of the programs on Jama’at Radio, he did research about the Jama’at and accepted Ahmadiyyat. After doing Bai’at, he has become a very zealous Da’i Ilallah. Despite his age, he walks 18 to 20 kilometers daily for Da’wat Ilallah and propagates enthusiastically. Though he is illiterate, he gets the Jama’at’s leaflets, listens to them first, keeps them fresh in mind, and after that, distributes them as well. Especially for the Muslims, he emphasizes the reading of the pamphlets about the advent of the Promised Messiah and Khatm-i-Nabuwwat. Alongside, he also asks them to pray to God for His guidance. During this period, ever since he became Ahmadi, he may have distributed about 2500 pamphlets. Due to his Tabligh, Allah’s blessing, His favor, prayers, and continuous hard work, this lone person has converted 700 people to Ahmadiyyat so far.

Again in Gambia, there is a gentleman, Sheikh Javed, who accepted Ahmadiyyat last year. He was a Muslim trader of the Holy Qur’an. He was given training for six months and appointed as a part-time Mu’allim (teacher). After that, he says that in a dream, he saw that a very beautiful and spiritually lit entity says to him that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has said to excel in your prayers and work further. So, he has started Tabligh with more enthusiasm. For Tabligh, he travels many kilometers for many hours on foot. New Jama’ats are being formed with his efforts. He also has given the message of Ahmadiyyat and converted more than 200 people to Ahmadiyyat. And those who are joining now, with Allah’s blessing, are also being involved in financial sacrifices, and through that they are regularly connected. These are the people who are joining late but feeling their loss of time, are getting better in their prayers as well as in Tabligh work. May Almighty Allah continue increasing their faith and sincerity. And those who are weak among us—and Ahmadiyyat has reached their homes for decades rather from the times of their forefathers—should try to bring themselves up to that stage where the Promised Messiah wants to see us.

(To be continued...)

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Ijtima 1-1-1-1 - Huzoor's Concluding Address

Full text of English translation of the concluding address by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) at National Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah UK/USA 2015 is available here.

Tarbiyat and Congregational Prayer

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Sadr Majlis
Dear Ansar Brothers,
As-Salamu ‘Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

I would like to share the following excerpt with the members. May Almighty Allah enable us to heed this important advice. Ameen.

Translation:

“Hazrat Muslih Mau’ud (may Allah be pleased with him) said: Congregational Prayer—in my view—is the most important intervention to teach children good morals and habits. Children should be trained to offer Salat in congregation... In my view, there is no bigger enemy of a child than those parents who do not inculcate the habit of offering congregational Prayer in their children. While a grownup who fails to offer congregational Prayer is a hypocrite, parents who do not inculcate this habit in their children are their murderers. It is impossible for a child to sustain irreparable moral damage if parents help them develop a habit of offering Prayers in congregation."

Was-Salam,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
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