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## “THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND VIRTUE OF SENDING BLESSINGS UPON THE PROPHET ﷺ”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا <sup>1</sup> ٥٦  
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 <sup>2</sup> ١٠٢

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I remind myself first and foremost, and fellow audience, that let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by obeying all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Indeed, true happiness in this world and the Hereafter is only determined by our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

<sup>1</sup> al-Ahzaab 33:56.

<sup>2</sup> Aal-'Imraan 3:102.



I humbly invite fellow congregation to altogether internalize upon today's *khutbah* titled **"THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND VIRTUE OF SENDING BLESSINGS UPON THE PROPHET ﷺ."**

**Dear blessed audience,**

Indeed, there are many benefits in sending *salawaat* (blessings) upon beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, among them:

**FIRST: IT IS THE COMMAND OF ALLAH.** Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 56 of soorah al-Ahzaab, as recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

***"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."***

Therefore, sending *salawaat* upon Rasulullah ﷺ is one of the ways for us to adhere to the commands of Allah, as well as appreciating all of the sacrifices and services rendered by Rasulullah ﷺ in upholding Islam, and also his superior personality.

**SECOND: EARNING THE REWARD OF SENDING SALAWAAT FROM ALLAH.** Though sending *salawaat* seem like a simple act, yet its virtue is tremendous for the believers that constantly engage in its practice. Allah loves His slaves whom always place Rasulullah ﷺ in their hearts.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*: Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرًا



**“Whoever sends blessings upon me once, Allah will send blessings upon him tenfold.”**

(Muslim)

If we perform *dhikr* and send *salawaat* by beseeching Allah to shower nobility, honor, and praise upon Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, Allah will return our *salawaat* by sending *rahmah* (mercy), *barakah* (blessings), and nobility upon us.

### **THIRD: PROTECTON FROM CALAMITIES AND SINS FORGIVEN.**

Increasing *salawaat* can ensure and save us from all matters that are grievous and worrying, whether in this world or the Hereafter. As mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Ubayy bin Ka‘b *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, whom inquired from the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم about devoting all of his supplications for *salawaat*, in which the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied:

إِذَا تَكُفَى هَمَّكَ، وَيُغْفِرَ لَكَ ذَنْبُكَ

**“Then you will be freed from your worries and your sins will be forgiven.”**

(at-Tirmidhi)

**Respected audience,**

The **FOURTH** motivation and virtue of conferring *salawaat* upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is that we will be **ELEVATED IN RANK** by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*. In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:



مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرَ صَلَوَاتٍ  
وَحُطَّتْ عَنْهُ عَشْرُ خَطِيئَاتٍ ، وَرُفِعَتْ لَهُ عَشْرُ دَرَجَاتٍ ،

***"Whoever sends blessings upon me once, Allah will send blessings upon him tenfold, and will erase ten sins from him, and will raise him ten degrees in status."***

(an-Nasaa'i)

**FIFTH: OUR SALAWAAT WILL BE MENTIONED TO THE PROPHET**  
**IN THE HEREAFTER.** Sending *salawaat* upon the Prophet is highly encouraged especially on Friday. In the *hadeeth* of Aws bin Aws *radiallāhu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِنَّ مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَيَّامِكُمْ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ، فَأَكْثِرُوا عَلَيَّ مِنَ  
الصَّلَاةِ فِيهِ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاتِكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَيَّ

***"Among the most excellent of your days is Friday; so invoke many blessings on me on that day, for your blessing will be submitted to me."***

(Abu Dawood)

**Dear noble audience,**

After listening to all of the virtues in sending *salawaat* upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, let us strive to practice upon it, for constantly sending *salawaat* upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is a sign of love for a Muslim towards him صلى الله عليه وسلم.



On the contrary, those that are stingy in sending *salawaat*, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Ali bin Abi Taalib:

الْبَخِيلُ الَّذِي مَنْ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ

**"The miser is the one in whose presence I am mentioned yet does not pray for Allah's blessings upon me."**

(at-Tirmidhi)

Hence, let us prove and manifest our love and affection towards the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم by always sending *salawaat* upon him صلى الله عليه وسلم especially when the name of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is mentioned, let us hasten to reply with **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

**Dear honorable audience,**

To end the *khutbah* today, let us take several important lessons from today's *khutbah* as guide for all of us, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that sending *salawaat* upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is a command from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must fully comprehend that tremendous rewards are prepared by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for those sending *salawaat* upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must increase in sending *salawaat* upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم as a show of love for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, thus returning the love and affection of Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم for his *ummah*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ  
حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ۝١٢٨

***"There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful."***

*(at-Tawbah 9:128)*

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.

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## 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 أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَغْكَو 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 ۝۴۱.

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

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

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