



“LET US PRESERVE NATURE, THE GIFT OF ALLAH”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ
بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ¹
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 وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَموتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ .

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah with absolute *taqwa*, by thoroughly abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May Allah bestow upon us and our families firm *imaan*, purity of the soul, and everlasting *taqwa*, and also the willpower to wade through our lives that is ever challenging.

The title of today's *khutbah* is “LET US PRESERVE NATURE, THE GIFT OF ALLAH.”

Dear blessed audience,

Nature is the gift of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is truly meaningful in the human lives. Allah has created this world with such perfection to benefit mankind and all creations on the face of earth. The earth that is vast serves as dwelling for humans and animals to live on, the mountains as the pegs of the earth like a pillar, while the plants utilized as the source of nourishment and food for the living, the rain also as the source of provision, while the living creatures inside the ocean provides food and multitudes of convenience for mankind. This matter was explained by Allah in verses 32 and 33 of Soorah Ibraaheem:

“It is Allah who created the heavens and the earth and sent down rain from the sky and produced thereby some fruits as provision for you and subjected for you the ships to sail through the sea by His command and subjected for you the rivers. And He subjected for you the sun and the moon, continuous [in orbit], and subjected for you the night and the day.”

¹ ar-Room 30:41.



Hence, we as vicegerents on earth have been tasked with the *amaanah* (trust) to maintain this earth by preserving it from any destruction. What does it mean to be the slaves of Allah if we do not protect and preserve this worldly life well, for it was bestowed for free by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Moreover, when we refer to the verses of al-Qur'an pertaining to worldly life, we find that Allah repeatedly emphasized on the role of preserving and protecting the self, the lives, which includes nature's preservation. This is where the role comes in to be fulfilled by all of us for this world that we live in is an *amaanah* that has been bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to be protected and preserved, and also maintained.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 61 of Soorah Hood:

وَإِلَى ثَمُودَ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ هُوَ أَنْشَأَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ وَاسْتَعْمَرَكُمْ فِيهَا فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ ثُمَّ تَوْبُوا إِلَيْهِ إِنَّ رَبِّي قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ



“And to Thamood [We sent] their brother Saalih. He said, “O my people, worship Allah; you have no deity other than Him. He has produced you from the earth and settled you in it, so ask forgiveness of Him and then repent to Him. Indeed, my Lord is near and responsive.””

Dear blessed Muslims,

We have witnessed various negative effects taking place resulting from irresponsible behaviors and actions towards nature such as increasing earth temperature, water and air pollution, major flooding, landslide, forest fires, deforestation, as well as unpredictable weather changes, which will definitely affect human lives.

This is all due to those performing extensive forest clearing without limitation, which can destroy the human ecosystems.

Aside from that, the disposal of toxic wastes into rivers at will is a very irresponsible act that it can cause great calamities upon the society.

Truthfully, the various calamities and destruction upon the environment occurring across the globe are all due to the greed and negligence of mankind itself. This has been reminded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 41 of Soorah ar-Room, which means:

“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].”

For example, we have witnessed the detrimental effect of haze that had hit the nation recently, which had direct impact upon people's lives. Due to those irresponsible human hands that had ignited forest fires, the air that used to be clean have now been



contaminated with impurities and it can result in various illnesses. This has caused many schools to be closed due to very unhealthy API level in some areas. Thousands of children are unable to go to school for they had to be closed down, and even more unfortunate are those faced with hardship especially ones suffering from illnesses.

Similarly, we are truly saddened that there are still those that continue to conduct open burning in this nation without hesitance. Even with notices upon notices issued by the authority, it gets unheeded. Is not this an attitude that can lead to harm? Let us altogether ponder and fulfill our roles in advising and reprimanding these people so that they will heed the advice of the authorities.

Dearest audience,

Preserving the environment with great care is among the main objectives within the context of the *Sharee'ah*. This includes preserving the religion, intellect, life, lineage, and property. Nothing is truly meaningful if every human is greedy and insatiable in administering this world based on their whim by ignoring its grave effect and impact upon the living. The very responsibility of *'uboodiyyah* (servitude) grants mankind the awareness to not do as they please upon the environment. On the contrary, they are to fully abide by the rules stipulated by Allah. The environment is one of the *amaanah* that was rendered to mankind and it must be fulfilled with efficacy. It was also created by Allah to worship Him. Let us realize the tremendous amount of favors and benefits from nature that we have been blessed to enjoy, but how many actually are truly grateful for them? Allah mentions in verse 15 of Soorah an-Nahl:

وَأَلْقَى فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ وَأَنْهَارًا وَسُبُلًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

"And He has cast into the earth firmly set mountains, lest it shift with you, and [made] rivers and roads, that you may be guided."

Therefore, the true believer should exert his level best in leading a life that is virtuous and environmental-friendly. As a small example, the usage of plastic bags and practicing the habit of recycling are truly meaningful initiatives for the sake of nature.

Similarly with the ugly habit of throwing rubbish everywhere, which yields grave effect upon nature's wellbeing. It may seem as something minute or trivial, but if the entire society are not cognizant of its consequences, then it is not impossible that we will end up living in an environment that is filled with filth. Due to ignorance in maintaining environmental cleanliness, not only nature is destroyed but also that of human lives and diseases will begin to attack humans. This is a solemn reminder that we all must truly internalize especially the collective duty and attitude in maintaining cleanliness for the sake of protecting the environment.

According to the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*: Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"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."



(Muslim)

Therefore, let us altogether strive to instill the very awareness to love and conserve nature's harmony. Having dishonest attitude in preserving the environment is akin to destroying the future of the next generation. May we all become among those that truly protect the environment with great care.

Dear beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, there are several important recommendations that should be given due attention by all of us, as lessons in protecting the environment for greater good:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the enjoyment and vastness of this life in this world is a gift of Allah that must be well preserved and safeguarded.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid any deed that can cause environmental damage.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill its collective role in eradicating any environmental pollution activities.
4. All agencies are to be responsible in enforcing existing laws or regulations so as to ensure the sustainability of the environment.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَأَبْتَغِ فِي مَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَأَحْسِنَ
كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفَسَادَ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ



"But seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as Allah has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like corrupters."

(al-Qasas 28:77)

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُو، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.



أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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 ءَامَنُوا 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 يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ اعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصِرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج



ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ
وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوَى اَمِيرِ شَاهِ
ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ
وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ 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 *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 *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. 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 اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلٰى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

