



## “INTERCESSION AS OUR LAST CHANCE”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ  
النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ<sup>1</sup> ﴿٢٨﴾  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَرْسَلَهُ  
عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بَيْنَ يَدَيِ السَّاعَةِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا، فَأَدَّى  
الْأَمَانَةَ، وَبَلَغَ الرِّسَالَةَ، وَجَاهَدَ فِي سَبِيلِ رَبِّهِ حَتَّى آتَاهُ الْيَقِينَ. اَللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى  
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آئِلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ  
تَعَالَى:  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ؕ وَلَا تَموتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ .

**Dear faithful followers of Rasulullah,**

I remind myself and fellow audience to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* by ensuring that we are among those that would always firmly uphold all teachings brought by the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم.

**Respected audience,**

As children of Adam, whether we admit it or not, we would always commit sins and mistakes. If our *tawbah* (repentance) is not accepted and our sins are not forgiven, then without a doubt we will become fuel for Allah's Hellfire in the Hereafter. Indeed, there is no other way to escape from such horrifying predicament except with one final chance that is mandated to our Prophet, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. What is that final chance?

Please listen closely and pay close attention to this. That final opportunity is the “*Shafaa'ah* (intercession) of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.” *Shafaa'ah* means aid or recommendation from the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. It is among the aspects of belief that is *wajib* (obligatory) to be firmly held by the Muslim *ummah*.

Indeed, the term *shafaa'ah* is not foreign to the majority of the Muslims within the *Nusantara* (Malay Archipelago). This is because due to the obsession upon the term *shafaa'at* itself, many named their children *Supaat* that originated from the word *Shafaa'ah*, which means intercession from the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in the Hereafter.

<sup>1</sup> Sabaa' 34:28.



In al-Qur'an, the word *Shafaa'ah* was mentioned four (4) times, among them is where Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 109 of soorah Ta-Ha:

يَوْمَئِذٍ لَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَاعَةُ إِلَّا مَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ وَرَضِيَ لَهُ قَوْلًا ﴿١٠٩﴾

**"That Day, no intercession will benefit [that of] one to whom the Most Merciful has given permission and has accepted his word."**

Al-Imaam at-Tahaawiy (الطَّحَاوِيُّ) mentioned in the text of *at-Tahaawiyah* (الطَّحَاوِيَّةُ) that:

وَالشَّفَاعَةُ الَّتِي ادَّخَرَهَا لَهُمْ حَقٌّ كَمَا رُوِيَ فِي الْأَخْبَارِ

*"The Intercession (ash-shafaa'ah), which he deferred for them until the Day of Resurrection, is true as related in the narrations."*

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ دَعْوَةٌ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ يَدْعُو بِهَا، وَأُرِيدُ أَنْ أَخْتَبِيَ دَعْوَتِي شَفَاعَةً لِأُمَّتِي فِي  
الْآخِرَةِ.

**"For every prophet there is one special invocation (that will not be rejected) with which he appeals (to Allah), and I want to keep such an invocation for interceding for my followers in the Hereafter."**

(al-Bukhaari)

In the *hadeeth* of 'Uthmaan bin 'Affaan *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, it was narrated that Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

يَشْفَعُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ثَلَاثَةٌ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ ثُمَّ الْعُلَمَاءُ ثُمَّ الشُّهَدَاءُ

**"Three will intercede on the Day of Resurrection: The Prophets, then the scholars, then the martyrs."**

(ibn Maajah)

Dear esteemed audience,

Referring to the verses of al-Qur'an and authentic *ahaadeeth*, the scholars have concluded that *shafaa'ah* is divided into two, namely general and specific. General *shafaa'ah* is intercession granted to the Prophets, scholars, and martyrs. While specific *shafaa'ah*, also known as *ash-Shafaa'ah al-'Uzhma* (الشَّفَاعَةُ الْعُظْمَى), refers to the pleading by our beloved prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in asking for the judgment to



be passed and relieve them of the distress suffered from the long wait during the gathering at the *mahshar*. In the *hadeeth* of 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

تُحْشَرُونَ حُفَاةَ عُرَاةٍ غُرُلًا

**"The people will be gathered barefooted, naked, and uncircumcised."**

(*al-Bukhaari*)

It is very clear that mankind will no longer be able to bear the suffering at the *mahshar*, that in the end they will throng like waves to Prophet Adam, Nooh, Ibraaheem, Moosa, and 'Isa (عليهم الصلاة والسلام) asking them to intercede so that the judgment may begin. All of those Prophets would refuse to intercede, whereby some would mention that they discovered that Allah is in great anger, while He has never been in such state before. They all would utter "*nafsi, nafsi*" (my soul, my soul, your soul, your soul, go save your souls). In the end, the people would collectively agree to go see our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to plead to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that the judgment will begin. Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم would then agree and prostrate to Allah underneath the 'Arash (Throne). The prophet's request will be accepted and judgment will then begin.

