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"BUILDING A HAPPY HOUSEHOLD"

وَأَنكُوا الْأَيْكِمَ لَ حِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِكُرْ وَإِمَآبِكُمْ إِن يَكُونُواْ فُقَرَآءَ يُغْنِهِمُ ٱللَّهُ مِن فَضَلِهِ - وَٱللَّهُ وَاسِعُ عَلِيمُ إِلَّهُ اللهُ وَحَدَهُ لا مُحَمَّدًا عَبِدُهُ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ لم عَلَىٰ سَيدِنَا أيُّهَا الْمُسلُّمُونَ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقُوكِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ يَئَا اللَّهِ اللَّهِ عَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ عَالَّهُ عَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ عَالَيْهُ اللَّهُ عَقَّ لَيْهَا لَهُ عَلَيْهِ عَلِيهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلِهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَل وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسَلِّمُونَ.

¹ An-Nur; 32



Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all become among those that are loved by Allah, hence attaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

The khutbah today is titled: "BUILDING A HAPPY HOUSEHOLD."

Dear blessed audience,

The married life is not just for sheer pleasure with one's spouse, but it is an *amaanah* (trust) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is to be shouldered by both the husband and the wife.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in Soorah al-An'aam, verse 32:

"And the worldly life is not but amusement and diversion; but the home of the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allah, so will you not reason?"

(al-An'aam 6:32)

In fulfilling the demands and *amaanah* of marriage, some would actually succumb to failure somewhere along the way. This is proven after many researches have indicated that divorce cases takes place almost on a daily basis especially amongst Muslim couples. In Selangor alone, the total number of divorce recorded in 2013 was 6028 cases, with 6912 cases recorded in 2014, and a total of 7698 cases for 2015, a sharp increase with an average of 21 cases daily.

Blessed audience,





It was narrated from ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* that Rasulullah عياله said:

"The most hated of permissible things to Allah is divorce."

(Abu Dawood and ibn Maajah)

Even though divorce is a matter that is permissible, it actually leaves deep negative impact such as severing the family ties, children being deprived of their rights, opening up doors to promiscuity, moral decadence, increasing poverty, and tarnishing the image of Islam and the Muslim *ummah*. What are the causes that lead to divorce? Among them:

First: Not fully internalizing the goals and objectives of matrimony in Islam

Islam emphasizes on marriage for it has greater objectives than just merely satiating the lustful desire. However, for those that do not comprehend the true objectives of marriage, they will opt for the easy way out in resolving dispute, which is divorce.

Second: Failure in dealing with differences of opinion and understanding between the husband and the wife

Among the main reason for causing separation between the husband and wife is the failure in managing differences of opinion and understanding. Hence, the married couple must be wise in dealing with differences of opinion and understanding so as to attain blissfulness and well being in the marriage. Their failure in comprehending their respective duties and responsibilities will cause disputes, which in the end leads to divorce.

Third: External intervention within the household



It is undeniable that many divorce are caused by the infidelity of the husband or wife. The presence of a third person usually would lead to catastrophe in the spouses' lives, where if left unresolved, it will cause divorce to occur.

In addition, it cannot be denied that there are some parents or in-laws that are too involved in the affairs of their children, only worsening the rift between them.

Fourth: Lack of maturity in getting married

Many divorce amongst young couples are actually caused by the lack of maturity in their thinking with regard to administering their household affairs that they would hastily resort to divorce.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in Soorah ar-Room, verse 21:

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought."

(ar-Room 30:21)





Therefore, the Muslim *ummah* must fully comprehend the wisdom of marriage in Islam, which entails tranquility, happiness, intimacy, protection of *imaan*, and that matrimony itself as an *'ibaadah* that is demanded in Islam.

