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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ^{1,2}

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ 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 تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ^{2,102}

Dear blessed Muslims,

I solemnly remind myself and respected audience that let us altogether strive our level best to fulfill all of His Commands and avoid all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today's *khutbah* is titled “**SALAWAAT AS A NECESSITY.**”

Dear blessed audience,

¹ al-Jumu'ah 62:2.

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102.



The month of Rabee' al-Awwal is no stranger to us as the birth month of Rasulullah ﷺ. A very noble man that was chosen by Allah to bring *rahmah* (mercy) to the worlds. Even though we had never met him, while he is the coolness of our eyes, even though we had never met eye to eye to witness the beauty of his face, even though we have not felt the tenderness and beauty of his skin, however, his name is often-mentioned when we send *salawaat* (blessings) upon him in our *salaah* (prayer).

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

Dearest audience,

Muhammad ﷺ is a name that was not given to anyone before him. Muhammad ﷺ means the one praised, and it also means the one most praised. Moreover, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* elevated and honored the name Muhammad over other names. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 4 of soorah al-Inshirah:

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ۚ

“And raised high for you your repute.”

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has honored Rasulullah ﷺ with a name that will be constantly mentioned by the believers for as long as the earth is in existence. At all times and place, without any break, this universe will continue to mention Rasulullah's name ﷺ. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has commanded the believers to always send *salawaat* upon Rasulullah ﷺ. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 56 of soorah al-Ahzaab:



إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
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.”

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala honors Rasulullah ﷺ far above others, that the name Allah and Rasulullah ﷺ are mentioned together. This we can prove with the testimony of faith (*shahaadah*), wordings in the *adhaan* and *'iqaamah*, furthermore it is one of the pillars (*arkan*) of the Friday sermon, which is sending *salawaat* upon Rasulullah ﷺ. So much so, a *majlis* (sitting or gathering) that does not mention *salawaat* upon Rasulullah ﷺ will be threatened with the torment from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَا جَلَسَ قَوْمٌ مَجْلِسًا لَمْ يَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِيهِ وَلَمْ يُصَلُّوا عَلَى
نَبِيِّهِمْ إِلَّا كَانَ عَلَيْهِمْ تِرَةٌ فَإِنْ شَاءَ عَذَّبَهُمْ وَإِنْ شَاءَ غَفَرَ لَهُمْ

“No group gather in a sitting in which they do not remember Allah, nor sent blessing upon their Prophet, except it will be a source of remorse for them. If He wills, He will punish them, and if He wills, He will forgive them.”

(at-Tirmidhi)



Dear blessed audience,

How significant it is in our lives to always send *salawaat* upon Rasulullah ﷺ, that those who do not do so after his name is mentioned, then he is deemed as a despised person. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

رَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ

"May his nose soil with dust in whose presence mention is made of me and he does not supplicate for me."

(Muslim)

Esteemed audience,

Loving Rasulullah ﷺ is truly no ordinary love, while missing Rasulullah ﷺ is also not a feeling that can be made-up, for it was borne from a pure heart. It was borne from a heart that is very sincere, cleansed heart. A lover will definitely always utter and remember his beloved. There is an Arabian proverb that states:

مَنْ أَحَبَّ شَيْئًا كَثُرَ مِنْ ذِكْرِهِ

"Whoever loves something, he will mention it often."

Therefore, on a day and month that is full of *barakah* (blessings) and all year long, let us altogether increase in sending *salawaat* (blessings) and *salaam* (peace) upon Rasulullah ﷺ. This is the recommendation from Rasulullah ﷺ, as narrated in the *hadeeth* of Abu Umaamah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:



أَكْثَرُوا مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ جُمُعَةٍ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاةَ
أُمَّتِي تُعْرَضُ عَلَيَّ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ جُمُعَةٍ، فَمَنْ كَانَ أَكْثَرَكُمْ عَلَيَّ
صَلَاةً كَانَ أَقْرَبَهُمْ مِنِّي مَنْزِلَةً

"Invoke more blessings upon me on every Friday, the blessings from my ummah is presented to me on every Friday. Whoever had invoked more blessings upon me will be closest to me."

(al-Bayhaqi)

Dear beloved audience of Allah,

To end the *khutbah* this time, I sincerely implore and invite the entire Muslim *ummah* to internalize upon the following lessons, as guidance in our lives:

1. It is *wajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to believe that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the messenger of Allah. That he is the final messenger (*Rasool*) and there is no other *Rasool* after him.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must always increase in sending *salawaat* and *salaam* upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم so as to attain *shafaa'ah* (intercession) in the Hereafter.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must conform and abide by all of the teachings of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا
اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

"There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often."

(al-Ahzaab 33:21)

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، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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.

Respected audience,

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic *'aqeedah* that is certain and solidified. Let us unite upon any situations, firmly united facing any circumstances and enemy's threat, whether hidden or apparent. The unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundational strength towards the nurturing of *Khayra Ummah* (the best nation). Muslims are entitled to have differing views, what more in worldly matters, but the Muslim *ummah* must continue to unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding according to the guidelines of the *kalimah* (phrase) لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as sound Islamic brotherhood principles.

In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitate every Masjid attendees to remain disciplined and that it is *wajib* (obligatory) to abide by the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been outlined by JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department), specifically in performing the *wudoo'* (ablution) at home, bringing one's own prayer mat, wearing the face mask while at the Masjid and *Surau*, and practicing social distancing. Those



that are unhealthy or unwell are prohibited from performing *salaah* in the Masjid and Surau.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَّالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united,



under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ
النَّارِ ۞

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ ۞

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.