



"BE AMONG THE FEW"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ 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.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and fellow audience that let us empower our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with absolute *taqwa*, by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we then attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will expound on a *khutbah* titled "**BE AMONG THE FEW.**"

Respected audience,

As Muslims, we are to remain thankful upon all of the favors from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, especially the bounties of *imaan* (faith) and Islam. Let us not even once deviate our *'aqeedah* by disputing or stating that we do not receive provision (*rizq*) while Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has bestowed overflowing sustenance upon us, whether in the form of sound health, happiness, tranquility, and security from any catastrophe. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 3 of soorah Faatir:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ هَلْ مِنْ خَلْقٍ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَآذِنِّي تُؤْفَكُونَ³

"O mankind, remember the favor of Allah upon you. Is there any creator other than Allah who provides for you from the heaven and earth? There is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?"

Verily, gratefulness will produce Muslims that are truly of high quality, having noble *akhlaaq*, integrity, and skillful. Hence, they will continue to strive in increasing their righteous deeds from time to time, and work diligently so that the work done will earn *barakah* (blessings) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as well as *rizq* in abundance. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 105 of soorah at-Tawbah:

¹ Ibraaheem 14:7.

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102.



وَقُلِ اعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ
فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ١٠

“And say, “Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do.””

Dear noble audience,

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has taught us to always remain grateful upon the favors of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* by looking at those lower (less fortunate) than us in terms of intellectuality, lineage, wealth, and other favors. He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) forbade the Muslims from looking only at those higher (more fortunate) than them, for example, we always dream of living in opulence and luxury like others. While in reality we can only afford to rent a house, but in spite of that, we must remain grateful for there are families that do not have a dwelling, only to slumber with the skies above their heads. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu ‘anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

أَنْظُرُوا إِلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْفَلَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَا تَنْظُرُوا إِلَىٰ مَنْ هُوَ فَوْقَكُمْ فَهُوَ أَجْدَرُ أَنْ لَا
تَزْدَرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ

“Look at those who are lower than you (financially) but do not look at those who are higher than you, lest you belittle the favors Allah conferred upon you.”

(Muslim)

Dear noble audience,

We are highly encouraged to always have *qanaa’ah*, which is to fully accept whatever it is that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* has bestowed upon us, or feeling content with whatever earned after putting in our effort. Those possessing the trait of *qanaa’ah* definitely will not be influenced by greediness upon the possessions of others. *Qanaa’ah* has numerous positive traits, among them is to accept everything that has happened, being realistic (practical), dynamic or high spirited, calm, stable soul, optimistic, generous, *tawakkul* (having full reliance upon Allah), and always thankful upon the favors of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*.

While in matters regarding *‘ibaadah* (worship) and righteous deeds, we are to emulate those that inculcate righteous deeds. We are also to hasten and race in performing good deeds. Let us take the example of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, even though he was already promised with Paradise, yet he would perform the night prayers until his feet became swollen. When asked by Sayyidatina ‘A’ishah *radiallāhu ‘anh* as to why does he (صلى الله عليه وسلم) still struggle in performing such deed even though his past and future sins have been forgiven by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, the Prophet replied:

أَفَلَا أُحِبُّ أَنْ أَكُونَ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا.

“Should not I love to be a thankful slave (of Allah)?”



(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed Muslims,

The grateful servant is one who utters 'Alhamdulillah' with his or her tongue. The word 'Alhamdulillah' is a word that originates from the Arabic word meaning 'praise be to Allah'. By uttering 'Alhamdulillah', it means that one has praised Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and indirectly he has been thankful to Him.

The virtue of thankfulness upon the favors of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is that we will attain *barakah* (blessings) in our lives in this world and also in the Hereafter. All of the bounties possessed will make us feel sufficient and at peace when we cherish every single favors from Allah. However, the reality is that human sometimes are heedless and forgetful upon the favors that they have been blessed with. Moreover, only very few among the slaves of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that are truly thankful. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* reminds us in verse 7 of soorah Ibraaheem:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ ۝۷

"And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.'"

Therefore, as proof that we are grateful upon the favors of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, we must always increase our good deeds such as performing *zakaat*, supererogatory prayers, giving charity (*infaaq*) such as *waqf* (endowment) and donations. Similarly, by always thinking that it is only due to the *tawfeeq* (guidance) and *inaayah* (aid) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that we are bestowed with the strength to perform all of our *ibaadah*. Hence, all of the good deeds performed can be taken as the manifestation of favors bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. In the narration of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ إِذَا أَنْعَمَ عَلَى عَبْدٍ نِعْمَةً، يُحِبُّ أَنْ يَرَى أَثَرَ النِّعْمَةِ عَلَيْهِ

"Verily, when Allah Almighty bestows bounties upon a servant, He loves to see the traces of His bounties upon him."

(al-Bayhaqi)

May we become among those that increases in their *imaan* and *taqwa*, and attains *barakah*. Let us not even once feel proud and arrogant upon the bounties bestowed upon us for we are not the absolute owner of those favors, and at any time Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* can withdraw those favors and we will then become among those that are ungrateful and detested by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, I invite fellow congregation to internalize upon three main summaries, namely:

1. It is *wajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to become grateful upon the favors of *imaan* and Islam, as well as other bounties.



2. The Muslim *ummah* must have *qanaa'ah* by accepting everything bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* or feeling content upon the outcome after exerting efforts and having *tawakkul*.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must always be grateful so that various forms of bounties and *rahmah* (mercy) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will be showered upon them.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَكُمْ
وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ الْفُلْكَ لِتَجْرِيَ فِي الْبَحْرِ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ الْأَنْهَارَ ۗ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ
دَائِبِينَ ۗ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ الَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ ۗ وَعَاتَلَكُمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ مَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُ وَإِن تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا ۗ إِنَّ
الْإِنْسَانَ لَظَلُومٌ كَفَّارٌ ۗ

"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. And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favor of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most unjust and ungrateful."

(Ibraaheem 14:32-34)

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 ٥٦

“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. وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَائِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا



ذَٰلِجَلَالِ وَإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ 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 *Ahmadiyyah* or *Qadiyaani* and teachings declared as astray such as *Shee'ah* and *Islam Jamaa'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 أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