Dear respected audience,

Indeed, among the important matters in safeguarding one's marriage is the mutual effort in understanding each other; that is acknowledging the sincerity of the spouse, comprehending their strengths and weaknesses, and even respecting each other's duties and career. What is significant for us is the tolerance with one another in executing the roles and responsibilities on a daily basis. This way, happiness and harmony within the household will continue to be preserved, *inshaa Allah*.

Rasulullah himself as *qudwah hasanah* (the best example) has demonstrated to us the ways to compromise in the married life. Even though he was preoccupied with the role of leadership and propagating the message of Islam, he still had time to help with the house chores. He would milk the goat, sew his garments, and worked around the house without asking for his wives' aid.

Narrated al-Aswad *radiyAllaahu 'anh*: I asked 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* what did Rasulullah "use to do at home. She replied:

"He used to keep himself busy serving his family and when it was time for the prayer, he would get up for prayer."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear beloved Muslims,





Every believing married couple must increase their 'ibaadah, striving to attain nearness to Allah, and always supplicating for happiness within the marriage. This is because such happiness comes from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and by the same token, Allah has the rights to retract them. Therefore, the Muslims are highly encouraged to practice upon du'aa that are ma'thoor (well-known from authentic sources) so as to attain a blissful household in this world and the Hereafter. Just like the du'aa recommended by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in Soorah al-Furqaan, verse 74:

"... And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous.""

(al-Furqaan 25:74)

Dear blessed audience,

In conclusion, happiness in a household largely depends on the earnest effort of the husband and wife in fulfilling these matters:

- 1. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend and have full certainty that matrimony is an *'ibaadah* ordained by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and that it is also from among the *magaasid* (objectives) *ash-Sharee'ah*.
- 2. The Muslim couple must strive to attain the objectives and goals of marriage as prescribed in Islam.





- The Muslim couple must always strive to understand and tolerate each other.
- 4. The Muslim couple must always supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that the marriage built will last until the last breath.
- 5. The Muslim couple must always strive to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities of the married life, while having utmost patience.
- 6. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain patient in enduring disagreement that arises, and protect the families from breaking up, for *Shaytaan* will rejoice upon seeing the Muslim *ummah* in shambles.

أَعُوذ بِاللهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ يَتَأَيُّا النَّاسُ اتَّقُواْ رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُم مِّن نَّفُس وَ حِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَتَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالاً كَثِيرًا وَنِسَآءً وَاتَّقُواْ اللهَ الَّذِي تَسَآءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ

"O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs [kinship]. Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer."

(an-Nisaa' 4:1)



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالدِّكْرِ الْعَظِيمِ، الْآيَاتِ وَالدِّكْرِ الْكَيَاتِ وَالدِّكْرِ الْكَيَاتِ وَالدِّكْرِ الْكَيَامِ وَاتَقَبَّلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُو، إِنَّهُو هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قُولِي هَاذَا وَأَسْتَغَفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِي وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُونَ إِنَّهُ، وَلِسَآئِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُونَ إِنَّهُ، هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُلِلَّهِ الَّذِيَ جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَآ إِلَه إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحَدَهُ لَا الطَّيْبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكَ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكَ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ عَلَى آلِهِ عَلَى اللَّهُ الْمُتَالَةُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّه

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. At the same time, we are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and



extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim *ummah* and our nation.



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic Affairs in this state.



Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan*, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our *rizq*, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials especially the plagues of Zika and Dengue, so that our state will always remain protected and blessed.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech You, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from the practices and *'aqeedah* that are astray such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations, as well as making waqf and infaaq of our wealth especially to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf Corporation) and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor). With these deeds, O Allah, bless our lives and widen our rizq with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.

رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنْ أُزُوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنِ وَالْجُعَلِّنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَآ ءَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدْلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيِ ذِي



ٱلْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكِرِ وَٱلْبَغِي َ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ۚ فَاذْكُرُوا اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرُكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ فَاذْكُرُوا اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرُكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نَعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذْكُرُ اللهَ أَكْبَرُ وَاللّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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