



“STRENGTHEN OUR UNITY, AVOID DIVISION”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الدِّينَ رِبَاطًا مَتِينًا بَيْنَ قُلُوبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْقَوِيُّ الْمَتِينُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ذُو الْخُلُقِ الْكَرِيمِ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with blessings and blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

The title of today's *khutbah* is “**STRENGTHEN OUR UNITY, AVOID DIVISION.**”

Beloved Muslims,

Islam is the religion of Allah. It is a religion that is sound and thriving. Muslims that cling firmly upon pure Islamic *'aqeedah* and diligently abide by its teachings will become an *ummah* that is united, potent, and exceptional.

Lately, the Muslims seem to have become weaker and weaker in various aspects of life within the nation's current state of development.

What are its causes? The answer is the division, disputes, and enmity towards each other. In the end, the spirit of unity starts to wane. While on the other hand, unity amongst Muslims is truly vital and that it must be preserved for the sake of the future of the Muslims themselves. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 103 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

“**And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided....**”

Verily, unity is the very foundation for the development of a nation. On the flipside, disunity, disputes, and enmity will lead to ruin and destruction. In this regard, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has reminded us to prioritize upon unity for the sake of the strength of the *ummah*, as mentioned in verse 46 of soorah al-Anfaal:

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَأَصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ

الصَّابِرِينَ



“And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.”

Dear blessed Muslims,

Divisions amongst the Muslims that are occurring in recent times are truly prevalent. Disputes and disagreements are occurring openly all over the place including the social media and mainstream media. These quarrelling transcends all aspects that even the most trivial of things would become a source of dissension, later causing disunity.

This phenomenon of disunity even gets uglier when there are those that would even insult and vilify their own ethnicity openly and at will, no holds barred, and without shame.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had firmly stated that the culture of condemning, jeering, and insulting others that could actually harm others is actually a major sin in the sight of Allah.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 58 of soorah al-Ahzaab:

وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَغَيْرِ مَا كَسَبُوا فَكَدِ احْتَمَلُوا
بُهْتَنًا وَاِثْمًا مُّبِينًا

“And those who harm believing men and believing women for [something] other than what they have earned have certainly born upon themselves a slander and manifest sin.”

Dear beloved audience,

Islam always implore upon its adherents to be loving, having good thoughts of others, aiding one another, remain united, being tolerant, and always ready to forgive one another. On the contrary, these noble values are to be internalized for they are likened to our bodily limbs, where they would always mutually need one another.

Narrated an-Nu'maan bin Basheer *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي تَرَاحُمِهِمْ وَتَوَادِّهِمْ وَتَعَاطُفِهِمْ، كَمَثَلِ الْجَسَدِ، إِذَا اشْتَكَى مِنْهُ عُضْوٌ تَدَاعَى لَهُ سَائِرُ جَسَدِهِ بِالسَّهْرِ وَالْحُمَّى

“You see the believers as regards their being merciful among themselves and showing love among themselves and being kind, resembling one body, so that, if any part of the body is not well then the whole body shares the sleeplessness (insomnia) and fever with it.”

(al-Bukhaari)



However, the reality nowadays is that these noble values are not given due attention. These values should be embedded within every Muslims at all levels.

These noble values should make us an *ummah* that is penitent, always improving ourselves, avoiding division and disputes, advising one another, and always firmly clinging onto pure unadulterated Islamic teachings. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 146 of soorah an-Nisaa':

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَأَصْلَحُوا وَاعْتَصَمُوا بِاللَّهِ وَأَخْلَصُوا دِينَهُمْ لِلَّهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَسَوْفَ يُؤْتِ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿١٤٦﴾

"Except for those who repent, correct themselves, hold fast to Allah, and are sincere in their religion for Allah, for those will be with the believers. And Allah is going to give the believers a great reward."

Beloved Muslims,

Considering the current state regarding disunity, the Muslim *ummah* is called upon to unite and aid one another, thus strengthening the unity and avoiding division. This can be achieved by building good relationships at every levels of society. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 10 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."

Respected audience,

The unity of the Muslim *ummah* can be further solidified by having the attitude of positive thinking, sound cooperation, mutual understanding of one another, avoiding acts of revenge and treachery, as well as selfishness.

Let us take valuable lessons from the history of the Malay Sultanate of Malacca. The kingdom of Malacca was once famous with its glory as the center of commerce, center of economic development, as well as the center for the spread of Islam, far and wide. However, it all came crashing down to external forces due to elements of betrayal, jealousy, greed, division, and power struggle within the administration of the Malaccan government at the time.

Therefore, let us altogether initiate the efforts by closing ranks, solidly unite, overlook all the disputes and misunderstanding, and strive to rise again as a glorious *ummah*, dignified and purposeful, for the sake of our religion, citizens, and nation.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 3 of soorah as-Saff:



كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

"Great is hatred in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do."

Dear beloved audience,

To end the *khutbah*, let us truly ponder upon its message by deriving the following lessons as guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the obligation of living in unity is a command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must truly realize that division within the *ummah* actually goes against the command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that will incur great loss upon the *ummah*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must preserve its unity, which will ensure the progression of the Muslim *ummah* within this nation.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must stop all at once all of the wrongdoings and vile acts such as envy, grudge, betrayal, defamation, and cursing other Muslims, which would only cause the destruction upon the *ummah*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَاخْتَلَفُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ
عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٥٥﴾

"And do not be like the ones who became divided and differed after the clear proofs had come to them. And those will have a great punishment."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:105)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ 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 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 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 سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج



ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ
وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ
اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ
وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظُفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى 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 *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 ءَاتِنَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبٰى وَيَنْهٰى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاۗءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿٥١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوْا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلٰى نِعْمَتِهِۦ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاَسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِۦ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُوْنَ.

