



“THIS WORLD IS LIKE A DROP OF HONEY”

أَحْمَدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلُ: وَأَنْبِئُوا إِلَى رَبِّكُمْ وَأَسْلِمُوا لَهُ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمُ الْعَذَابُ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ¹ ﴿٤٦﴾ ﴿٤٧﴾
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِنِّي بِنُفُوسِي اللَّهُ فَفَدَّ فَارَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَتَأَيُّبُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ
مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

I would like to humbly remind myself and fellow audience to continue diligently in having the *taqwa* of Allah by upholding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

In this blessed moment that is filled with *khushoo'* (submission) and *tawaddu'* (humility), overwhelmed with fear and hope, let us evaluate ourselves through a *khutbah* titled “THIS WORLD IS LIKE A DROP OF HONEY”.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Once upon a time, there was a youth that was wandering in the wilderness. All of a sudden, he came across an elephant that had become enraged. The elephant then started to run after him, ready to pounce on him. Without hesitation, the youth took off and ran for his life. Unfortunately for him, there was no escaping as he came to a deep ravine, with the raging elephant closing up on him. There is no other choice for the youth except to jump into the ravine to save himself.

Fortunately, he got caught in the branches of a tall tree after the plunge. He took a deep breath of relief after escaping and being saved from the furious elephant. The youth then tried to calm down while figuring out the way to climb down the tree. While busy looking down below, he noticed that there were several large vicious-looking snakes slithering on the ground. The youth became confused and worried when he noticed two big rodents are gnawing at the base of the branch that he is holding on to. The branch became unstable and started to shake, and would probably break unexpectedly. While thinking about various tricks in his mind, he then saw a group of bees that was busy constructing their hive on the a branch just above him. With great difficulty, the youth brought himself closer and prodded the bee hive with his finger. He noticed a drop of honey at the tip of his finger, so he began to lick and enjoy the honey though it was nothing precious. He continued doing so repeatedly that he became complacent and forgot to prepare for what is to come.

Blessed audience,

Such is the ending of the story of the poor youth. This was an allegorical tale compiled by ibn al-Muqaffa' (d. 142H) in his book titled *Kaleelah wa Dimnah*. After

¹ az-Zumar 39:54





concluding that tale, ibn al-Muqaffa' gave *tawsiyah* (advice) and *tawjeehaat* (guiding rules) for his readers:

"...That is the reality, my brother! The example of those whose lives are drowned in heedlessness, while the pleasures of dunya is akin to a drop of honey, where if one is careless, it can cause mankind to forget about the Hereafter that is real, and they will definitely endure severe situations."

Blessed Muslims,

The sarcasm or advice of ibn al-Muqaffa' is truly concise and precise. Verily, it is consistent with the severe warnings from Allah and His Messenger. In this regard, there are many verses of al-Qur'an and *ahaadeeth* that reminds us to not become negligent, do not become negligent, and do not become negligent.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in Soorah al-Munaafiqoon, verse 9:

يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ ءَامَنُوْا لَا تَلْهٰكُمْ اَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا اَوْلَادُكُمْ عَن ذِكْرِ اللّٰهِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذٰلِكَ
فَاُولٰٓئِكَ هُمُ الْخٰسِرُوْنَ ﴿٩﴾

"O you who have believed, let not your wealth and your children divert you from remembrance of Allah. And whoever does that - then those are the losers."
(al-Munaafiqoon 63:9)

Moreover, let us ponder deeper upon the Words of Allah in Soorah at-Takaathur, verses 1-8:

اَلْهٰكُمْ التَّكٰثُرُ ﴿١﴾ حَتّٰى زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ ﴿٢﴾ كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿٣﴾ ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَوْفَ
تَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿٤﴾ كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُوْنَ عِلْمَ الْيَقِيْنَ ﴿٥﴾ لَتَرُوْنَ الْجَحِيْمَ ﴿٦﴾ ثُمَّ لَتَرُوْنَهَا عِيْنَ الْيَقِيْنَ
﴿٧﴾ ثُمَّ لَتُسْـَٔلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيْمِ ﴿٨﴾

