



“THE DUTY OF SELECTING OUR LEADER”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكِ الْمَلِكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ
مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعْزِزُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٦﴾

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

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and fellow audience to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands, and avoiding all of His prohibitions, as well as upholding the *amaanah* (trust) that has been entrusted upon us, which will be accounted for in the Hereafter. Verily, preserving and fulfilling the *amaanah* appropriately is from among the major requirements in solidifying our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

The war drum is beating louder and the banners have been raised high. On the 9th of May, it is incumbent upon us to come out and cast our vote in choosing the leader that will determine the future direction of our nation for the next five years. Hence, let us internalize upon a *khutbah* titled **“THE DUTY OF SELECTING OUR LEADER.”**

Respected audience,

Why are we obligated to select a leader?

First: Choosing a leader is from among the requirements in Islam. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِذَا كَانَ ثَلَاثَةٌ فِي سَفَرٍ فَلْيُؤَمِّرُوا أَحَدَهُمْ

“When three are on a journey, they should appoint one of them as their commander.”

(Abu Dawood)

¹ Aal-‘Imraan 3:26



This *hadeeth* clearly explains the importance of appointing a leader, even if it is just amongst three individuals. This is to ensure that there will be harmonized understandings in the lives of the Muslims. Not to mention, in a nation that has a population of 30 million people. Definitely it is vital to be implemented.

The selection of a leader is a form of testimony that must be fulfilled and will be held accountable before Allah in the Hereafter. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 282 of soorah al-Baqarah:

وَلَا يَأْبُ الشُّهَدَاءُ إِذَا مَا دُعُوا

"...And let not the witnesses refuse when they are called upon..."

Based on the *hadeeth* and verse mentioned, it is clear that choosing a leader is a responsibility, what more when there are many offering themselves to become leaders. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to select the best leader that will bring benefit to the religion, society, nation, and the Muslim *ummah* as a whole.

Second: We are obligated to select our leader because of our endeavor in appointing the best leader. Al-Qur'an mentions to us several characteristics of a good leader that is capable of upholding the religion and administers the world with sound religious understanding. Among the characteristics of a good leader is one that is knowledgeable, able-bodied, physically fit, and possessing high integrity. These traits can be found in the personality of Nabi Moosa *'alayhissalaam*, Nabi Yoosuf *'alayhissalaam*, and Taa-Loot the Commander, when they were all given the responsibility. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions regarding Nabi Moosa *'alayhissalaam* in verse 26 of soorah al-Qasas:

قَالَتْ إِحَدُهُمَا يَا أَبِئْتَبْتِ اسْتَجِرْهُ ^ط إِنَّ خَيْرَ مَنْ اسْتَجَرْتَ الْقَوِيُّ الْأَمِينُ ﴿٢٦﴾

"One of the women said, "O my father, hire him. Indeed, the best one you can hire is the strong and the trustworthy.""

Allah mentions regarding the selection of Taa-Loot as a leader that is capable and knowledgeable in verse 247 of soorah al-Baqarah:

قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاهُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَزَادَهُ بَسْطَةً فِي الْعِلْمِ وَالْجِسْمِ

"Their prophet said to them, "Indeed, Allah has chosen him over you and has increased him abundantly in knowledge and stature.""

Regarding the leadership of Nabi Yoosuf *'alayhissalaam*, Allah mentions in verse 55 of soorah Yoosuf:

قَالَ أَجْعَلْنِي عَلَى خَزَائِنِ الْأَرْضِ ^ط إِنِّي حَفِيظٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٥﴾



"[Joseph] said, "Appoint me over the storehouses of the land. Indeed, I will be a knowing guardian.""

Dear blessed Muslims,

Even though our nation grants us the liberty in choosing a leader, we are obligated to choose a leader that is knowledgeable, having integrity, and capable of bringing prosperity to the religion, citizen, and nation. Ibn 'Abbaas *radiallahu 'anhuma* narrated that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ اسْتَعْمَلَ رَجُلًا مِنْ عِصَابَةٍ وَفِي تِلْكَ الْعِصَابَةِ مَنْ هُوَ أَرْضَى لِلَّهِ مِنْهُ،
فَقَدْ خَانَ اللَّهَ وَخَانَ رَسُولَهُ وَخَانَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

"If one [in charge of Muslim affairs] appoints one from a group, while there is another [in the group] who can be more pleasing to Allah than the appointed one, he has betrayed Allah, His Messenger and the believers."

(al-Haakim)

This *hadeeth* coincides with the severe prohibition from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to the believers to not even once betray Allah and His Messenger, as mentioned in verse 27 of soorah al-Anfaal:

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنَتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

"O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence]."

Dearest audience,

Islam truly emphasize on the matter of *akhlaaq* even when facing the enemies in the battlefield. Hence, it is even further emphasized when it comes to competing in democratic elections. The democratic system itself was established so that the people can compete in assuming authority peacefully, without having to resort to physical coercion or weaponry. What is provided is the opportunity for everyone to present their arguments and explain their manifestos.

Therefore, every candidate and their coalitions must observe their very *adab* (mannerism) while campaigning. Just because of our support to a particular candidate and his or her group, let us not become hostile and strangers with one another.

Let us not deceive or slander, provoke, and hurl abusive words that may offend others while on the campaign trail. Such strategy truly contradicts the utmost characteristic of a leader, which is honesty. Even though this may be deemed as trivial, it is a grave sin in the Sight of Allah. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 15 of soorah an-Noor:



إِذْ تَلَقَوْنَهُ بِأَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَتَقُولُونَ بِأَفْوَاهِكُمْ مَا لَيْسَ لَكُمْ بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَتَحْسَبُونَهُ هَيِّنًا
وَهُوَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٥﴾

"When you received it with your tongues and said with your mouths that of which you had no knowledge and thought it was insignificant while it was, in the sight of Allah, tremendous."

Dear blessed audience,

In concluding this *khutbah*, we can summarize several lessons for our internalization as Muslims, among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *imaan* and certainty that in the Hereafter, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will hold all of our deeds and actions accountable, including the duty of selecting our leader.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must always safeguard its *akhlaaq* as upright Muslims throughout the election period.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must select a leader possessing integrity, knowledge, and competency in shouldering the responsibility that can bring prosperity to the nation, so that it is spared from calamities and disasters in this life.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي
عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

"Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness]."

(ar-Room 30:41)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُو، 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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ 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 اعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.



اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَه مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَعَكُّو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْتِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.


