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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا تُوَفَّوْنَ أَجُورَكُمْ
يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَمَنْ زُحِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ وَمَا
الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ ﴿١٨٥﴾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 ﴿١١٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase the quality of our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, for it is the best provision for the Hereafter.

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:185

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



The Friday *khutbah* today is titled: **"WHEN THE ANGEL OF DEATH COMES CALLING."**

Dear blessed Muslims,

The human life in this world begins with the mother's womb. Then, after living in this world for a period of time, the person is met with the inevitable reality, which is the visitation of Izraa'eel (angel of death) to take away the person's life. This angel comes to take away the lives of mankind regardless of their age, whether old or young, rich or poor, having high stature or just a commoner. The angel will continue to execute its task, as it was entrusted upon itself.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 19 of soorah Qaf:

وَجَاءَتْ سَكْرَةُ الْمَوْتِ بِالْحَقِّ ذَٰلِكَ مَا كُنْتَ مِنْهُ تَحِيدُ ﴿١٩﴾

"And the intoxication of death will bring the truth; that is what you were trying to avoid."

When the soul is taken out and separated from the body, our breathing stops, the mouth is locked up, the limbs become weak, and the door of *tawbah* (repentance) closes shut. The only thing heard are the crying and groaning of the bereaving family. None can help to spare us from death, even if we are in the company of top notch surgeon, *bomoh* (shaman), *imaam*, and others. Those that lived their lives drowning in sinfulness, they will meet death in a state of torment and fear. Especially when Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* shows them Hellfire, their place of dwelling.



When overwhelmed with the pang of death, Rasulullah ﷺ as the most beloved creation to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had narrated on the authority of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah *radiallaahu 'anha*:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ إِنَّ لِلْمَوْتِ سَكْرَاتٍ

"None has the right to be worshipped but Allah! No doubt, death has its stupors."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear noble Muslims,

Indeed, the journey towards the Hereafter is a long arduous journey. It is the journey that will determine the eternal abode, whether one becomes a denizen of Paradise or Hellfire. That journey begins with death, then it is the realm of *barzakh* (life after death), followed by the gathering in the land of *Mahshaar*. Due to the terrifying moments throughout the journey, Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah *radiallaahu 'anha*:

وَاللَّهِ لَوْ تَعَلَّمُونَ مَا أَعْلَمُ، لَضَحِكْتُمْ قَلِيلًا وَلَبَكَيْتُمْ كَثِيرًا

"By Allah, if you knew what I know, you would laugh little and weep much."

(Agreed Upon)

Dear blessed Muslims,

Referring to the book titled "*Sabeel al-Adhkaar wal-Iktibaar*", human age is divided into five stages. Beginning with inside the mother's womb, then the worldly life, after passing away he enters the realm of *barzakh*,



then resurrected in the land of *Mahshaar*, and after that his destination is determined whether Paradise or Hellfire. Verily, death is not the endpoint for a person's affairs with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. When the *janaazah* (deceased's body) is buried in the realm of *barzakh* or inside the grave, those that carried the *janaazah* to the grave would return to their homes. The angels, Munkar and Nakir, would then come for questioning. None will be spared from that. Among the questions asked are, "Who is your Lord?" "Who is your Prophet?" "What is your religion?" "Who is your *imaam* and what is your guidance?" "Where is your *qiblah*?" and "Who are your brethren?"

Will the *rooh* (soul) be able to answer all those questions by stating that Allah is my Lord, while in the worldly life it does not possess *imaan* unto Him? Will we be able to answer that Muhammad is our Prophet, while we do not adhere to the *Sharee'ah* that was conveyed? Can we answer that Islam is our religion, if we refuse to fully abide by the rulings in Islam? Are we able to answer that al-Qur'an is our guidance if we do not even recite it and follow its teachings? Can the soul answer that Ka'bah is our *qiblah* when we would only pray sometimes and abandon it at other times? Are we capable of declaring the *Muslimeen* and *Muslimaat* as our brethren, when we would often backbite, vilify, quarrel, and insult our Muslim brethren?

Respected audience,

Keep in mind that the worldly possession and wealth that we would toil to amass and worry about them day in and day out will not aid us, except when a portion of our wealth are given away (*infaaq*) as *waqf* (endowment) or *sadaqah* (charity) in attaining the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*



Ta'aala. That wealth will be rewarded with deeds upon us for as long as that endowment benefits others.

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

“When a son of Adam dies, his deeds come to an end except three: recurring charity, or knowledge which benefits, or a righteous child who supplicates for him.”

(Muslim)

Blessed Muslims,

Every person having *imaan* must always supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, hoping to die in the state of ***husn al-khaatimah***, to die in a good state. But not in the state of ***suu' al-khaatimah***, which ends the life in a bad state. Therefore, we are recommended to often supplicate:

اللَّهُمَّ اخْتِمْ لَنَا بِحُسْنِ الْخَاتِمَةِ وَلَا تَخْتِمْ عَلَيْنَا بِسُوءِ
الْخَاتِمَةِ

“O Allah! End our life with a good ending and do not end our life with a bad ending.”

Moreover, we should hasten in performing *tawbah* (repentance), seeking forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for the sins that we have committed, whether knowingly or unknowingly. Allah reminds us to not delay our *tawbah* to the point where the *rooh* is leaving the body.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 18 of soorah an-Nisaa':



وَلَيْسَتِ التَّوْبَةُ لِلَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا حَضَرَ
أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ إِنِّي تُبْتُ الْكُفْرَ وَلَا الَّذِينَ يَمُوتُونَ وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ
أُولَٰئِكَ أَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ﴿١٨﴾

“But repentance is not [accepted] of those who [continue to] do evil deeds up until, when death comes to one of them, he says, “Indeed, I have repented now,” or of those who die while they are disbelievers. For them We have prepared a painful punishment.”

Dear noble audience,

Let us prepare as much provision possible to perfect our journey to the Hereafter, which is by obeying the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and abandoning all of His prohibitions, as well as performing righteous deeds for the benefit of the religion and Muslim community.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 18 of soorah al-Hashr:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

“O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do.”

Dear blessed Friday congregants,



To end this *khutbah*, let us ponder and take lessons from the following suggestions:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *yaqeen* that there will be the Day of Judgment, where Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will hold all of our deeds in this world accountable, in determining whether we deserve to be placed in Heaven or Hell.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must increase its righteous deeds and do not associate Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with others.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must hasten to make *tawbah* in seeking forgiveness from Allah upon all of the disobedience committed, and make up (*qadaa'*) all of the *fard* (obligatory acts) that were neglected in the past.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّمَا التَّوْبَةُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لِلَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السُّوءَ بِجَهْلَةٍ ثُمَّ يَتُوبُونَ
مِنْ قَرِيبٍ فَأُولَئِكَ يَتُوبُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا



“The repentance accepted by Allah is only for those who do wrong in ignorance [or carelessness] and then repent soon after. It is those to whom Allah will turn in forgiveness, and Allah is ever Knowing and Wise.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:17)



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,

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 (*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).

O Allah, bestow upon us *rizq* that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for they are betrayals upon the trust given.

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 ﴿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.