



“ATTAINING THE BLESSINGS OF FRIDAY”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ ءَالِهِ 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 تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether continue to remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) in increasing our *imaan* and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. With that, may we always remain bestowed with the pleasure and mercy of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. On a day that is full of blessings (*barakah*) and glory, let us altogether ponder upon a *khutbah* titled “**ATTAINING THE BLESSINGS OF FRIDAY.**”

Dear blessed audience,

Every Friday of the week we would convene at the masjid, engaging in various deeds such as performing charity (*sadaqah*), listening to the *khutbah*, praying and making *i'tikaaf* in the masjid, reciting al-Qur'an, and others. Even then, many are still negligent and heedless, as well as ignoring the honor that Allah as bestowed upon the day of Friday. For example, some of us would deliberately come to the masjid really late, engaging in idle talk, and even when the *khutbah* is being delivered there are those that are either dozing off or twiddling with their mobile phones. And even more saddening is that there are those out there that do not even attend the Friday prayer and even blatantly ignores it. Do we even know how noble is the day of Friday in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*? Perhaps many of us are well-informed and aware that Friday is the chief of all days, it is the day that Prophet Adam *'Alayhissalaam* was created, the day that Prophet Adam was made to enter Paradise and taken out of Paradise, and the Day of Judgment will not occur except on a Friday. Such privilege and honor for the day of Friday that the rising of the sun

¹ al-Jumu'ah 62:9.



on a Friday is the best sunrise compared to other days. This was mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

خَيْرُ يَوْمٍ طَلَعَتْ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ ، فِيهِ خُلِقَ آدَمُ، وَفِيهِ أُدْخِلَ
الْجَنَّةَ، وَفِيهِ أُخْرِجَ مِنْهَا، وَلَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ إِلَّا فِي يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ

"The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday; on it Adam was created. On it he was made to enter Paradise, on it he was expelled from it. And the Last Hour will take place on no day other than Friday."

(Muslim)

Verily, the day of Friday is a great day for the Muslim *ummah*. Allah has honored Friday over both 'Eid al-Fitr and 'Eid al-Adha. However, there are those that are still heedless by neglecting it while all other creations are in fear of the day of Friday. In the narration of Abu Lubaabah bin 'Abdul Mundhir *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

أَنَّ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ سَيِّدُ الْأَيَّامِ ، وَأَعْظَمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ، وَهُوَ أَعْظَمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ يَوْمِ
الْأَضْحَى وَيَوْمِ الْفِطْرِ ، فِيهِ خَمْسُ خِلَالَ: خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ آدَمَ، وَأَهْبَطَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ آدَمَ إِلَى
الْأَرْضِ، وَفِيهِ تَوَفَّى اللَّهُ آدَمَ، وَفِيهِ سَاعَةٌ لَا يَسْأَلُ اللَّهُ فِيهَا الْعَبْدُ شَيْئًا إِلَّا أَعْطَاهُ، مَا
لَمْ يَسْأَلْ حَرَامًا، وَفِيهِ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ، مَا مِنْ مَلَكٍ مُقَرَّبٍ وَلَا سَمَاءٍ وَلَا أَرْضٍ وَلَا رِيحٍ
وَلَا جِبَالٍ وَلَا بَحْرٍ إِلَّا وَهْنٌ يُشْفِقْنَ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ

"Friday is the chief of days, the greatest day before Allah. It is greater before Allah than the Day of Adha and the Day of Fitr. It has five characteristics: On it Allah created Adam; on it Allah sent down Adam to this earth; on it there is a time during which a person does not ask Allah for anything but He will give it to him, so long as he does not ask for anything that is forbidden; on it the Hour will begin. There is no angel who is close to Allah, no heaven, no earth, no wind, no mountain, and no sea that does not fear Friday."

(ibn Maajah and Ahmad)

Respected audience,

In this worldly life, no human being would want to lose out, if the opportunity to reap profit is wide open before his eyes. Moreover, if possible, human beings would hope for the opportunity in garnering benefits to always come so that they can continuously take advantage of such golden opportunity. Similarly, that is the case with regard to the virtues regarding Friday. On every Friday, beginning from the sunset of the previous day, namely Thursday, up until the time of Maghrib, every Muslim regardless whether young or old,



male or female, will have the very opportunity to reap multitude of rewards provided by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* on the day of Friday. Among the virtues of Friday that we usually ignore is the period in which *du'aas* (supplications) are accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Abu Burdah bin Abi Moosa al-Ash'ari *radiallahu 'anh* reported: 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar *radiallahu 'anhuma* said to me:

أَسْمِعْتَ أَبَاكَ يُحَدِّثُ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي شَأْنِ سَاعَةِ
الْجُمُعَةِ شَيْئًا؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ! سَمِعْتُهُ، يَقُولُ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
يَقُولُ: "هِيَ مَا بَيْنَ أَنْ يَجْلِسَ الْإِمَامُ إِلَى أَنْ تُقْضَى الصَّلَاةُ

"Did you hear anything from your father narrating something from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) about the time on Friday?" I said: "Yes, I heard him say from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) (these words): "It is between the time when the Imam sits down and the end of the prayer.""

