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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ مَعَهُ السَّعْيَ قَالَ يَبْنِيَّ إِنِّي أَرَى فِي
الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ فَانظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَى^ج قَالَ يَا بَتِ أَفْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ^ط

سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ^١

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^٢

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands, as well as avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ as-Saaffaat 37:102

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



I would like to invite fellow congregation to altogether ponder upon today's *khutbah* titled **"THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO OFFER SACRIFICE."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

The month of Dhul Hijjah that will soon appear is among the months known as the Sacred months, and it is the highly anticipated month by the Muslim *ummah*. Among the *'ibaadah* (worship) that is much awaited when the month of Dhul Hijjah comes is the *'ibaadah* of *qurbaani* or *ud-hiyah*. The *'ibrah* (lesson) from the *'ibaadah* of *qurbaani* is to commemorate the sacrifice of Prophet Ibraaheem *'Alayhis Salaam* who was commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to slaughter his own son Ismaa'eel *'Alayhis Salaam* as sacrifice. It was intended to test the *imaan* (faith) of them both in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This story was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 102 of soorah as-Saaffaat that was recited in the *muqaddimah* (introduction) of this *khutbah*, which means:

"And when he reached with him [the age of] exertion, he said, "O my son, indeed I have seen in a dream that I [must] sacrifice you, so see what you think." He said, "O my father, do as you are commanded. You will find me, if Allah wills, of the steadfast.""

As reward for their sacrifices (in *imaan* and obedience), Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had substituted it with a large sacrificial animal. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in soorah as-Saaffaat, verses 103-107:



فَلَمَّا أَسْلَمَا وَتَلَّهُ لِلْجَبِينِ ﴿١٠٣﴾ وَنَدَيْنَاهُ أَنْ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ ﴿١٠٤﴾ قَدْ
صَدَقْتَ الرَّءْيَىٰ إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْبَلَاءُ
الْمُبِينُ ﴿١٠٦﴾ وَفَدَيْنَاهُ بِذَبْحٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٠٧﴾

“And when they had both submitted and he put him down upon his forehead, We called to him, “O Abraham, You have fulfilled the vision.” Indeed, We thus reward the doers of good. Indeed, this was the clear trial. And We ransomed him with a great sacrifice.”

Respected audience,

The *hukm* (ruling) for the ‘*ibaadah* of *qurbaani* is *sunnah mu’akkadah* (emphasized *sunnah*) for those that can afford it. Moreover, it is ruled as *makrooh* (detestable) to abandon it (not performing *ud-hiyah*) while one is able to do so. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala* mentions in verses 1-2 of Soorah al-Kawthar:

إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ﴿١﴾ فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحَرِ ﴿٢﴾

“Indeed, We have granted you, [O Muhammad], al-Kawthar. So pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone].”

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ never abandoned the ‘*ibaadah* of *qurbaani* after its legislation. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ stated:

مَنْ كَانَ لَهُ سَعَةٌ، وَلَمْ يُضَحِّ، فَلَا يَقْرَبَنَّ مُصَلَّانَا

“Whoever can afford it, but does not offer a sacrifice, let him not come near our prayer place.”



(ibn Maajah)

Similarly, in the *hadeeth* of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَا عَمِلَ آدَمِيُّ مِنْ عَمَلٍ يَوْمَ النَّحْرِ أَحَبَّ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ
إِهْرَاقِ الدَّمِ، إِنَّهَا لَتَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِقُرُونِهَا وَأَشْعَارِهَا
وَأَظْلَافِهَا، وَأَنَّ الدَّمَ لَيَقَعُ مِنَ اللَّهِ بِمَكَانٍ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَقَعَ مِنَ
الْأَرْضِ فَطِيبُوهَا نَفْسًا

"The son of Adam does not do any deed on the Day of Sacrifice that is dearer to Allah than shedding blood. It will come on the Day of Resurrection with its horns and hair and hooves. Its blood is accepted by Allah before it reaches the ground. So be content when you do it."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear esteemed audience,

Of late, there are various parties that offers the opportunity to offer 'ud-hiyah abroad. However, the question arises, which one is actually better whether the *qurbaani* performed locally or abroad for those who are in need? Definitely it is better and preferred for the 'ibaadah of *qurbaani* to be performed locally but it is not unlawful if performed overseas especially in countries in need.

According to the Hanafi *madhhab* (school of thought), it is *makrooh* to move the slaughtering outside of the locality unless if there are relatives that are in need out there. While the Maliki *madhhab* stipulates that it is



impermissible to move the slaughtering outside of the locality beyond the distance of *safar* (travelling), except if there are those that are really in need.

It is clear that the sacrifice done in one's locality is the most accurate way in upholding the *shi'ar* (symbol) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This way, those that slaughtered can implement several of the *sunnah* acts such as distributing the slaughtered meat, slaughter the animal themselves, and even witness the slaughtering of their sacrificial animal.

These matters are based on a *hadeeth* where the Prophet ﷺ commanded his daughter, Sayyidatina Faatimah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, by stating:

قُومِي إِلَىٰ أَضْحِيَّتِكَ فَاشْهَدِيهَا، فَإِنَّ لَكَ بِكُلِّ قَطْرَةٍ
تَقْطُرُ مِنْ دَمِهَا يُغْفَرُ لَكَ مَا سَلَفَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِكَ

“Stand up and go to the place of sacrifice and witness it yourself for with the first drop of blood your previous sins will be forgiven.”

(al-Haakim)

Dear beloved Friday congregation,

To end the sermon today, let us derive several salient points as guidance for us all:

1. We must always have certainty that the *'ibaadah* of *qurbaani* is an *'ibaadah* that has been legislated in our religion.
2. We must strive with diligence according to our ability to offer the sacrifice every year.



3. We must fully comprehend that every sacrifices made will be recompensed with good in this world and the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَآتَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ ابْنَيْ آدَمَ بِالْحَقِّ إِذْ قَرَّبَا قُرْبَانًا فَتُقُبِّلَ مِنْ
أَحَدِهِمَا وَلَمْ يُتَقَبَّلْ مِنَ الْآخَرِ قَالَ لَأَقْتُلَنَّكَ ۗ قَالَ إِنَّمَا يَتَقَبَّلُ اللَّهُ
مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

“And recite to them the story of Adam’s two sons, in truth, when they both offered a sacrifice [to Allah], and it was accepted from one of them but was not accepted from the other. Said [the latter], “I will surely kill you.” Said [the former], “Indeed, Allah only accepts from the righteous [who fear Him].””

(Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:27)

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,

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. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ



الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدٍ سَلَاطُونَ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّيْنِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظُفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى 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.

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ اِنَّكَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيْرٌ وَبِالْاِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.



رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ 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.