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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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 تَقَاتِهِ ؕ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

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. Verily, *taqwa* is the best of provision to be taken to the Hereafter.

Let us internalize upon the *khutbah* this time titled “**MAINTAINING GOOD TIES WITHIN THE MALAYSIAN FAMILY.**”

¹ an-Nahl 16 90.

² Aal ‘Imraan 3:102.



Dear beloved Friday congregation,

Islam encourages its *ummah* to preserve family ties and mutual aiding of one another. This is the concept of life that needs to be embraced and implemented by all Muslim societies.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the 2nd verse of soorah al-Maa'idah:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ ۖ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

“And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.”

Islam places great emphasis on *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship) in building a family that is blissful and prosperous. It becomes the responsibility of every family member to nurture and develop a happy and prosperous family as a whole, and always maintaining good relationship among family members.

Respected audience,

Every member of the family must develop harmony and cooperation. The Malay adage that goes *“bagai aur dengan tebing”* (meaning: always helping one another, symbolizing close-knit relationship) is always mentioned in depicting a close and cohesive ties of kinship. However, what is apparent nowadays living at the End of Time, the value of affection within family members and siblings have greatly waned and faded, having been dominated by the materialism factor.



In the *hadeeth* of Jubayr bin Mut'im *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاطِعٌ

"The one who severs the ties of kinship will not enter Paradise."

(*al-Bukhaari and Muslim*)

What would be the fate of the next generation? Would it happen at some point that love and kindness towards family members and siblings will be purely driven by material wealth alone? While temporal wealth is only worldly adornment that is temporary, the kind treatment towards family members and relatives is a righteous practice and it must be maintained.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 46 of soorah al-Kahf:

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ
عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمَلًا

"Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life. But the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord for reward and better for [one's] hope."

As for strengthening *silaaturrahm*, it refers to doing good to fellow human beings, mutually helping one another, gentleness towards others, advising one another, and sensitivity upon the feelings of others. Do not let petty or trivial matters cause division within familial ties, frowning and hating each other, which ultimately destroys the ties of kinship within the family.



Esteemed Muslims,

There are many virtues in preserving *silaaturrahm*. For example, we will always be granted with the oversight, surveillance, protection, and reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the first verse of soorah an-Nisaa':

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ

رَقِيبًا

"... And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer."

This is the right time to meticulously delve in the matters of *adaab* (etiquette) and *silaaturrahm* within ourselves. In this pandemic era, let us enhance our vigilance when we go on vacation to our hometown (*balik kampung*) or meeting family members. We must always advise and remind one another to always derive lessons and teachings from past experience.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 214 of soorah ash-Shu'araa':

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ

"And warn, [O Muhammad], your closest kindred."

Preserving *silaaturrahm* is a matter that is greatly enjoined in Islam, so as to attain *rahmah* (mercy) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as well as fostering good ties among fellow human beings.



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ fraternized the Muhaajireen and Ansaar as brothers during his *hijrah* in strengthening the fraternity and ties of *silaaturrahm* among the Muslims. This historical event became the symbol of truth that Islam places brotherhood as a great priority and emphasis.

Many ways can be done to strengthen the *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) between siblings. Among them is praying in *jamaa'ah* (congregation), after which the *salaah* is completed, everyone would shake each other's hands and supplicate. With this, the family relationship will be blessed and preserved by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah has promised tremendous reward for those that always maintain *silaaturrahm*. Its kind treatment and preservation will be rewarded with prolonged life and *barakah* (blessings) in *rizq* (sustenance).

Anas bin Maalik *radiallaahu 'anh* narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Anyone who wants to have his provision expanded and his term of life prolonged should maintain ties of kinship."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Dear respected Friday congregation,

The formation of *Keluarga Malaysia* (the Malaysian Family) is in line with the happy and prosperous family espoused by Islamic teachings. The Malaysian Family focuses on five (5) core values of a happy family based on the concept of KASIH (LOVE), namely *Kasih Sayang* (Love), *Akhlak* (Character), *Sihat* (Health), *Selamat* (Safety), *Berilmu dan Harmoni* (Knowledgeable and Harmonious). The Malaysian Family intends to translate the spirit of uniting all of its citizens to altogether prosper the family and nation despite the diverse challenges that exist. The family spirit binds the togetherness of all quarters through the instilment of family



values such as respecting one another, loving others, having concern for others, tolerance, and enjoying a harmonious life.

To form a blissful family, every members of the household must know their very roles in ensuring that the family remains happy and prosperous, in addition to preserving its health and safety from matters that can incur harm. May all members of society preserve the well-being of their families while the nation is still facing the COVID-19 threat. Let us altogether protect our families from the threat of this pandemic, and supplicate in earnestly beseeching Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to save our families and nation from this *museebah* (calamity).

Dear beloved audience,

To end this *khutbah*, let us ponder upon its lessons, as in the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that maintaining good relationship within the family is a command from Allah and it yields various virtues and great reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have love, respect, appreciation, kindness, and mutual assistance among family members.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must remain penitent that the success of *Keluarga Malaysia* truly depends on the unity and strength of the family members themselves.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
فَهَلْ عَسَيْتُمْ إِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ أَنْ تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتُقَطِّعُوا
أَرْحَامَكُمْ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فَأَصَمَّهُمْ وَأَعَمَّى أَبْصَرَهُمْ



“So would you perhaps, if you turned away, cause corruption on earth and sever your [ties of] relationship? Those [who do so] are the ones that Allah has cursed, so He deafened them and blinded their vision.”

(Soorah Muhammad 47:22-23)

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، أَوْصِيكُمْ 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 بَعِينِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا



المُعْظِم، سُلْطَانِ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانِ صَلاَحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحِ
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 Word and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

O Allah, bestow upon us sustenance that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for it is a betrayal upon the trust given.

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 ﴿٣١﴾.
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.