(Muslim)

Similarly with the *hadeeth* of Jaabir bin 'Abdillaah *radiallahu 'anh* that: the Prophet ﷺ said:

يَوْمُ الْجُمُعَةِ اثْنَتَا عَشْرَةَ سَاعَةً، لَا يُوجَدُ فِيهَا عَبْدٌ مُسْلِمٌ يَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ شَيْئًا إِلَّا
آتَاهُ إِيَّاهُ، فَالْتَمِسُوهَا آخِرَ سَاعَةٍ بَعْدَ الْعَصْرِ

"Friday is twelve hours in which there is no Muslim slave who asks Allah for something but He will give it to him, so seek it in the last hour after 'Asr."

(an-Nasaa'i)

The *hadeeth* mentioned just now clearly indicated the time period in which supplications are answered (*mustajab*) on Friday. As slaves of Allah having many weaknesses and shortcomings, definitely we have lots of need and *du'aas* to be answered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. But what a great loss that with such great opportunity given on a Friday, and yet we would decorate it with heedlessness and unbeneficial deeds.

Therefore, let us make it a habit to immerse in the *sunnah* acts of Friday such as performing *wudoo'* with perfection and *ghusl* (bath) before heading out to the masjid, putting on nice fragrance, coming to the masjid early, increase our recitation of al-Qur'an, cutting our nails, and other supererogatory acts. In the *hadeeth* of Salman al-Faarisee *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Whoever takes a bath on Friday, purifies himself as much as he can, then uses his (hair) oil or perfumes himself with the scent of his house, then proceeds (for the Jumu'ah prayer) and does not separate two persons sitting together (in the mosque), then prays as much as (Allah has) written for him and then remains silent



while the Imam is delivering the khutbah, his sins in-between the present and the last Friday would be forgiven."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed audience,

Aside from that, we have been commanded to increase our *salawaat* on Friday. This was stated in the *hadeeth* of Aws bin Aws *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"One of the best of your days is Friday. On this day, Adam was created and on this day he died, on this day the Trumpet will be blown, and on this day all creatures will swoon. So send a great deal of salaah [peace and blessings] upon me on this day, for your salaah will be presented to me." They said: "O Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), how will our salaah be presented to you when you have decomposed (after death)?" He said: "Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has forbidden the earth to consume the bodies of the prophets, peace be upon them."

(Abu Dawood, an-Nasaa'i, ibn Maajah)

We are also encouraged to come to the masjid as early as possible so that we can perform the supererogatory prayer with tranquility, as well as finding a suitable spot to sit. Moreover, those arriving early, their names will be written down by the angels stationed at the doors of the masjid. These angels will stop recording the names once the *adhaan* is pronounced.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْجُمُعَةِ، كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ بَابٍ مِنْ أَبْوَابِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ، يَكْتُبُونَ
الْأَوَّلَ فَالْأَوَّلَ. فَإِذَا جَلَسَ الْإِمَامُ طَوَّأُوا الصُّحُفَ، وَجَاءُوا يَسْتَمِعُونَ الذِّكْرَ.

"On every Friday the angels take their stand at every gate of the mosque to write the names of the people chronologically (i.e. according to the time of their arrival for the Friday prayer) and when the Imam sits (on the pulpit) they fold up their scrolls and get ready to listen to the sermon."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed audience,

In addition to these virtues, there are several matters that must be given due attention so that the rewards that we are striving for will not render in vain. While in the masjid, we must observe proper *adab* (etiquette) and maintain its serene atmosphere. Moreover, we have been reminded by Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم to not indulge in idle acts while the *khateeb* is delivering the *khutbah*. This was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِذَا قُلْتَ لِصَاحِبِكَ: أَنْصِتْ، يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ وَالْإِمَامُ يَخْطُبُ، فَقَدْ لَغَوْتَ



"If you say to your companions: 'Be quiet' on a Friday while the Imam is delivering the sermon, you have engaged in Laghw (idle talk or behavior)."
(ibn Maajah)

Take note, dear respected audience, that even reprimanding others by saying 'be quiet' our deeds are rendered in vain. So imagine if we would be talking or engaging in idle conversation in the back and outside the masjid? Do we not realize then how our presence today is of no avail?

Blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah*, there are several important matters that we can derive as lessons and reflections. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must duly realize and have certainty with penitence that Friday is a day that is full of *barakah* from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. That even the Day of Judgment will take place on a Friday.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must hasten to seize every opportunity and rewards from the various deeds that conforms to the *Sharee'ah* on Friday.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to make its day better than the previous ones, so as to become an *ummah* that is excellent and successful.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالْأَخْسَرِينَ أَعْمَالًا ﴿١٠٣﴾ الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعْيُهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ
تَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا ﴿١٠٤﴾

"Say, [O Muhammad], "Shall we [believers] inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds? [They are] those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work.""

(al-Kahf 18:103-104)

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعْنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّيْ 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 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 أَعِزَّ 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 بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ أَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صِلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَاوَنَ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ



الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَ الْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظِفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا
لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى 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 لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا فِي
الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايْ ذِي الْقُرْبٰى وَيَنْهٰى عَنِ الْفَحْشَآءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوْا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلٰى نِعْمِهِ ۗ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاَسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُوْنَ.
اَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ.
