



“DO NOT SIDETRACK, DROP THE EGO”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ

يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ¹

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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ

فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا

وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ²

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 we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us ponder upon the *khutbah* today titled **DO NOT SIDETRACK, DROP THE EGO.**

Dear noble Muslims,

Today commemorates one week after all *masajid*, *suraus* authorized for Friday prayer, and all *suraus* throughout the state of Selangor have reopened. *Alhamdulillah*, the Friday prayer and the five daily prayers can now be performed in congregation with specific conditions or SOP (Standard Operating Procedure). The Muslims now have the very opportunity to revive the houses of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with circles of knowledge. May we become among those mentioned in verse 18 of soorah at-Tawbah, what 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.”

¹ al-Baqarah 2:195.

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102.



However, with such favor, let us not become heedless even for a second, for the COVID-19 pandemic has yet to end. Furthermore, we are still in the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) phase. Remember, our very own negligence including our ego, laid back attitude, and undermining the decision that has been made will only incur harm.

Dearest audience,

Islam teaches its adherents to always remain vigilant and not neglectful. Those that are immersed in worldliness that they do not perform righteous deeds are actual losers and will truly regret it in the Hereafter.

Negligence is also the reason and cause for the losses in the world that can threaten the safety and life of mankind. If a student becomes lackadaisical in his quest for knowledge, failure is the end result. If a driver is negligent while driving, fatal is the outcome. Hence, our heedlessness in adhering the SOP, even while enlivening the house of Allah, our health and lives will be jeopardized.

In the arduous effort of breaking the COVID-19 chain, after carefully taking into account the views of experts within the medical field, the Muslim scholars and *ulil amri* (Muslim authorities) have determined specific rulings and SOP guidelines for the entire Muslim *ummah* in performing the *'ibaadah* (worship) of *salaah* (prayer) in congregation (*jamaa'ah*) in the *masaajid* and *suraus*. Practicing social distancing, wearing the face mask, using one's own *sajaadah* (prayer mat), avoid shaking hands, and others are all intended none other than to preserve lives and avoid harm. This is because the consideration for the *fiqh* maxim "الضَّرُّ يُزَالُ", stating that harm must be eliminated, is heavily emphasized.

Dear blessed audience,

Unfortunately, there are those among us that are taking it lightly and belittling these rules and SOPs. There are still those that are having such unmindful and careless attitude. Without providing any *daleel* (religious proof) and *hujjah* (valid reasoning), they would bluntly state: *We fear Allah more than COVID-19!*

In reality, they are the ones not having the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. For the ones that truly fear Allah with true *taqwa* will always abide by the Islamic guidance. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* forbade us from plunging into destruction. He mentions in verse 195 of soorah al-Baqarah, as mentioned in the opening verse of the *khutbah*, what means:

"...And do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good."

The Prophet ﷺ had taught us to run away from the outbreak of infectious diseases. It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that the Prophet ﷺ said:

وَفِرَّ مِنَ الْمَجْدُومِ كَمَا تَفِرُّ مِنَ الْأَسَدِ

"And one should run away from the leper as one runs away from a lion."

(al-Bukhaari)



In addition, the Prophet ﷺ also did not shake hand with a man that gave *bay'ah* (allegiance) to him, in avoiding the disease and the harm of contracting it. 'Amru bin ash-Shareed *radiallahu 'anh* reported on the authority of his father:

كَانَ فِي وَفْدِ ثَقِيفٍ رَجُلٌ مَجْدُومٌ، فَأَرْسَلَ إِلَيْهِ
النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: إِنَّا قَدْ بَايَعْنَاكَ فَارْجِعْ

There was in the delegation of Thaqeef a leper. Allah's Apostle (ﷺ) sent a message to him: "We have accepted your allegiance, so you may go."

(Muslim)

This is the Islamic guideline from the guidance of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*. Therefore, it is those that fully abide by the SOP that truly fear Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Hence, when one deliberately neglect and does not comply with the regulations stipulated by the authority, it means that he or she does not fear Allah. Furthermore, one intentionally exposes oneself and others to harm.

