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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَلَكِنْ كُونُوا رَبَّيِّنَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ
الْكِتَابَ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَدْرُسُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾¹
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، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May our deeds in the previous month of Ramadaan and now in Shawwaal are all accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

The title of the Friday sermon (*khutbah*) this time is “**BE THE SERVANT OF ALLAH, NOT THE SERVANT OF RAMADAAN.**”

¹ Aal-‘Imraan 3: 79

² Aal-‘Imraan 3:102



Respected Muslims,

Today, it has been 16 days since Ramadaan had left us. Are we continuing with those righteous deeds that we used to do in Ramadaan? Or do we perform *'ibaadah* (worship) only for the month of Ramadaan? Righteous deeds are commands from Allah that are to be performed at all times, be it Ramadaan, Shawwaal, or other months.

Verily, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* loves His servants whom are obedient to Him at all times. Verily, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* commands us to become servants that only worship Him Alone at all times. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 79 of soorah Aal-‘Imraan, as recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

“Be pious scholars of the Lord (Rabbaaniyyeen) because of what you have taught of the Scripture and because of what you have studied.”

Dear beloved audience,

The knowledge and fasting that we practiced in the month of Ramadaan had further strengthened us in increasing our *'ibaadah*, hastening to seize the rewards, and increase our love for Allah. The question begs, are we able to maintain the sweetness of *'ibaadah* even though the Ramadaan atmosphere has gone? If we truly worship Allah Alone, then we will be able to maintain these *'ibaadah*. We worship solely because it is the decree of Allah and purely seeking His Pleasure, not based on certain times and solely seeking the virtue of Ramadaan.

Is it befitting for us as the slaves of Allah to take lightly or even abandon His Commandments whether in the month of Ramadaan or other months, such as the command to perform the obligatory prayers. Verily, *salaah* (prayer) is an ordainment from Allah that develop slaves having



taqwa and as the cause for goodness. *Salaah* can also maintain the conferment of *rahmah* (mercy) and love from Allah upon His slaves.

However, if *salaah* is neglected, then vile and evil acts will spread, which definitely incur calamities in the form of disease outbreak that will be difficult to curb and in the end it becomes the cause for universal destruction. On the contrary, if the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* is preserved, Allah will grant sound heart, blessed wealth, and healthy body.

Dearest audience,

Indeed, the fulfillment of Allah's Commands is for one to become a true servant of Allah, and not the servant of Ramadaan. Whatever that have been decreed by Allah, fulfill them with *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and honesty. May Allah keep us away from any misfortune, and instead bestow upon us blissfulness, victory, and Paradise. As Allah mentions in verse 30 of soorah Fussilat:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَمُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

"Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allah" and then remained on a right course - the angels will descend upon them, [saying], "Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.""

Dear beloved Muslims,

In coincidence with Teacher's Day that took place on the 16th of May, 2021, today's *khutbah* will also touch upon the significance for the Muslim *ummah* to seek and attain knowledge. In becoming true servants of Allah, it behooves the Muslim *ummah* to master the knowledge of this world and



the Hereafter, so as to produce servants of Allah whom are solid in ‘aqeedah, precise in ‘ibaadah, and virtuous in *akhlaaq* (character). Islam place knowledge as the very essence for life in attaining success in this world and salvation in the Hereafter.

Without knowledge, the Muslim *ummah* will remain behind and inflicted with all sorts of miseries. Hence, Islam obligates all Muslims to seek knowledge. In today’s context, according to the nation’s needs, we are in need of a generation that is knowledgeable in various fields, having firm *imaan* (belief), and possessing utmost personality like that of a teacher. In reality, a teacher is one who has knowledge, nobility, and elevated in rank by Allah. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* explains in verse 11 of soorah al-Mujaadalah:

يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ
وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

“Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees. And Allah is Acquainted with what you do.”

The *hadeeth* that mentions the superiority of the knowledgeable servant of Allah is in the narration of Abu ad-Dardaa’ *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where the Prophet ﷺ said:

وَإِنَّ فَضْلَ الْعَالِمِ عَلَى الْعَابِدِ كَفَضْلِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ
عَلَى سَائِرِ الْكَوَاكِبِ



“The superiority of the learned man over the devout is like that of the moon, on the night when it is full, over the rest of the stars.”

(Abu Dawood)

The story of Prophet Moosa and Prophet Khidr *‘alayhim as-salaam* recorded in al-Qur’an through Soorah al-Kahf, verses 66 until 82, depicts the excellence of knowledge of a teacher and the beauty in *akhlaaq* of a student. Therefore, exemplify the true *‘aqeedah*, *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) in *‘ibaadah*, and excellent *akhlaaq* from amongst the Prophets, scholars, and righteous teachers, in becoming true servant of Allah at all times. May Allah bestow *rahmah* upon all of us with overflowing blessings of happiness and security in this world and the Hereafter.

Dear beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us internalize its lessons in serving as a guide for us all. Among them are the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must become servants of Allah that worships and prays to Allah Alone at all times.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must perform *‘ibaadah* with *ikhlaas* purely seeking Allah’s Pleasure, not because of time preference or virtue of a particular deed.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must have knowledge and noble *akhlaaq* in becoming true slaves of Allah, just like the Prophets, scholars, and righteous teachers.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must always supplicate especially after the obligatory prayers, in remaining faithful and performing righteous deeds, with the *du‘aa* (supplication) that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* mentions in verse 8 of soorah Aal-‘Imraan:



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ ﴿٨﴾

"Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower."

(Soorah Aal-'Imraan 3:8)

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,

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding 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 by registering ourselves through the *MySejahtera* application in order to obtain vaccine shots that have been authorized by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

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.

Let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:



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
الْكَفْرَةَ 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 الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ



السُّلْطَانُ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا 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 Word 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).

اَللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

اَللَّهُمَّ اَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ اَللَّهُمَّ اَنْصُرْ اِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ
وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ فِي فَلَسْطِينَ اَللَّهُمَّ ثَبِّتْ اِيْمَانَهُمْ وَاَنْزِلِ السَّكِينَةَ



عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَوَحِدُ صُفُوفِهِمْ وَدَمَّرَ أَعْدَائِكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ
وَأَنْصَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٩٠﴾.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

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