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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: تَبَرَّكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ

الْغَفُورُ ﴿٢﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَاتِي 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 Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we all be among His slaves that attain success in this world (*dunya*) and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Mulk 67:1-2.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The title of the *khutbah* today is **“PATIENCE AND GRATITUDE: FAVORS WITHIN TRIBULATIONS.”**

Honorable Muslims,

Today, Malaysia and the rest of the world are plagued by various forms of calamities (*museebah*) and trials that befall mankind. Some are tested by being infected with Covid-19, some are tested with heavy floods, wars, murders, loss of wealth and properties, and loved ones that it gravely affects their source of income and others. As slaves of Allah having *imaan* in *Qadaa'* (free will) and *Qadr* (predestination), definitely our dependence is only in Allah Alone. Therefore, having *sabr* (patience) is greatly emphasized in facing and managing all of the trials endured. Moreover, having *shukr* (gratitude) upon such calamity also plays a role in grooming one to possess the level of *imaan* that is extraordinary.

Dear blessed audience,

Sabr and *shukr* are from among the favors (*ni'mah*) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon mankind in wading through their lives. With gratitude, mankind can increase their *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon the overflowing *rahmah* (mercy) and enjoyment of *rizq* (sustenance) for however long that they live in this world. Of course, the *ni'mah* bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* are not only in the form of ease. Difficulty or deficiency can also become favors bestowed in testing the heart of the servant of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Moreover, even in difficulties one can still taste the delights from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, when endured with patience and utterances of gratefulness. And from the highest level of patience is *sabr* when afflicted with sickness,



death, calamity, loss of possession, and others. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 177 of soorah al-Baqarah:

وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا
وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧٧﴾

“...and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.”

With such certainty (*yaqeen*) and *imaan*, one will remain firm and strong in continuing on with his or her life. Stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic that had taken the world by storm, some had survived the trial, while many had also succumbed to the tribulation endured, unable to accept it with a courageous heart, engulfed with depression and emotional stress that some resorted to the easy way out by committing suicide. Herein lies the importance of *sabr* and *shukr* to be nurtured and sown within so that we become *mu'mineen* (believers) that are always ready in any circumstances that may arise. As in the saying '*alah bisa, tegal biasa*' (meaning: it becomes habitual or second nature). Then, definitely various trials and new challenges are to be endured, ones that are not from our regular habits, with these new norms, which necessitates solid patience so that we will not easily lose hope upon the promises of Allah, whom is always close to His slaves. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* asserted in verse 87 of soorah Yoosuf:

وَلَا تَأْيِسُوا مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ لَا يَأْيِسُ مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ
الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾



“...and despair not of relief from Allah. Indeed, no one despairs of relief from Allah except the disbelieving people.”

Blessed Muslims,

Having *sabr* upon trials is something that is common and it must be practiced within our daily lives as believers. But having *shukr* upon trials afflicting and being chosen to undergo such trial is an extraordinary matter that must be planted deep within the self, in the wake of adversity while living with the new norms today. This is because, *shukr* will cause one to remain tranquil and jovial, though being tested. This is what is referred to as *rahmah* behind the trials afflicting (blessing in disguise). Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7 of soorah Ibraaheem:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي

لَشَدِيدٌ ﴿٧﴾

“And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.’”

One story mentioned in the holy book of al-Qur'an to awaken us is the story of the Prophet of Allah, Prophet Ayyoob 'Alayhissalaam. He was greatly tested with a heavy *museebah*. He was afflicted with a horrible illness for 18 long years that his body became weak. All of his wealth and possessions had perished, furthermore he lost all of his family members including his children. His wives had left him except for one that remained loyal, named Layya or Rahmah, who was the granddaughter of Prophet Yoosuf 'Alayhissalaam. She had stayed with her husband even though her husband became gravely sick, poor, and disliked, as well as boycotted by



everyone. Even then, the Prophet of Allah Ayyoob *'Alayhissalaam* and his wife never complained, despaired, or even regretted the predicament that they endured. He continuously made *dhikr* and sought forgiveness from Allah, as well as remaining patient. It is the spirit of the Prophet of Allah Ayyoob that should be made as the best example in our situation today, which is filled with tests and life challenges. Allah mentions in verse 17 of Soorah Luqmaan:

يَبْنِيَّ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَأَنْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأَصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا
أَصَابَكَ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ ﴿١٧﴾

“O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] determination.”

Indeed, the believers are such that when they are afflicted with *museebah*, their tongues will constantly utter *وَإِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ* verily we belong to Allah and unto Him we will return. They are the ones that attain the forgiveness and *rahmah* from their Lord and they are the ones granted with guidance.

Dear beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us ponder upon its lessons, so as to be taken as guidance. Among them are the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *sabr* and *shukr* at all times for it is a command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.



2. We must enhance our *sabr* and *shukr* while going through our daily lives with the new norms, which definitely will be filled with trials and challenges.

3. The Muslims must not despair while enduring any circumstances for the *rahmah* of Allah is always bestowed upon His servants that are patient and believing in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾

“But among them is he who says, “Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.””

(al-Baqarah 2:201)

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 وَآيَاتِي
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ



وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزَّ الْاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَاَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنٰى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمٰى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُوْمِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 (*infaq*) 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، اذْفَعْ 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 ﴿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.