



## “THE GIVING HAND IS BETTER THAN THE RECEIVING HAND”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ<sup>1</sup>

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! 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,**

I remind myself and respected audience that let us strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

The title of today's *khutbah* is “**THE GIVING HAND IS BETTER THAN THE RECEIVING HAND.**”

Islam advocates its adherents to strive and acquire wealth through *halaal* (lawful) means so as to attain the pleasure of living in this world and the Hereafter. Possessing wealth is a *ni'mah* (favor) that is bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon all of us. Whoever believes in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and remain grateful upon all of the bounties bestowed by spending from it in the path of Allah, then Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will reward those righteous deeds performed. Allah mentions in verse 20 of soorah al-Muzzammil:

وَمَا تَقَدَّمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا وَأَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا

“...And whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah. It is better and greater in reward...”

Indeed, those that are always giving charity will be shaded under the Shade of Allah in the Hereafter. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu ‘anh*, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم has mentioned that there will be seven (7) types of people that will be granted with the protection of the ‘*Arsh* (Throne) of Allah in the Hereafter, one of them being:

<sup>1</sup> Aal-‘Imraan 3:92.



وَرَجُلٌ تَصَدَّقَ بِصَدَقَةٍ فَأَخْفَاهَا حَتَّى لَا تَعْلَمَ شِمَالُهُ مَا تُنْفِقُ يَمِينُهُ

**“And a man who gives charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given.”**

(al-Bukhaari)

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Aside from that, giving *sadaqah* (charity) can expiate minor sins, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Mu'aadh bin Jabal *radiallaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

وَالصَّدَقَةُ تُطْفِئُ الْخَطِيئَةَ كَمَا يُطْفِئُ الْمَاءُ النَّارَ

**“And charity extinguishes sins as water extinguishes fire.”**

(at-Tirmidhi)

Moreover, not just that, giving charity or making *infaaq* will not make one poor, but instead it will facilitate the person in attaining provision. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 39 of soorah as-Sabaa':

قُلْ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۖ وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

**“Say, “Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers.””**

**Respected audience,**

In this life, however small the donation may be, it is truly meaningful for the recipient living in poverty. Moreover, even a 'gift' that may be seen as insignificant can carve a smile on the face, even for a brief moment. Islam highly encourages its *ummah* to always aid those that are in distress.

Therefore, for this reason, Islam truly honors those that are always indulging in charity or making *infaaq* from their wealth. Such that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم would elevate the status of those that give as being more noble than those receiving. This was explained in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

فَإِنَّ الْيَدَ الْعُلْيَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ الْيَدِ السُّفْلَى

**“The upper hand (giving) is better than the lower hand (receiving).”**

(al-Bukhaari)



## **Blessed Muslims,**

Even though charity is something that is highly encouraged in Islam, we find that there are those within the society that abuses the kindness of those that love to give or donate from their wealth. Activities such as requesting for donation without authorization are still rampant here and there. These activities can be clearly seen in public places such as in front of banks, petrol stations, night markets, restaurants, and many others.

More than that, children are being exploited by irresponsible quarters in collecting donations at petrol stations and restaurants. Some of these children are utilized specifically for collecting donations, while others are utilized in selling Islamic lecture CDs, raisins, books, and others. If one decides to not purchase, they will suggest giving sincere donation to them.

Unfortunately, the society seems to not care whether these individuals or children that are collecting funds are actually real representatives of their claimed institutions such as *ma'had tahfiz* or that it is a fraud. With such generosity within the soul, some would easily give without thinking thoroughly. While those collecting donations would openly and freely roam around without restriction.

Nowadays, many activities for collecting donations or also termed as *khairat* (welfare or assistance) collection drive are being organized by various parties. *Khairat* collection is defined as collection for the purpose of welfare aid, donation, or charity. These activities must be carried out according to legal requirements.

Based on Section 106, Islamic Affairs Administration Enactment (Selangor) 2003, with the official authorization letter from the *Majlis* (Council), it allows for any individuals or groups to collect money or other forms of contribution for any purpose of *khairat* in supporting and advancing the religion of Islam or for the benefit of the Muslims according to the *Shara'*.

Anyone that violates or fails to obtain authorization from MAIS has committed an offense, and if convicted, he or she is liable to be fined for not more than RM1000 or jailed for not more than six (6) months, or both.

## **Dearest audience,**

Donation collection actually has a broad function and meaning. It is not only to cover the construction or maintenance costs for the development of an institution, but also it is to stimulate the society to mutually *ta'aawun* (cooperate), as well as nurture the practice of giving charity within the community.

In accordance with the development of *khairat* collection activities, MAIS has enforced regulations that must be known by all walks of society to further prevent fraud from occurring.

When an application is approved, it is *waajib* (compulsory) upon every applicant and recipient of approval to fulfill the conditions stipulated, among them as follows:



1. It is prohibited to pursue *khairat* collection in public places such as door-to-door, shopping centers, night market, restaurants, and others;
2. The collection drive must be channeled directly to intended individuals that are interested in donating, such as corporate individuals, government or private offices;
3. Only authorized individuals are allowed to conduct the collection drive by using the authorization card issued, and receipts are to be issued for every fund collected.

### Respected audience,

MAIS, through the Enforcement Division of Selangor Islamic Affairs Department (JAIS), will always monitor and take action from time to time, upon *khairat* collections or funds that are unauthorized by MAIS.

Also, the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) would always conduct operations against foreign nationals that are collecting donations within this state, and up until now, more than 30 foreign nationals have been arrested for collecting donations without authorization from MAIS.

### Respected Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, I implore upon everyone to take the following guidelines:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that tremendous reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* truly awaits those that are always giving charity.
2. It is *haraam* (unlawful) and sinful for those that takes advantage of others by committing fraud and deceiving those intending to give charity.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must be wise in assuming its role and responsibility of nurturing a society that is righteous and always concerned in aiding other Muslims.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
\* وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ  
لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَالْكَبِيمِ وَالْغَيْظِ وَالْعَافِينَ عَنِ  
النَّاسِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٣٤﴾

**"And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous. 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."**

(Aal-'Imraan 3:133-134)



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.



## 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 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 وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا 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 الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ



الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ  
وَإِلكْرَامِ. اَللّهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظِفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا  
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 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، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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