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## “COVID-19 VACCINE: PREVENTING HARM”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى  
التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٩٥﴾<sup>1</sup>  
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 مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and fellow respected audience that let us empower our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with true *taqwa*, by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I would like to expound on a *khutbah* titled **COVID-19 VACCINE: PREVENTING HARM.**”

<sup>1</sup> al-Baqarah 2:195

<sup>2</sup> Aal-‘Imraan 3:102



**Dear blessed audience,**

Good health is a *ni'mah* (favor) that is truly valuable and priceless from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Without good health, we will not be able to perform our daily duties and affairs with perfection. The bounty of good health must be appreciated and preserved in the best manner so that we will be able to continue with *'ibaadah* (acts of worship) and live comfortably. Hence, we are to practice a healthy lifestyle, always remain clean, and striving to prevent all forms of disease that can bring harm and destruction.

The Muslim *ummah* must strive to prevent itself from being exposed and thrown into the abyss of destruction. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 195 of soorah al-Baqarah:

..... وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ

**“....and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining].”**

Therefore, all avenues and means that can harm and damage a person must be rejected from the get go. The *fiqhi* (juristic) maxim states:

دَرْءُ الْمَفَاسِدِ مُقَدَّمٌ عَلَى جَلْبِ الْمَصَالِحِ

**“Avoiding harm is prioritized over gaining benefits.”**

Therefore, in the context of preserving good health, especially during this Covid-19 pandemic, the prevention aspect is truly vital and must be prioritized. The government's regulation in stipulating several preventive



measures such as wearing the face mask, the 1-meter physical distancing, and the latest being the Covid-19 vaccine injection, all must be adhered to by all citizens. This is because the Covid-19 virus can truly inflict harm and destruction in a swift and comprehensive manner.

### **Beloved audience,**

The government has decided to provide free Covid-19 vaccine injection to all citizens. Such resolution must be accepted for it is a decision that is for the *maslahah* (benefit) and well-being of the people. This is based on another Islamic legal maxim, which states:

تَصَرُّفُ الْإِمَامِ عَلَى الرَّعِيَّةِ مَنْوُطٌ بِالْمَصْلَحَةِ

*“The actions of an Imaam (leader) is driven by the interest of the community.”*

Therefore, this vaccine injection is the most effective and safe prevention in curbing the Covid-19 pandemic, *inshaa Allaah*. Moreover, the vaccines have been verified and ruled as permissible for its usage during the 10<sup>th</sup> Special *Muzakarah* Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that convened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2020, which stated, “The Ruling for the Usage of Covid-19 Vaccine is permissible and it is *wajib* (obligatory) for groups that have been identified by the Government of Malaysia.”

It must be firmly stated here that rejecting the vaccines in totality is a very irresponsible act that is prohibited by the *Shara'*. It not only harms the individual, but instead it will harm the entire community. This is because if the majority of the society is not protected from the infection of vaccine-



preventable diseases, then it becomes easy for the virus causing those diseases to find a host that can be infected, hence harming the society.

Therefore, herd immunity should be prioritized and it can only be achieved with high immunization coverage. This coincides with the Islamic principle that prioritizes prevention from any form of harm, as in the juristic maxim:

لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ

*“Harm shall not be inflicted nor reciprocated.”*

In terms of ‘*aqeedah*, we as Muslims having *imaan* (belief) must have *yaqeen* (certainty) that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* will provide the medicine and cure to control the spread of all types of illnesses including Covid-19. This is as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu ad-Dardaa’, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ الدَّاءَ وَالِدَوَاءَ وَجَعَلَ لِكُلِّ دَاءٍ دَوَاءً  
فَتَدَاوُوا وَلَا تَدَاوُوا 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)

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

After all preventive efforts and supplications (*du’aa*) have been exerted, Islam teaches us to surrender all affairs to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, which is *tawakkul* or absolute surrender to Allah. This is the true



creed of a Muslim, whom combines between effort, *du'aa*, as well as *tawakkul* upon Allah in enduring the Covid-19 pandemic. However, if all efforts have been exerted and conformed, and yet we are tested with illness, then it behoove that we have *sabr* (patience), remain tranquil, and pleased with what has been decreed by Allah. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 51 of soorah at-Tawbah:

قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ

فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

**“Say, “Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed for us; He is our protector.” And upon Allah let the believers rely.”**

**Respected Muslims,**

To end the sermon today, I would like to conclude:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that *ni'mah* and *museebah* (calamity), as well as being healthy and sick, all of these are from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must always strive and supplicate to be protected and kept away from matters that can inflict harm upon the individual, family, society, and nation.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must observe strict adherence to all of the instructions and advice from the Ministry of Health Malaysia, with regard to vaccine injection and personal hygiene practices, in curbing the Covid-19 outbreak.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ أَسَاءَ فَعَلَيْهَا وَمَا رَبُّكَ

بِظُلْمٍ لِّلْعَبِيدِ ﴿٤٦﴾

***“Whoever does righteousness - it is for his [own] soul; and whoever does evil [does so] against it. And your Lord is not ever unjust to [His] servant.”***

(Fussilat 41:46)

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. اَللّٰهُمَّ 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.





وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

### Respected audience,

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic *'aqeedah*. The Muslims must remain united at heart in facing atmospheres, perverted ideologies, and threats by the enemies of Islam. The solid unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundational strength towards the development of an *ummah* that is dignified, capable, and upright. Let us unite upon the spirit of firm *tawheed*, لا إله إلا الله, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as the *Qudwah* (exemplary) of Rasulullah ﷺ.

The high number of Covid-19 cases recorded in Selangor according to statistics truly necessitate strict adherence to the SOP regulated by the government, the SOP released by JAIS in preventing the spread of Covid-19, and exercising self-control in this very difficult situation. Let us increase our *yaqeen* (certainty) in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, upholding his Oneness, purifying Him from other deities, as well as making *tawbah* (repentance). Let us ponder upon our wrongdoings in the past, that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* sends this calamity and pandemic upon us. Let us not get riled up in spewing accusations, slander, or blaming those whom are diligently trying to overcome this severe predicament.

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 الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ  
الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ  
عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ  
وَالْتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ،  
تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ  
وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُومَرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُؤَظَّفَيْنِ 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.

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ 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 آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا  
عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى  
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

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