



“NOBLE AKHLAAQ IS A REFLECTION OF THE PERFECT PRAYER”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: أَتْلُ مَا أَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Alhamdulillah, on this blessed Friday, let us altogether strive to increase our servitude and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in its truest sense. I remind myself and fellow audience to remain diligent in fulfilling all of the commands decreed by Allah and avoid all of His prohibitions. May we all attain *tawfeeq* (aid) and *hidaayah* (guidance), as well as salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

I also would like to invite my esteem audience to contemplate upon the *khutbah* on this noble day titled “**NOBLE AKHLAAQ IS A REFLECTION OF THE PERFECT PRAYER.**”

Beloved audience,

The integrity of a society largely depends on the loftiness of its character. That is with individuals becoming noble, respectful, and highly regarded, living with blissfulness and perfection. Hence, noble character would include the following aspects:

First: Speech.

Speech is from among the main form of communication between a person and others. This technique can create various forms of interactions, whether good or bad. Without the supervision of a sound heart, it can manifest evil speech.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu ‘anh*, he narrated that:

سُئِلَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَنْ أَكْثَرِ مَا يُدْخِلُ النَّاسَ الْجَنَّةَ، فَقَالَ: تَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَحُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ، وَسُئِلَ عَنْ أَكْثَرِ مَا يُدْخِلُ النَّاسَ النَّارَ، فَقَالَ: الْفَمُّ وَالْفَرْجُ

¹ al-‘Ankaboot 29:45



The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was asked about that for which people are admitted into Paradise the most, so he said: "Taqwa of Allah and good character." And he (ﷺ) was asked about that for which people are admitted into the Fire the most, and he said: "The mouth and the private parts."

(at-Tirmidhi)

This indicates that verbal utterances can lead a person to Hellfire if it is not kept in check.

Second: Behavior.

Behavior is the actions or manners of a person that can be easily seen by the eyes. Such deed is deemed as having noble character when its doer performs a righteous deed. That is known as praiseworthy (*mahmoodah*) trait. On the contrary, a deed is deemed as bad when its doer performs an act that is evil and wicked. And that is from the traits of *madhmoomah* (despicable).

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 134 of soorah Aal-'Imraan, which means:

"Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good."

Third: Attire.

In Islam, the way of dressing has been taught with ease and completeness, which are in accordance with the *fitrah* (natural disposition) of human lives. However, this matter has been infiltrated with elements and culture that are foreign, which only contaminates and adversely affects the Muslims. This results in the Muslim attire being no longer *'ibaadah*-based but merely fashion-based, purely following the desires. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 26 of soorah al-A'raaf:

يَبْنِي ۚ ءَادَمَ قَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمْ لِبَاسًا يُورِي سَوَاءَ تَكُمُ وِرِيشًا ۚ وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَىٰ
ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ مِنْ ءَايَاتِ اللَّهِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

"O children of Adam, We have bestowed upon you clothing to conceal your private parts and as adornment. But the clothing of righteousness - that is best. That is from the signs of Allah that perhaps they will remember."

Dear blessed Muslims,

Verily Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has taught us to manifest all aspects of the noble *akhlaaq* through the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* (prayer). When we truly comprehend the reality of *salaah* performed, it enables us to nurture and develop the Muslim personality in demonstrating noble *akhlaaq* through speech, behavior, and attire. Beginning with the *niyyah* (intention), all the way until the *tasleem* (greetings in completing *salaah*), the *salaah* that has been commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* covers the complete way of life for a believer.



For example, in the *akhlaaq* for speech, the recitation in *salaah* that is recited with *khushoo'* (humility) and perfection teaches us to speak in a well-mannered way outside of *salaah*. While the movements and actions during *salaah* translates into the obligation of demonstrating good actions and behavior outside of *salaah*. Not to mention, when such deed is performed in congregation, indicating the significance of respecting each other and obedience within the society. Similarly, the *salaah* performed gives a clear message that the appearance for the males and females are different, with each having *'awrah* that are to be covered. Ultimately, this shows that dignity and self-respect are truly important in Islam.

All in all, noble *akhlaaq* is a reflection of the perfect prayer. In an authentic narration from Abu ad-Dardaa' *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, the Prophet ﷺ mentioned:

مَا شَيْءٌ أَثْقَلُ فِي مِيزَانِ الْمُؤْمِنِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ خُلُقٍ حَسَنٍ

"Nothing is heavier on the believer's Scale on the Day of Judgment than good character."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Blessed Muslims,

The perfect prayer serves as the main pillar in shaping the personality of a Muslim so that solid *imaan* and *taqwa* can be attained. It is not just with complete and good appearance during *salaah* only, but outside of *salaah*, we are obligated to have good appearance just as how we prayed. In other words, if one can perform *salaah* with perfection and full comprehension, then outside of *salaah*, the same person will carry that same image of perfection throughout his or her lives. It is for this very reason that Sayyidina 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anh* placed grave emphasis on the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* upon his officers by stating:

إِنَّ أَهَمَّ أُمُورِكُمْ عِنْدِي الصَّلَاةُ، مَنْ حَفِظَهَا وَحَافِظًا عَلَيْهَا فَقَدْ حَفِظَ
دِينَهُ، وَمَنْ ضَيَّعَهَا فَهُوَ لِمَا سِوَاهَا أَضْيَعُ

"Verily, what is most important in your affairs is the salaah. Whoever safeguards and protects it, then he has protected his religion. And whoever neglects it, then his other deeds will become neglected."

Dear beloved audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, I humbly implore and invite fellow Muslims to internalize upon several lessons to be inculcated as guidance in our lives, among them:

1. It is *waajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* will be the first deed to be questioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must perform *salaah* with perfection, for only perfected *salaah* will be able to prevent evil deeds and wrongdoings.



3. It is *wajib* for the Muslim *ummah* to have noble *akhlaaq*, which is to decorate the personality with praiseworthy traits and avoid despicable traits.

4. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that its individuals, families, and societies do not abandon *salaah* for it can incur the wrath of Allah in this world and the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
مَا سَلَكَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ﴿٤٢﴾ قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

“[And asking them], “What put you into Saqar?” They will say, “We were not of those who prayed.””

(al-Muddaththir 74:42-43)

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،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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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، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَرِيَّائِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize 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 صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace."

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

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 أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ،



جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُوَلِّيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ، اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْتِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ 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*, 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* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلٰى نِعْمِهِ ۖ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاَسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

