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## “THE WORLD IS FOR TRIALS, THE HEREAFTER IS FOR RETRIBUTION”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: قُلْ إِنْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ

خَالِصَةً مِّنْ دُونِ النَّاسِ فَتَمَتَّتُوا الْمَوْتَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾<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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى

اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed audience,**

In conjunction with our being in the noble month of Ramadaan and on a Friday that is full of *barakah* (blessing), I humbly implore myself and respected audience to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bless our lives with *ni'mah* (favours), *tawfeeq* (aid), and *hidaayah* (guidance) that are longlasting, as well attaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

<sup>1</sup> al-Baqarah 2:94

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



Today, I invite upon fellow audience to altogether internalize upon a *khutbah* titled: **THE WORLD IS FOR TRIALS, THE HEREAFTER IS RETRIBUTION.**

**Dear respected Muslims,**

Today, mankind all over the world are afflicted with various severe tribulations. The entire world is faced with a viral outbreak that is both life and health threatening. Some districts are plagued with poverty and destitution. In other areas, we find unrests and wars over territories. Environmental pollution and its destructions are increasingly becoming rampant, along with numerous issues, as if there is no break or ending to it. This is the stark reality of this worldly life, which serves as the testing ground for all of us.

The world as the medium for trials and tribulations for mankind has been mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in al-Qur'an as reminder for us to always remain cognizant that this world is not our true place of origin. On the contrary, it serves as the platform for us to make the best preparation to return to the Hereafter that is everlasting, and that is our actual place of residence. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse of soorah al-Mulk:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ

الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ ﴿٢﴾

***"[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving."***

From this verse, it clearly tells us that the entire lives that we all endure until we breathe our last will be filled with multitudes of tests that



intends to identify who will remain unwavering while undergoing these tribulations with *sabr* (patience) and *istiqamah* (steadfastness) in obeying His Commands that in the end, he or she dies in a state that is pleasing to Allah, or on the flip side, who is negligent, concedes, and continues to further away from the *rahmah* (mercy) of Allah and in the end dies in His Wrath.

### **Beloved audience,**

We have a task and responsibility that is *wajib* (obligatory) to be fulfilled in our lives. If we thoroughly ponder and reflect, the very purpose of our lives in this world is not just having fun with all the pleasures that this world offers.

This world has been entrusted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon us to be responsibly administered by upholding all of the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in all matters of life, be it social, economic, politics, and others. Therefore, those that transgresses against the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, in reality they are those who have betrayed the *amaanah* (trust) bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and they are deserving to be angered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and thrown into the Fire of Hell. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 38 of soorah al-Hajj:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْفِعُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ خَوَّانٍ

كُفُورٍ ﴿٣٨﴾

**“Indeed, Allah defends those who have believed. Indeed, Allah does not like everyone treacherous and ungrateful.”**



## Dearest audience,

Today, sinful acts and disobedience seem to have become the norm within the Muslim society. Let us look at the news mentioned in the printed and electronic media, we find that everyday there will be evil acts mentioned. It is as if humans no longer fear the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In reality, all of the evil deeds such as gambling, adultery, killing without a just cause, bad suspicion, making false accusations, slandering (*fitnah*), talebearing, searching the fault of others, cursing and insulting others with undesirable names, as well as other wickedness, it becomes *wajib* to avoid them, for they are great betrayal to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 107 of soorah an-Nisaa':

وَلَا تُجَادِلْ عَنِ الَّذِينَ يَخْتَانُونَ أَنفُسَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن  
كَانَ خَوَّانًا أَثِيمًا ﴿١٠٧﴾

**“And do not argue on behalf of those who deceive themselves. Indeed, Allah loves not one who is a habitually sinful deceiver.”**

## Dearest noble audience,

Remember! For we will all be met with death. When death dawns upon us, all of the pleasures of life that we have been enjoying will be severed. At that time, any types of regret will render in vain. All of our deeds, whether good or bad, will tag along with us into the grave. For the *rooh* (soul) of the believers, they will supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to hasten the Day of Judgment out of their excitement in meeting with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and enjoying the reward of Paradise as



promised by Him. On the contrary, the *rooh* of the disbelievers will plead to Allah for the Day of Judgment to not take place, out of fear for the severe torment that awaits them in the Hereafter.

One day, Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned: ***“Whoever likes to meet Allah, then Allah would love to meet him. Whoever dislikes to meet Allah, then Allah dislikes to meet him.”*** Sayyidatina ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha* narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

اَلْمُؤْمِنُ إِذَا بُشِّرَ بِرَحْمَةِ اللّٰهِ وَرِضْوَانِهِ وَجَنَّتِهِ أَحَبَّ  
لِقَاءَ اللّٰهِ وَأَحَبَّ اللّٰهُ لِقَاءَهُ وَإِنَّ الْكَافِرَ إِذَا بُشِّرَ بِعَذَابِ اللّٰهِ  
وَسَخَطِهِ كَرِهَ لِقَاءَ اللّٰهِ وَكَرِهَ اللّٰهُ لِقَاءَهُ

***“When a believer (at the time of death) is given the glad tidings of the mercy of Allah, His Pleasure, and of Paradise, he loves to meet Allah, and Allah also loves to meet him, and when an unbeliever is given the news of the torment of Allah, and Hardship to be imposed by Him, he dislikes to meet Allah and Allah also abhors to meet him.”***

(al-Bukhaari)

Hence, with the arrival of the month of Ramadaan that is full of *barakah*, let us earnestly benefit from this month by diligently increase in our righteous deeds, making *istighfaar* (seeking forgiveness), and making *du‘aa* (supplication) that all of our deeds will be accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*.



**Dear blessed audience,**

To end the *khutbah* this time, I implore and invite upon all Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons, as guidance in our lives:

1. Realize that every human will surely not escape from the various worldly trials. Hence, we are to always remain *sabr* and *istiqamah* in obeying all of the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. We should utilize Ramadaan this year as the catalyst in moving towards the success of life in this world and the Hereafter.
3. Every Muslim must remember that all of the deeds committed, whether good or bad, in this world will have its consequences in the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَوْمَ نَحْشُرُ الْمُتَّقِينَ إِلَى الرَّحْمَنِ وَفْدًا ﴿٨٥﴾ وَنَسُوقُ الْمُجْرِمِينَ إِلَى جَهَنَّمَ  
وَرْدًا ﴿٨٦﴾

**“On the Day We will gather the righteous to the Most Merciful as a delegation. And will drive the criminals to Hell in thirst.”**

(Soorah Maryam 19:85-86)

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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ  
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

**Dear blessed audience,**

Let us altogether guard ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic. For that, let us graciously accept the government's recommendation in the vaccination efforts by registering ourselves through the *MySejahtera* application in order to obtain vaccine shots that have been authorized by the Ministry of Health Malaysia. We should not feel angry or doubtful when given the shots while fasting in Ramadaan for it will not invalidate the fast. This matter had been meticulously scrutinized and discussed in details, where its ruling of permissibility was reached during the 118<sup>th</sup> *Muzakarah* Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that convened on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 and also the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee Meeting that took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021.



## Respected Muslims,

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the new normal practices in overcoming the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the community.

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ  
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ  
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.  
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ



الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلطان صَلَاحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سِلاَعُورِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Words and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), and give away our wealth and endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اذْفَعْ 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 ﴿٢٠١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى  
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



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