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## “REAPING THE BLESSINGS OF FRIDAY”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ  
الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَى ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ

تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩﴾<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 آلِهِ  
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيْكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Let us altogether remain *istiqaamah* (steadfast) in increasing our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and Ordainments, as well as leaving off His prohibitions and forbiddance.

<sup>1</sup> al-Jumu'ah 62:9.

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



**Dear blessed audience,**

**“REAPING THE BLESSINGS OF FRIDAY.”** Every *Jumu‘ah* (Friday) of the week we would convene at the masjid, engaging in various good deeds such as giving charity (*sadaqah*), listening to the *khutbah* (sermon), praying and performing *i’tikaaf* (seclusion) in the masjid, reciting al-Qur’an, and many others. However, many are still heedless and negligent, even ignoring the honor that Allah has granted upon the day of Friday. This is because many would intentionally come late to the masjid, engaging in idle talk, and even while the *khateeb* is delivering the *khutbah*, some would be in slumber, playing with their mobile phone, chatting outside the masjid. Even more upsetting is that many still do not attend the Friday prayer, even ignoring it though the *adhaan* (call to prayer) can be clearly heard. Do we really know or pretend to not know the nobility of the day of Friday in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*? Perhaps many among us know and are cognizant of the fact that Friday is the chief of all days, Friday is the day when Prophet Adam *‘Alayhissalaam* was created, the day that Prophet Adam was placed into Paradise and taken out of Paradise. Furthermore, the Day of Judgment will not occur on other days except on a Friday. Such glory that the sun rising on a Friday morning is the best sunrise as compared to other days. This was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:



خَيْرُ يَوْمٍ طَلَعَتْ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ،  
فِيهِ خُلِقَ آدَمُ، وَفِيهِ أُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ، وَفِيهِ أُخْرِجَ  
مِنْهَا، وَلَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ إِلَّا فِي يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ

**"The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday. On it Adam was created, on it he was made to enter Paradise, on it he was expelled from it. And the Hour will take place on no day other than Friday."**

(Muslim)

Verily, Friday is a great day for the Muslim *ummah*. Allah honors Friday over the day of 'Eid al-Fitr and 'Eid al-Adha. However, why are there still those that are heedless and ignores it, when all other creatures are fearful of Friday? In the *hadeeth* of Abu Lubaabah bin 'Abd al-Mundhir *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ سَيِّدُ الْأَيَّامِ، وَأَعْظَمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ،  
وَهُوَ أَعْظَمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْأَضْحَى وَيَوْمِ الْفِطْرِ،  
فِيهِ خَمْسُ خِلَالَ: خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ آدَمَ، وَأَهْبَطَ اللَّهُ  
فِيهِ آدَمَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ، وَفِيهِ تَوَفَّى اللَّهُ آدَمَ، وَفِيهِ  
سَاعَةٌ لَا يَسْأَلُ اللَّهُ فِيهَا الْعَبْدُ شَيْئًا إِلَّا أَعْطَاهُ، مَا  
لَمْ يَسْأَلْ حَرَامًا، وَفِيهِ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ، مَا مِنْ مَلِكٍ



مُقَرَّبٍ وَلَا سَمَاءٍ وَلَا أَرْضٍ وَلَا رِيَّاحٍ وَلَا جِبَالٍ وَلَا  
بَحْرٍ إِلَّا وَهْنٌ يُشْفِقُنَ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ

***“Friday is the chief of days, the greatest day before Allah. It is greater before Allah than the Day of al-Adha and the Day of al-Fitr. It has five characteristics: On it Allah created Adam; on it Allah sent down Adam to this earth; on it there is a time during which a person does not ask Allah for anything but He will give it to him, so long as he does not ask for anything that is forbidden; on it the Hour will begin. There is no angel who is close to Allah, no heaven, no earth, no wind, no mountain, and no sea that does not fear Friday.”***

*(ibn Maajah and Ahmad)*

**Respected audience,**

In this life, definitely no one wants to bear any loss if the opportunity to reap profits is laid out wide open in front of their very eyes. Moreover, if possible, mankind would hope for the opportunity to haul in profit to always emerge so that they can continuously benefit from such golden opportunity. Similarly, with the virtues of the day of Friday. On every Friday, beginning from the sunset of the previous day, which is Thursday afternoon, up until the time of Maghrib on this afternoon, every Muslim whether young or old, male or female, have equal opportunity to reap multitudes of virtues prepared by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* for the day of Friday. Among the merits of Friday that we often ignore is the period where *du’aa* (supplication) is accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*. Abu Burdah bin Abu Moosa al-Ash’ari *radhiyAllaahu ‘anh* reported that he heard the Prophet ﷺ said when he was asked regarding the period of *mustajab* (acceptance):



