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In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

Hazrat Ameer's Eid ul Fitr Message

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Assalaamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hu.

A very Happy Eid Mubarak to you all!

Celebration of Eid ul Fitr marks the completion of a month of devotion the purpose of which is to achieve nearness to Allah and mould our lives entirely in the way that would please Him. He would like us to completely resist evil inclinations and lead our lives according to the instructions He sent through the Holy Qur'an. Complete submission to Allah's commandments as given in the Holy Qur'an results in the attainment of the state of *taqwah*. Allah calls *muttaqeen* as his servants and also his friends. The very purpose of creation of human beings is their complete submission to the will and command of Allah. Allah states in Verse 56 of Chapter 51:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ ﴿٥٦﴾

And I have not created the jinn and the men except that they should serve Me.

I must add that such service is to seek the love of Allah, which in itself is reward enough for the subservient ones who obey the instructions He sent to us through the Holy Qur'an. It is only when we attain the state of *taqwah* that Allah is near us in the real sense and responds to our prayers when we beseech His help. This is made clear in verse 186 of chapter 2:

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

And when my servants ask thee concerning Me, surely I am nigh. I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he calls on Me, so they should hear My call and believe in Me that they may walk in the Right Path.

This Right Path we pray for is only attainable when we know the forbidden path that would lead us astray. Just like we cannot drive unless we know the traffic rules, we cannot be on the Right Path, the path of Allah's pleasure and nearness without ascertaining the code of life given in the Holy Qur'an. This makes it

mandatory for us to read the Qur'an and follow the instructions contained in it in every respect.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Sahib has stressed this point in his book, *Kishte e Nuh* (The Ark of Noah) and I quote below:

Therefore, beware! Do not take a single step in opposition to anything contained in the Holy Book. Indeed, I tell you truly that whosoever circumvents even the least of the seven hundred commandments embodied in the Holy Qur'an, closes the door of salvation upon himself.

The real and perfect paths of salvation have been opened only by the Holy Qur'an; all others were only its shadows. Therefore, you should study this Holy Scripture with the utmost attention and the deepest thought and you should love it as you have never loved anything else.

Dear sisters and brothers,

Eid is a day to make resolutions that will lead to the betterment of our souls. We have felt the nearness to Allah during Ramadan. Let us resolve to continue in that direction and use the Qur'an as a light to guide us further. Let us resolve that we will read the Qur'an, ponder on it and practice it for the rest of our lives.

Please pray for the protection of the precious lives of the Palestinians that are being lost. There is also an ongoing war against terrorists and their bases in Pakistan. Please pray that Pakistan is rid of terrorism and has a peaceful existence. Also pray for protection of our Jama'at members and for spread of the Message of Islam that is our duty to carry to all parts of the world. Let us pray for peace throughout the world. *Aameen*.

I wish you all a Happy Eid. I pray for you all. Please remember me in your prayers.

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