



“THE GREATNESS OF AL-QURAN AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ¹
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:
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and respected audience to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* by continuously upholding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. With that, may we be accepted as his successful servants in this world and the Hereafter.

In this very precious opportunity, let us internalize upon a *khutbah* titled “**THE GREATNESS OF AL-QUR’AN AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.**”

Blessed audience,

Whenever we mention the month of Ramadaan, what quickly comes to mind is the *‘ibaadah* (worship) of fasting. However, today I would like to share the understanding that there is one great matter that Allah had associated this noble month with. Such matter has been mentioned by Allah in verse 185 of soorah al-Baqarah:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى
وَالْفُرْقَانِ^ج

“The month of Ramadaan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur’an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion...”

This verse clearly relates that the month of Ramadaan is the month of al-Qur’an. Hence, during this month the Pious Predecessors (السلف الصالح) would intensify their focus on al-Qur’an such that there are narrations stating that al-Imaam al-Maalik and al-Imaam ash-Shaafi’i would cancel their lessons throughout Ramadaan just to fully concentrate on al-Qur’an.

¹ al-Nahl 16:98.



Therefore today, I would like to invite fellow audience to listen to a story narrated by al-Imaam al-Bayhaqi in his book *Dalaa'il an-Nubuwwah*, regarding the greatness of al-Qur'an:

"It was narrated from Yahya ibn Aktham (يحيى بن أكتهم) that one day Caliph al-Ma'moon ibni Haroon ar-Rasheed (148H-193H) had organized an intellectual discussion that was attended by scholars of various fields. Among those present in the sitting was a man with an interesting appearance - dressed in white, neat and had sweet-smelling fragrance. Throughout the discourse, this person actually had spoken a lot and gave good suggestions, insights, and ideas. This caused the Caliph to like that man's intelligence. After the discourse was over, the Caliph summoned the man and inquired, "*Isra'iliyyoon anta?*" Which means are you an adherent of Judaism? "Yes!" the man replied. Then the Caliph invited the man to embrace Islam and offered him a very high position, suitable with his capability. However, the man rejected the offer and said, "That is the religion of our forefathers! I will never abandon it."

One year after that incident, the man came to see the Caliph, but this time he returned as a Muslim. The Caliph inquired the reason for the man to accept Islam. He explained:

"As it is known to you, Honorable Caliph, I am well-versed in producing beautiful writing where I would take the Torah and copy it into several copies, while at the same time I would remove or add to its contents according to what I deem fit. When completed, I would go to the monastery where Jewish worshippers would pray and sell those copies. The scholars would purchase them happily. After that, I would copy the Bible into several copies, and I would make additions where I deem fit just as I did with the Torah. Then I would go to the church and sell those copies to their religious scholars, where they would happily buy them. After that, I went ahead and made several copies of al-Qur'an and added contents that I see fit. Then I went to a group of Muslim scholars and showed them my beautiful work. But after they detected the alterations that I made, they refused to purchase them. Moreover, they got up, threw those copies and burned them while enraged. They reprimanded me severely that I was almost killed.

Honorable Caliph! It was due to that incident that I became certain that al-Qur'an is actually a scripture that is preserved by Allah, and this is the cause that made me leave my original religion and embraced Islam.

Yahya bin Aktham mentioned that after that incident: I went to see Sufyaan ibn 'Uyaynah, a *taabi' taabi'een* (successors of the *taabi'een*), and I mentioned the story to him. Sufyaan ibn 'Uyaynah concurred and justified my story. Moreover, he attributed it with what Allah has explained in al-Qur'an, regarding the wickedness of the Jews and the Christians whom like to alter Allah's Books revealed to them. Regarding al-Qur'an, Sufyaan recited verse 9 of soorah al-Hijr:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾



"Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian."

