



"THE TEACHER IS REVERED, THE KNOWLEDGE IS BLESSED"

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: قَالَ سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ صَابِرًا وَلَا أَعْصِي لَكَ أَمْرًا¹
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,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May the true *taqwa* make us among the slaves attaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **"THE TEACHER IS REVERED, THE KNOWLEDGE IS BLESSED."**

Respected Muslims,

Islam heavily emphasize on the matter of *adab* (etiquette) in life. *Adab* that must be preserved is the etiquette with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, *adab* with fellow human beings, and the surrounding. The issue of *adab* is given emphasis in al-Qur'an and *hadeeth* of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Among the *adab* that must be given due attention is the *adab* with a teacher.

Teachers are very noble individuals. They have groomed and taught us to become individuals that are beneficial to the religion, society, and nation. Through the education and upbringing by the teachers, we became knowledgeable individuals, that we are able to benefit the society and ourselves. Hence, we must preserve our *adab* with our teachers in appreciating their sacrifices and devotion.

One story that is mentioned in al-Qur'an, which took place between Prophet Moosa *'alayhissalaam* and Prophet Khidr *'alayhissalaam*, should serve as an important lesson for us. As recited earlier in the *khutbah*, the meaning of verse 69 of Soorah al-Kahf is as follows:

"[Moses] said, "You will find me, if Allah wills, patient, and I will not disobey you in [any] order.""

Prophet Moosa *'alayhissalaam* had manifested the proper *adab* of a student to his teacher with his humility. Among such *adab* is exercising patience and obeying the

¹ al-Kahf 18:69.

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102.



commands of the teacher. These are the examples of the things to be given due attention by a student towards his teacher.

O Muslims, blessed guests of Allah,

Anyone who has taught us is deemed as a teacher that we must respect. Through them, we have learned to read, write, and count that we became beneficial individuals. There are a plethora of stories mentioning the scholars of the past and their great respect for their teachers that we can take as beneficial lessons.

It was mentioned in a story how Imaam ash-Shaafi'i truly respected and appreciated a person who had taught him even though it was very little knowledge. One day, while he was teaching his students, a disheveled and smelly Bedouin came by. Imaam ash-Shaafi'i then stopped his lesson, approached the Bedouin and hugged him with such fervor.

After he completed his lesson, his students inquired as to why Imaam ash-Shaafi'i had hugged the Bedouin, even though he was unkempt and foul smelling. He explained that the Bedouin was his teacher and that was why he had hugged him, as a way of honoring his teacher. His students were astonished to know that the Bedouin was a teacher of the great Imaam ash-Shaafi'i.

Then, Imaam ash-Shaafi'i said: *"One day, when I was writing my fiqh book, I was posed with a problem in recognizing and distinguishing between a dog that has reached maturity and one that has not reached maturity. So I thought surely this Bedouin would know because he must have raised many dogs to herd his flocks of sheep. So then I asked the Bedouin that I had hugged earlier. The Bedouin explained that a dog that has reached maturity would raise one of its hind legs when urinating, while a dog that has not reached maturity would not raise its legs when urinating. With that Bedouin's explanation, I was able to complete my book."*

Even though the knowledge obtained from the Bedouin was very little, however the respect that Imaam ash-Shaafi'i had for him depicted noble *adab* that is espoused in Islam.

Such is the story that can be taken as a lesson for the Muslim *ummah* in respecting and honoring its teachers. With noble *adab* towards the teacher, we can see how blessed the knowledge of the classical scholars were that they became prominent and served as the source of reference for the Muslim *ummah* until today.

Blessed Muslims,

There are several things that we can practice in observing good *adab* with the teachers. Among them is initiating the greeting of *salaam* (peace) when meeting a teacher. Spreading *salaam* is a noble deed that is highly encouraged in Islam. Moreso, when it comes to the students giving *salaam* to their teachers. Let us become those that would initiate the *salaam*, instead of our teachers giving *salaam* to us. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لِيُسَلِّمِ الصَّغِيرُ عَلَى الْكَبِيرِ، وَالْمَأْرُ عَلَى الْقَاعِدِ، وَالْقَلِيلُ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ



"The young should greet the old, the passer by should greet the sitting one, and the small group of people should greet the larger one."

(Agreed Upon)

Assisting the teacher is also an act that is highly encouraged in Islam. As students, we can aid our teachers in many aspects. From matters pertaining to school affairs to things that are non-school related. Let us not render service only when we are asked by the teacher, but instead we should always remain ready to aid the teachers whenever the situation calls for it. All of our good deeds will be compensated with full justice by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as He mentions in verse 160 of Soorah al-An'am:

مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ۝١٦٠

"Whoever comes [on the Day of Judgment] with a good deed will have ten times the like thereof [to his credit], and whoever comes with an evil deed will not be recompensed except the like thereof; and they will not be wronged."

During the school hours, the teachers would serve as our parents. Just like our *adab* with our parents, the same applies to our teachers. If we are highly recommended to supplicate for our parents, then it is the same with our teachers. Let us supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for the wellbeing of our teachers. The severe warning from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with regard to those that are arrogant in supplicating to Him has been recorded in al-Qur'an, in verse 60 of Soorah al-Mu'min:

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ

دَاخِرِينَ ۝٦٠

"And your Lord says, "Call upon Me; I will respond to you." Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible."

Respected audience,

Nowadays, many students no longer place emphasize on proper *adab* towards their teachers. The teachers are only seen as normal human beings that do not need to be respected. Even worse, there are those that are hostile to their teachers. There are also students that would retaliate, scratch the cars, punch, insult, having negative thoughts, backbite, and badmouth their teachers.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has given stern warning to those that have negative assumptions, exposing others, and backbite. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 12 of Soorah al-Hujuraat:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَب بَّعْضُكُم بَعْضًا



“O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful.”

Dear esteemed audience,

To end the *khutbah*, let us altogether derive lessons upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that preserving *adab* in everyday life is a requirement from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must honor and respect the teachers so as to attain blessings in their knowledge.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always instill noble values within the self, wherever they may be.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ۝٦٣

“And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace.”
(*al-Furqaan* 25:63)

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 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 سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا



ذَ الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا 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 *Ahmadiyyah* or *Qadiyaani* and teachings declared as astray such as *Shee'ah* and *Hizb at-Tahreer*. 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 وَأَجْعَلْنَا 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 وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