Aside from *Shafaa'ah al-'Uzhma*, there are other types of *shafaa'ah* bestowed upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, as in the following:

First: Intercession granted to the *awliyyaa'* (allies) and *saaliheen* (righteous) to elevate their station in paradise.

Second: *Shafaa'ah* for those with belief in their heart even the weight of a barley-grain, that they are taken out of hellfire and enter paradise. This *shafaa'ah* is bestowed upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم due to his mercy, crying while beseeching to Allah. Al-Imaam Muslim narrated a *hadeeth* on the authority of ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم supplicated, "O Allah! My *ummah*, my *ummah* (they are still in hellfire)!" The Prophet's request was accepted by Allah as He mentions:

إِنَّا سَنُرْضِيكَ فِي أُمَّتِكَ، وَلَا نَسُوءُكَ

**"...Verily We will please you with regard to your ummah and would not displease you."**

Third: Intercession granted to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to aid those who have equal amount of good and bad deeds on the scale. With this *shafaa'ah*, they will eventually enter Paradise.

Fourth: *Shafaa'ah* granted to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to have certain people enter paradise without any accounting and punishment. These fortunate ones will enter paradise through a special path that has been pre-determined. May we all become among these fortunate ones, *ameen*! Al-Imaam Ahmad narrated a *hadeeth* on the authority of 'Abdurrahman bin



Abu Bakr *radiyAllaahu 'anhu* whom said that Rasulullah ﷺ said, "Seventy thousand people of my followers will enter Paradise without accounts." Sayyidina 'Umar asked the Prophet ﷺ, "O Rasulullah, did you ask to increase the numbers?" Rasulullah replied, "Yes! I have requested for an increase, so Allah granted me that for each person there will be seventy thousand of them." 'Umar inquired, "Did you ask for more increase, O Rasulullah?" Rasulullah replied, "Yes! For each person there will be another seventy thousand." 'Umar inquired again, "Did you ask for another increase, O Rasulullah?" Rasulullah ﷺ replied, "Yes! I had asked for more but that was all that was granted."

Fifth: *Shafaa'ah* bestowed upon the Prophet ﷺ to save those that have committed major sins from the torment of hellfire. In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

شَفَاعَتِي لِأَهْلِ الْكَبَائِرِ مِنْ أُمَّتِي

**"My intercession is for those that have committed major sins from amongst my ummah."**

(Ahmad)

**Dear blessed audience,**

Finally, let us whisper deep within our hearts with pertinent questions as in the following: Are we from among those that are eligible to earn those *shafaa'ah*? Would Rasulullah truly know us through the *salawaat* and *salam* that we have sent him? Have we become true adherents of the teachings that he has brought that it entitles us to earn his intercession?

**Noble audience,**

Traversing through today's *khutbah*, let us ponder upon the following directives and suggestions:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the very presence of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in this world is to bring mercy to the worlds.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must duly realize that the mandate in providing *shafaa'ah* is solely by the grace and permission of Allah 'Azza wa Jalla.
3. Those that desire to earn the *shafaa'ah* of the Prophet ﷺ must have never associated anything with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
4. Those that desire to earn the *shafaa'ah* of the Prophet ﷺ must qualify themselves by increasing their righteous deeds and *salawaat* upon the Prophet ﷺ.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ  
بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٢٨﴾

**"There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful."**

(at-Tawbah 9:128)

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، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

***"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)

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 وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ اَبْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ اَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ



وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُّو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ  
إِبْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ  
وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ 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 *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united 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*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Ahmadiyyah* or *Qadiyaani* and teachings declared as astray such as *Shee'ah* and *al-Arqam* sect. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan*, *Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, 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 الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ  
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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