



“CLIMBING UP THE MASJID’S STAIRS”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى الزَّكَاةَ
وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ¹ ۝
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى 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.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all be placed among His slaves that attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* that is to be delivered today is titled **“CLIMBING UP THE MASJID’S STAIRS.”**

Dear respected Muslims,

Masjid and *surau* are sacred and holy places in the religion of Islam. It is a place for us to perform *‘ibaadah* (worship), praying the *fard* (obligatory) prayers in congregation, and also other supererogatory (*sunnah*) *‘ibaadah* such as *naafilah* prayers, reciting al-Qur’an, making *dhikr*, and attending Islamic talks and lessons. Moreover, the actual role of the masjid is much broader as the community center, and for the unity and development of the *ummah* itself.

¹ at-Tawbah 9:18.

² Aal-‘Imraan 3:102.



Most of the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor were built with aesthetic beauty, conducive surrounding, and some are even equipped with the latest technology. Similarly, the attendees are presented with a variety of lectures and courses to enhance their religious knowledge.

However, the question begs, how many of us are actually willing to go to the masjid, as compared to our willingness to travel and embark on a long journey for vacation? How many are willing to climb up the masjid's stairs, as compared to the number of those that would hike up the hills and tall mountains?

Indeed, the longest, arduous, and greatest journey for the Muslim male is the trip to the masjid. This is because our distance to the masjid is not measured by the number of footsteps but measured by the heart. However far the masjid or *sarau* is, it will be reachable if the heart is attached to it. However, if the heart is further away from the masjid, however close the distance is, one feels heavy and difficult to take the step and climb up its stairs, even though we have been commanded to enliven the houses of Allah as the manifestation of our *imaan*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in surah at-Tawbah, as recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

"The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakaah and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided."

Blessed audience,

Going to the masjid to perform the *'ibaadah* of *fard* prayer in congregation at its earliest time is a responsibility upon a Muslim.

This has been explained in many narrations of the Prophet ﷺ that commanded performing the *fard* prayer in *jamaa'ah* (congregation) at the



masjid. Moreover, those whose hearts are always attached to the masjid will be bestowed with the protection of the 'Arsh (Throne) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter. In one *hadeeth* narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

وَرَجُلٌ قَلْبُهُ مُعَلَّقٌ فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ

"A man whose heart is attached to the masjid."

(*al-Bukhaari*)

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

مَنْ تَطَهَّرَ فِي بَيْتِهِ ثُمَّ مَشَى إِلَى بَيْتٍ مِنْ بُيُوتِ اللَّهِ لِيَقْضِيَ فَرِيضَةً مِنْ فَرَائِضِ اللَّهِ كَانَتْ خَطْوَتَاهُ إِحْدَاهُمَا تَحُطُّ خَطِيئَةً وَالْأُخْرَى تَرْفَعُ دَرَجَةً

"He who purified himself in his house, and then he walked to one of the houses of Allah for the sake of performing a fard (obligatory act) out of the faraa'id (obligatory acts) of Allah, both his steps (would be significant) as one of them would obliterate his sin and the second one would raise his status."

(*Muslim*)

Dear beloved Muslims,

Verily there are many virtues in performing *'ibaadah* in the masjid and surau as compared to performing them at home. Our hearts will feel more tranquil while at the masjid, and our souls will feel more focused to indulge in *'ibaadah*. At the masjid, we feel more motivated to perform the *sunnah 'ibaadah* as compared to at home. For example, performing the *qabliyah* and *ba'diyah sunnah* prayers, reciting al-Qur'an, and making *dhikr* in exalting Allah The Almighty. Not to mention that we can perform the *'ibaadah* of *i'tikaf*, which is an *'ibaadah* that can only be done inside the masjid.



How significant it is to perform the *fard* prayer in *jamaa'ah* in the masjid that Rasulullah ﷺ gave stern warning to those that did not fulfill this responsibility as it was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu 'anh*, where the Prophet ﷺ said:

لَقَدْ هَمَمْتُ أَنْ أَمُرَ بِالصَّلَاةِ فَتُقَامَ ثُمَّ أُخَالِفَ إِلَى مَنَازِلِ قَوْمٍ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ
الصَّلَاةَ فَأُحَرِّقَ عَلَيْهِمْ بُيُوتَهُمْ

"No doubt, I intended to order somebody to pronounce the iqamah of the (compulsory congregational) prayer and then I would go to the houses of those who do not attend the prayer and burn their houses over them."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed audience,

Therefore, let us altogether instill great determination and effort to strive in bringing ourselves to the masjid, climbing up those stairs so that we will altogether enjoy the calmness and virtues while at the masjid.

Let us begin with one *fard* prayer, praying in *jamaa'ah* at the masjid. Then it is added with two *fard* prayers, three, so on and ultimately five times a day. Let us strive to perform *salaah* behind the *imaam*, before we will be prayed upon in front of the *imaam*. Let us not wait till our old days for us to climb up those masjid stairs for no one can guarantee that we will surely reach old age with good health and energy.

Respected audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize upon several suggestions from this *khutbah* as lessons and guidance in this life. Among them:



1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that all of the commands from Allah and the religion must be performed with diligence and sincerity.
2. It is *wajib* (obligatory) for the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that praying in *jamaa'ah* at the masjid is among the commandment from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must hasten and race in earning the rewards and extinguishing the sins by attending the masjid for congregational prayer.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
﴿وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ﴾^{١٣٣}

“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous.”

(Aal-'Imraan 3:133)

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، أُوصِيكُمْ 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. وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، 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، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا



ذَٰلِجَلَالِ وَإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ 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 وَإِيتَايِ 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.


