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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: فَقُلْتُ ٱسْتَغْفِرُواْ رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ وَكَانَ غَفَّارًا



أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَاللَّهُمُ عَنْنَ. آلِهِ وصَحْبِهِ وَالْجُمَعِيْنَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَآ أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّه فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ اللَّهُ عَامَنُواْ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ اللَّهُ

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May our lives become blessed by Allah by attaining *barakah* (blessings) in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I would like to discuss upon a *khutbah* titled "REPENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."

Dear blessed audience,

¹ Nooh 71:10.

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102.



Every human being cannot escape from committing mistakes and sins, but the question is how far do we actually strive to avoid it and remain determined in performing *tawbah* (repentance) and not repeating it again. There are those within the Muslim *ummah* that are lackadaisical when it comes to this matter. Moreover, some are aware of the sins being committed but kept on procrastinating their repentance by giving various excuses, though the sins and acts of disobedience committed will not bring true peace within the soul of the doer. This was explained in the *hadeeth* of Waabisah bin Ma'bad *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah said:

"Righteousness is that with which the soul is tranquil and the heart is tranquil, but sin is that which rouses suspicion in the soul and is perplexing in the breast, even if people give you a decision in its favor."

(Ahmad)

This hadeeth reminds us that disobedience or sins committed, if they are not cleansed with tawbah, it will cause restlessness within the heart. Moreover, it will cause the heart to be engulfed with black spots if one does not hasten to repent and make istighfaar (seeking forgiveness) to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. This the great calamity that befalls the doer until the entire heart is all covered with the rust of sins, and by then, the heart will no longer receive the rays of light from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:



"When the believer commits sin, a black spot appears on his heart. If he repents and gives up that sin and seeks forgiveness, his heart will be polished."

(ibn Maajah)

Muslimin yang dirahmati Allah sekalian,

It must be known that sins are divided into two, namely major and minor sins. Minor sins will be forgiven by Allah through all of righteous deeds performed such as the obligatory prayers, reciting al-Qur'an, and making istighfaar. While the major sins, they will not be forgiven by Allah except through sincere repentance with full regret and resolve to not repeat the sinful act again. This is what is known as tawbah an-nasooha. Therefore, every Muslim will only be forgiven after performing tawbah an-nasooha, hence it behooves every Muslim to know matters that are categorized as major sins.

Imaam adh-Dhahabi had listed in his work "al-Kabaa'ir" more than 70 types of major sins. Therefore, there is no reason for us to commit disobedience under the pretext of having no knowledge.

Every Muslim must be cognizant of the sins that they commit for when one is aware of his or her deed as sinful, then it will lead to regret, subsequently resulting in *tawbah* to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala*. This is because *tawbah* is a vast opportunity bestowed by Allah upon the believers and it becomes *waajib* (obligatory) for every Muslim to take advantage of this opportunity.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 31 of soorah an-Noor:



وَتُوبُوٓا إِلَى ٱللَّهِ جَمِيعًا أَيُّهَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنُونَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ١

"And turn to Allah in repentance, all of you, O believers, that you might succeed."

Regarding this verse, Imaam ibn Katheer stated that among the true success and victory of a person is by performing the commands of Allah and His Messenger, as well as leaving out His prohibitions.

There are several methods for one to perform *tawbah*, among them:

1. Remorseful upon all of the sins committed. This is as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah said:

"Regret is repentance."

(Ahmad)

- 2. Determined to not repeat committing the same sin again.
- 3. Forsaking all of the sins and disobediences forever.
- 4. Making *tawbah* with *tawbah an-nasooha*, as Allah mentions in verse 8 of soorah at-Tahreem:

يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ تُوبُوَاْ إِلَى ٱللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَن يُكَفِّرَ عَنكُمْ سَيِّعَاتِكُمْ وَيُدْخِلَكُمْ جَنَّتِ تَجُرِى مِن تَحْتِهَا ٱلْأَنْهَرُ...



"O you who have believed, repent to Allah with sincere repentance (tawbah an-nasooha). Perhaps your Lord will remove from you your misdeeds and admit you into gardens beneath which rivers flow..."

This verse is a call from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon His slaves to return and repent unto Him, and Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* promised forgiveness upon all of the sins committed. Besides that, if the wrong committed is a sin against fellow human being, then one must first apologize and seek apology, as well as returning anything that was taken without permission if that was the case.

Respected audience,

Do not make as an excuse of the young age or that our life journey is still far ahead in delaying the *tawbah*, for death never discriminate between the old or young in age. Even though the door of repentance is wide open, it does have its deadline. The door of *tawbah* will close shut once a person is met with death, and when this world reaches its final moments, which is the Day of Judgment. Therefore, let us all hasten to make *tawbah* before it is too late.

To end the *khutbah* today, I implore upon the entire Muslim *ummah* to give full undivided attention upon the following matters:

- 1. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that sinful acts will incur the wrath of Allah and removes blessings in one's life.
- 2. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to make *tawbah* and return to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* without any delay.
- 3. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to avoid all sins and disobediences, as well as increase in making *istighfaar* so that all plagues, epidemics, and diseases, specifically Covid-19, will be removed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ قُلْ يَعِبَادِى ٱلَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُواْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُواْ مِن رَّحْمَةِ ٱللَّهِ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ ٱلذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ وهُوَ ٱلْغَفُورُ ٱلرَّحِيمُ

"Say, "O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.""

(az-Zumar 39:53)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْلُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Dear respected audience,

Let us continue to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala*, remain united, and firmly cling upon authentic teachings of Islam according to the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaaʻah*. Also, we must remain disciplined and obligated in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that had been stipulated by the government and JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department), as well as sincerely supplicating so that the chain of Covid-19 will be severed.

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِیْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْیَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَات، إِنَّكَ سَمِیْعٌ قَرِیْبٌ مُجِیْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَیَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَیْكَ بِنَبِیّكَ الْأَمِیْن، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ الْمُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ الْمُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ



تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تَعْكُو أَمِير شَاه، اِبْنِ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ الحَاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبِلِغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

اَللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَاللَّشَدَائِدَ وَالْمِحَنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنُ أَزُوَ جِنَا وَذُرِّيْتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنِ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَّامًا. رَبَّنَا عَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةَ وَفِي ٱلْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةَ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ .



عِبَادَ اللّهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيِ ذِى ٱلْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمُ لَعَلَّكُمُ تَذَكَّرُونَ ۚ يَعِظُكُمُ لَعَلَّكُمُ تَذَكَّرُونَ ۚ

فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.