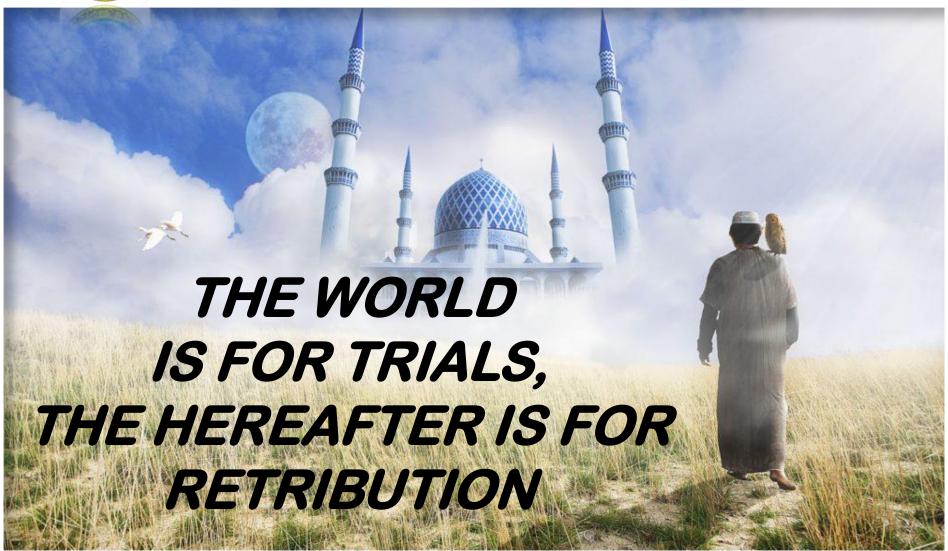


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In conjunction with our being in the noble month of Ramadaan and on a Friday that is full of barakah (blessing), I humbly implore myself

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 (favors), tawfeeq (aid), and hidaayah (guidance) that are longlasting, as well attaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, I invite upon fellow audience to altogether internalize upon a *khutbah* titled



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:

"[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 istigaamah (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.

We have a task and responsibility that is waajib (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:

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

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 waajib 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':

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

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 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 said:

"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.

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 sabrand istiqaamah 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.

"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)

### THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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. Such matter had been meticulously scrutinized and discussed in details, where its ruling of

permissibility was reached during the 118th Muzakarah Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that convened on the 16th and 17th of

# February 2021 and also the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee Meeting that took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021.

#### May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, and 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.

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).

