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## “OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE, WHAT’S OUR ROLE?”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ

نَارًا ... ﴿٦﴾<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 ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
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 تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all continue to be bestowed with goodness in this world and the Hereafter.

On this day of blissfulness, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled “**OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE, WHAT’S OUR ROLE?**”

Dearest audience,

<sup>1</sup> at-Tahreem 66:6.

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



Children are *amaanah* (trust) that have been entrusted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon His slaves to be nurtured and educated unto becoming useful human beings. This is to ensure that they are capable of taking over the role in bringing prosperity on Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*'s earth in the future to the best of their ability, nourished with *fitrah* (purity) within every human being that existed since their birth into this world.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ يُوَلَّدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ، فَأَبَوَاهُ يُهَوِّدَانِهِ، أَوْ  
يُنَصِّرَانِهِ، أَوْ يُمَجِّسَانِهِ

**"Every child is born with a true faith of Islam (*fitrah*) and his parents convert him to Judaism or Christianity or Magianism."**

(*al-Bukhaari*)

The obligation of ensuring that *fitrah* continues to blossom within the children, without being tainted by evil, until they grow older is the very responsibility of the parents or guardian. Such efforts can be realized by providing quality education and guidance to the children especially with regard to the religion. Authentic religious knowledge can serve as guidance in differentiating between truth (*haqq*) and falsehood (*baatil*). Religious knowledge can also encourage one to always remain in the obedience of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, striving to uphold the *Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ, and always seeking the opportunity to serve the religion, people, and nation.

These progenies will then become *insaan rabbaani* (God-centric individuals) and will be among those granted good by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This coincides with the *hadeeth* recorded by Imaam al-



Bukhaari and Imaam Muslim, on the authority of Mu'aawiyah bin Abi Sufyaan *radhiyAllahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

Commented [hh1]:

***"When Allah wishes good for someone, He bestows upon him the understanding of the Deen."***

Aside from that, efforts in instilling sound comprehension of the religion through education upon the offspring can become the agenda in saving ourselves and our families from the burning Hellfire. This measure is in accordance with the command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon the believers, as He mentions in the sixth verse of Soorah at-Tahreem that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*, which means:

***"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire..."***

We must remember, if there are no dedicated efforts made in providing sound religious understanding and not carried out with diligence, surely the children will grow up to become individuals that are corrupt and disbelieve in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. The favors of having progeny bestowed upon us will become the *asbab* (reason) for us to be punished on the Day of Reckoning if we remain heedless in fulfilling our very responsibilities.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 132-135 of Soorah ash-Shu'araa':

وَاتَّقُوا الَّذِي أَمَدَّكُمْ بِمَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾ أَمَدَّكُمْ بِأَنْعَمٍ وَبَيْنَ  
﴿١٣٣﴾ وَجَنَّتِ وَعُيُونِ ﴿١٣٤﴾ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٣٥﴾



**“And fear He who provided you with that which you know, provided you with grazing livestock and children. And gardens and springs. Indeed, I fear for you the punishment of a terrible day.”**

**Beloved Muslims,**

Educating the children so that they will truly comprehend the religion is no easy task, and it could not be taken lightly, especially in this modern era that is filled with various challenges. The difficulties would intensify with the existence of new norms in life, as direct impact from the Covid-19 pandemic that began last year. But that cannot be made as an excuse to raise the children with negligence, rather we are to fulfill those responsibilities with intensified efforts.

In the *hadeeth* of ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ إِذَا عَمِلَ أَحَدُكُمْ عَمَلًا أَنْ يُتْقِنَهُ

**“Indeed Allah loves one who when he does a work, he does it with itqaan (excellence).”**

(*al-Bayhaqi*)

The method that is to be adopted in educating must have variations and appropriateness according to time and circumstances. According to Dr. ‘Abdullah Nasih ‘Ulwan in his work titled *Tarbiyat al-Awlaad fil Islaam*, among effective teaching methods are as follows:

**First: Education Through Exemplary**

Education through exemplary is the most effective method upon the children. This is because children would see good exemplary from their parents, hence they would also follow upright principles. If parents want to see their children as being honest, trustworthy (*amaanah*), compassion, and avoiding falsehood, then the parents must provide good exemplary,



which is by doing good deeds, avoiding evil, having noble *akhlaaq* (character), following the truth, and abandoning falsehood.

### **Second: Education Through Habits**

Children were born upon *fitrah* (natural disposition). The regular habits within their surrounding will affect them whether they will remain upon their *fitrah* or its opposite. To ensure that children continues to grow in *fitrah*, it necessitates upbringing that includes all sorts of virtuous habits. The parents must provide good environment in raising them.

### **Third: Education Through Advice**

Advice can open the minds of the children upon the reality of a matter and drive them to pursue noble deeds, decorate themselves with excellent *akhlaaq*, as well as comprehending the importance of Islamic education. Such is the reason that a plethora of verses of al-Qur'an and narrations from Rasulullah ﷺ are filled with advice. *Naseehah* (advice) that are filled with *hikmah* (wisdom) are to be conveyed to the children in educating them.

### **Fourth: Education Through Observation**

Education through observation means to track, accompany, observe, and supervise the children in developing their *'aqeedah*, *akhlaaq*, psychological, and social aspects. This can be done by always inquiring the children with regard to aspects of their physical being or even academic achievement.

Hopefully these methods will be able to provide them comprehension upon matters of the religion, improving their *akhlaaq*, and solidifying their thoughts, serving as provisions in this world and the Hereafter. If all of these can be attained, definitely it will become the guiding compass in realizing the hope that our offspring are the future of the nation. With that,



may Malaysia continue to become a peaceful and prosperous nation lasting forever.

**Dear blessed congregation,**

To end the *khutbah* this week, in conjunction with World Children's Day that is celebrated every year with this year's theme being "Our Children Our Future", I sincerely implore:

1. Let us altogether safeguard and educate our children that have been entrusted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon us.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that the children's education will shape them unto becoming righteous children that are always supplicating for the well-being of their parents in this world and the Hereafter.
3. The parents must ensure that their children's future is stable and balanced in terms of *'aqeedah*, *akhlaaq*, emotions, and others.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَلْيَخْشَ الَّذِينَ لَوْ تَرَكُوا مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّةً ضِعْفًا خَافُوا عَلَيْهِمْ  
فَلْيَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْيَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

**"And let those [executors and guardians] fear [injustice] as if they [themselves] had left weak offspring behind and feared for them. So let them fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice."**

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:9)



بَارِكَ 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.

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 deriving lessons from everything that has happened, always vigilant and mindful though we have been given a bit of freedom to move about. This is because the entire nation is still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the society as a whole.



For those that are truly affected by this pandemic, do not take the easy way out by harming and injuring oneself. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.

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  
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 بَعِينَ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه



الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلطان صَلَاحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اَللّهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّهُمَّ اَطْلَعْ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ 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), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *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، اِدْفَعْ 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 آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى  
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعْظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



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