Dear blessed guests of Allah,

Since al-Qur'an had originated from Allah, then definitely it is a great *mu'jizah* (miracle). Its contents are without error, and after numerous studies and researches undertaken by both Muslim and non-Muslim scholars, they were all humbled by amazing factual discoveries. Among them is Dr Muhammad Ahmad al-Ghamrawi who wrote العلم القرآن في عصر (al-Qur'an in the era of knowledge). Also, a French physician by the name of Maurice Bucaille, an expert in the field of Biology, had embraced Islam and produced many works pertaining al-Qur'an and modern science. Among his writing is a book titled "The Torah, The Bible, al-Qur'an, and the Modern Science."

Blessed Muslims,

Among the hundreds of amazing discoveries, which manifests the magnificence of al-Qur'an with the accuracy of factual details mentioned within it are:

1- The explanation on the separation between salt water and fresh water in the ocean. This was mentioned in al-Qur'an explicitly in verse 53 of soorah al-Furqaan:

﴿ وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ هَذَا عَذْبٌ فُرَاتٌ وَهَذَا مِلْحٌ أُجَاجٌ وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخًا وَحِجْرًا مَّحْجُورًا ﴾

"And it is He who has released [simultaneously] the two seas, one fresh and sweet and one salty and bitter, and He placed between them a barrier and prohibiting partition."

2- The discovery of the Pharaoh's mummy that had drowned in the Red Sea while chasing after Prophet Moosa *'alayhissalaam*. This discovery indicated that there were salt from the Red Sea found on the body of the mummy, which further affirms that it was the Fir'awn that Allah had drowned and preserved its body. This was mentioned in verse 92 of soorah Yoonus:

﴿ فَأَلْيَوْمَ نُنَجِّيكَ بِبَدَنِكَ لِتَكُونَ لِمَنْ خَلْفَكَ آيَةً وَإِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ النَّاسِ عَنْ آيَاتِنَا لَغَفْلُونَ ﴾

"So today We will save you in body that you may be to those who succeed you a sign. And indeed, many among the people, of Our signs, are heedless."

Blessed audience,



After being enlightened with a bit of understanding and appreciation on the magnificence of al-Qur'an, then it becomes our very responsibility to further uphold and protect al-Qur'an, in accordance with its supreme position. Hence, every Muslim must be trained and proficient in the recitation of al-Qur'an. Nowadays, there is almost no valid reason in excusing anyone from being "illiterate" in the recitation of al-Qur'an. This is because there are a plethora of methods that have been invented and courses that are being offered to aid the masses in overcoming such weakness. Verily, we cannot have a laidback or lackadaisical attitude in addressing this matter. Even though we may have lagged far behind, we must still continue to strive in overcoming it.

It is very desirable to note that al-Qur'an is to be recited with *tarteel* (proper recitation) and the preservation of the *makhraj* (pronunciation) of the *huruf* (letter), as well as observing the rulings in its recitation. Each one of us must strive to comprehend the verse that we recite so that we can truly indulge in the guidance of Allah *Ta'aala*, hence practice all of the teachings embedded within.

Dear blessed audience,

Traversing through the *khutbah* today, there are several *tawjeehaat* (guidelines) and *tawsiyah* (recommendations) that we can derive:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty upon the greatness of al-Qur'an as *dustur al-haayah* or life constitution.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that questions pertaining to our *imaan* (belief), perception, and attitude towards al-Qur'an will be asked in the grave.
3. The Muslim *ummah* should not be satisfied by just the memorization and recitation of al-Qur'an without adhering to the *tajweed* rules, for it will be deemed as *maghroor* or deceiving.
4. The Muslim *ummah* will truly regress if it turns its back on al-Qur'an.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَرْبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا ﴿١٠٠﴾



“And the Messenger has said, “O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Qur’an as [a thing] abandoned.””

(al-Furqaan 25:30)

بَارَكَ اللهُ 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 اللهَ 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.

Dear blessed audience,

“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)

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

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 سَلَغُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُولِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَغُورِ، تَعَكُّوْا أَمِيرَ شَاه



ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ
وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا 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 *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), and *Tabung Amanah Sumbangan Anak Yatim Yayasan Islam Darul Ehsan* (The Orphanage Trust Fund of Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation). O Allah! Accept their *infaaq* and bestow upon them tremendous reward.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