"The mutual rivalry for piling up of worldly things diverts you, until you visit the graves (i.e. till you die). Nay! You shall come to know! Again, Nay! You shall come to know! Nay! If you knew with a sure knowledge (the end result of piling up, you would not have occupied yourselves in worldly things). Verily, You shall see the blazing Fire (Hell)! And again, you shall see it with certainty of sight! Then, on that Day, you shall be asked about the delight (you indulged in, in this world)!"
(at-Takaathur 102:1-8)

Such is the stern reminder from Allah for all of us in not becoming heedless, for it will only cause misery in our lives that is eternal in the Hereafter. Be aware, my brothers! Sometimes the things that distracts us are really not that valuable and worth it, not



enabling us to live forever with all sorts of delights that are flawless. Would you like to hear the scathing criticism of al-Imaam al-Ghazzaali (d. 505H) *rahimahullaah* regarding our senseless yearning for worldly gain that is really minute, hence causing us to forget about the lives of the Hereafter. He said:

"... Know, my brother! If you are truly crazy about a woman such that you are willing to kill each other just for her, then realize that the thing that you are fighting for on that woman is no more than a place where her menstrual blood flows out from. If you feel truly great for possessing a beverage adored by others, namely honey, then know, my brother! Your amazement upon it is nothing more than the saliva of several honey bees. If you are proud of the silk garment that you own, then know that the silk cloth is none other than a type of thread that exited from the rear of a few silkworms. How trivial!"

Moreover, we have been reminded by our beloved prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم how vile this world can be if it is not linked with the Hereafter. In a *hadeeth* collected by Imaam Muslim, Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anh* reported that Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا حُلْوَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مُسْتَحْلِفُكُمْ فِيهَا، فَيَنْظُرُ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ؟ فَاتَّقُوا الدُّنْيَا، وَاتَّقُوا النِّسَاءَ، فَإِنَّ أَوَّلَ فِتْنَةِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ كَانَتْ فِي النِّسَاءِ

"The world is sweet and green (alluring) and verily Allah is going to install you as vicegerent in it in order to see how you act. So avoid the allurements of women: verily, the first trial for the Children of Israa'eel was caused by women."

Blessed audience,

As believers, our belief in the Day of Reckoning is often repeated in our *salaah* and *dhikr* that we practice. We would often utter:

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Which means, "Allah is The Only Owner of the Day of Recompense," where on that very day no one can escape from His Decree. Those are noble words where if they are to be internalized, it can control our *nafs* (desire) that has transgressed and deviated from the commands and teachings of Allah. His Might, Firmness, Greatness, and His severe punishments will definitely be endured by everyone except for those granted with His Forgiveness. Surely we always hear about the threats from Allah mentioned in Soorah al-Fajr, verses 25 and 26:

فَيَوْمَئِذٍ لَا يُعَذِّبُ عَذَابَهُ أَحَدٌ وَلَا يُوثِقُ وِثْقَهُ أَحَدٌ

"So on that Day, none will punish [as severely] as His punishment, and none will bind [as severely] as His binding [of the evildoers]."

(al-Fajr 89:25-26)



Dear blessed Muslims,

In concluding the *khutbah* today, let us contemplate upon several points that we will take home with us until we meet again next Friday. They are:

1. The Muslim *ummah* is reminded to always remember that our lives in this world will end with death. And after that we will proceed to the Hereafter, which is eternal and everlasting.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must constantly realize that heedlessness and negligence will drag us astray.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain cautious for the pleasures of this world that Allah has bestowed are actually trials upon our *imaan*.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must internalize upon the promises of Allah, with great rewards that we shall attain in the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةُ ﴿٢٧﴾ أَرْجِعِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكِ رَاضِيَةً مَّرْضِيَّةً ﴿٢٨﴾ فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ﴿٢٩﴾
وَادْخُلِي جَنَّتِي ﴿٣٠﴾

“[To the righteous it will be said], “O reassured soul, return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing [to Him], and enter among My [righteous] servants and enter My Paradise.””

(al-Fajr 89:27-30)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

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 ﷺ 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.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَائِتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصَّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحِ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤْطَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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 هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ

النَّارِ. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ۗ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ

تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا

تَصْنَعُونَ.