أَسْمِعْتَ أَبَاكَ يُحَدِّثُ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ فِي شَأْنِ  
سَاعَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ شَيْئًا؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ! سَمِعْتُهُ، يَقُولُ:  
سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: "هِيَ مَا بَيْنَ أَنْ يَجْلِسَ  
الْإِمَامُ إِلَى أَنْ تُقْضَى الصَّلَاةُ

**'Abdullah bin 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma said to me: Did you hear anything from your father narrating something from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) about the time on Friday? I said: Yes, I heard him say from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) (these words): "It is between the time when the Imaam sits down and the end of the prayer."**

(Muslim)

Similar with the *hadeeth* of Jaabir bin 'Abdillaah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, where the Prophet ﷺ said:

يَوْمُ الْجُمُعَةِ اثْنَا عَشْرَةَ سَاعَةً، لَا يُوجَدُ فِيهَا  
عَبْدٌ مُسْلِمٌ يَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ شَيْئًا إِلَّا آتَاهُ إِيَّاهُ، فَالْتَمِسُوهَا  
آخِرَ سَاعَةٍ بَعْدَ الْعَصْرِ

**"Friday is twelve hours in which there is no Muslim slave who asks Allah for something but He will give it to him, so seek it in the last hour after 'Asr."**

(an-Nasaa'i)



The *hadeeth* mentioned clearly indicated the time of acceptance on a Friday for supplication. As servants of Allah that are full of weakness and shortcomings, definitely we have needs and supplications that are to be fulfilled and answered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. But what a tremendous loss when we have the best opportunity on every Friday and yet we would decorate it with heedlessness and unbeneficial deeds.

Therefore, let us get used to engage in the *sunnah* (supererogatory) acts for Fridays, hastening to arrive at the masjid as early possible so as to perform the *sunnah* prayer with tranquility and sitting in a comfortable spot. Moreover, those that arrive early, their names will be recorded by the angels waiting at the gates of the masjid. These angels will stop recording the names once the *adhaan* is made.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْجُمُعَةِ، كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ بَابٍ مِنْ أَبْوَابِ  
الْمَسْجِدِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ، يَكْتُبُونَ الْأَوَّلَ فَأَلَّوْلَ. فَإِذَا جَلَسَ  
الْإِمَامُ طَوَّأُوا الصُّحُفَ، وَجَاءُوا يَسْتَمِعُونَ الذِّكْرَ.

**“On every Friday the angels take their stand at every gate of the masjid to write the names of the people chronologically and when the Imaam sits (on the pulpit) they fold up their scrolls and get ready to listen to the sermon.”**

(al-Bukhaari)

Blessed audience,



However, along with those virtues, there are several matters that we must be aware of and cautious about, so that the rewards that we crave for will not go in vain. Once we are in the masjid, we must observe proper *adaab* (etiquette) and preserve the sanctity of the atmosphere. Furthermore, we have been reminded by Rasulullah ﷺ to not commit things that will go in vain while the *khateeb* is delivering the *khutbah*. This was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِذَا قُلْتَ لِصَاحِبِكَ: أَنْصِتْ، يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ وَالْإِمَامُ  
يَخْطُبُ، فَقَدْ لَفَّوْتَ

***"If you say to your companions: 'Be quiet' on a Friday while the Imaam is delivering the sermon, you have engaged in Laghw (idle talk or behavior)."***

(ibn Maajah)

Look at this, dearest audience, even rebuking others by saying 'be quiet' our deeds are rendered in vain. Hence, imagine if we are still chit chatting or engaging in idle talk in the back area or outside. Do we not realize that our presence on this day is just a waste?

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

To end the *khutbah* this time, there are several vital matters that we can derive as lessons and reflection. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must realize and have certainty, as well as remorse, that Friday is a day that is full of blessings from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Such that, the Judgment Day would take place on a Friday.





2. The Muslim *ummah* must hasten to seize the opportunity and reap the bountiful rewards from various deeds that adheres to the *Shara'* on a Friday.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must strive every day to ensure that the present day is better than the day before, unto becoming excellent and successful Muslims.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالْأَخْسَرِينَ أَعْمَالًا ﴿١٠٣﴾ الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعْيُهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ  
الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا ﴿١٠٤﴾

**“Say, [O Muhammad], “Shall we [believers] inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds? [They are] those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work.””**

(al-Kahf 18:103-104)

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 بَعَيْنِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه  
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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  
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى  
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.