Dearest guests of Allah,

With our *imaan* (belief) in *qadaa'* and *qadr*, it does not at all deny exerting efforts and seeking means. Rather, we are commanded to hasten for treatment whenever inflicted with an illness. By the permission of Allah The Almighty, He is The Healer. It was narrated from Abu Dardaa' *radiallahu 'anh* that the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ الدَّاءَ وَالِدَّوَاءَ،
وَجَعَلَ لِكُلِّ دَاءٍ دَوَاءً فَتَدَاوَوْا وَلَا تَدَاوَوْا بِحَرَامٍ

"Allah has sent down both the disease and the cure, and He has appointed a cure for every disease, so treat yourselves medically, but use nothing unlawful."

(Abu Dawood)

Since no vaccine has been discovered for COVID-19 thus far and also medicinal cure that can prevent its infection, then all regulations and SOP would serve as the best vaccine and medicine for the time being.

We are truly grateful that by the will of Allah, our nation is truly fortunate as compared to other nations. At a time when the positive cases in our country have dwindled, it is staggeringly increasing in other countries. Even more frightening is the total number of deaths recorded. This gratefulness necessitate us to continue to remain vigilant, not desensitized, not feeling arrogant and superior, in preventing the emergence of a new wave that is associated with Islamic institutions such as the masjid and *suraus*.

It is on this very basis that the Muslim authorities have stipulated certain SOP in providing permission and consent for *masaajid*, *suraus* authorized for Friday prayer, and all *suraus* to be reopened. The capacity for *masaajid* and *suraus* authorized for Friday prayer will surely remain limited in accommodating large congregations due to



the conditions and SOP specified. Only those that have registered and obtained the attendance card are deemed as *wajib* (obligatory) to attend the Friday prayer. As for others, they are considered as prevented, hence excused and not obligated to perform the Friday prayer. They are permitted by the *Shara'* to replace it with the *Zhuhr* prayer. Those wishing to perform the *Zhuhr* prayer in the *sura*, they are to wait for 30 minutes so as to allow the Friday *khutbah* in the nearby masjid to conclude.

Respected audience,

Let us unite on the basis of Islamic *'aqeedah* that is certain and solidified. Let us unite in all situations, circumstances, and from the enemy's threats whether apparent or hidden. Muslim unity is the most basic strength towards the development of *Khayra Ummah* (the best nation). The Muslims reserve the rights to disagree, what more in worldly affairs. However, the Muslim *ummah* must continue to unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding that coincides with the *kalimah Laa ilaaha illAllaah*, the principles of affirmation within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, and also Islamic brotherhood principles that are firm.

Similarly, the Muslim *ummah* must remain together and united in facing the COVID-19 pandemic that is still uncertain to this day. Hence, all masjid officers and committee members that were given the *amaanah* (trust) to execute SOP enforcement at their respective *masajid* and *suraus* truly need solid support from their congregants and local communities with a unified attitude and true understanding of everyone's roles. Let us unite in comprehending the directives announced, remain disciplined, patient, steadfast, and resolute within one's own capacity in breaking the transmission of COVID-19.

To end the *khutbah*, I would like to remind fellow audience again to take the following guidelines:

1. It is *wajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to follow the Islamic guidelines and obey the decisions of *ulil amri* in matters that are good and not sinful.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid all forms of destruction and harm upon itself and others.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must continue to make *dhikr* and *du'aa* (invocation) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* including *Qunoot Naazilah* so that the COVID-19 pandemic will be lifted soon, and to never sidetrack.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَأَذْكُرُ رَبِّي فِي نَفْسِي تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ بِالْغُدُوِّ
وَالْأَصَالِ وَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ ۝

"And remember your Lord within yourself in humility and in fear without being apparent in speech - in the mornings and the evenings. And do not be among the heedless."

(al-A'raaf 7:205)



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.

Dear respected audience,

In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitate every Masjid attendees to remain disciplined and that it is *waajib* (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 وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ سُلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُوَلِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ سُلْطَانِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ



بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ
لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا 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، اذْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ وَالشَّدَائِدَ
وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.
رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي
الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ١٠

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