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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : لِيَشْهَدُوا مَنْفَعَهُ لَهُمْ وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي
أَيَّامٍ مَّعْلُومَاتٍ ...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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ 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 leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us contemplate upon the *khutbah* today titled **"IMMERSE IN GOOD DEEDS IN THE FIRST TEN OF DHUL HIJJAH."**

¹ al-Hajj 22:28

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Dear ennobled audience,

Today, we enter the first day in the month of Dhul Hijjah. Aside from the month of Dhul Qa'dah, Muharram, and Rajab, the month of Dhul Hijjah is from among the four Sacred Months. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 36 of soorah at-Tawbah:

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ
خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ فَلَا
تَظْلِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ

“Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve [lunar] months in the register of Allah [from] the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred. That is the correct religion, so do not wrong yourselves during them.”

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are truly significant for us as Muslim *ummah*. The 1st until the 10th of Dhul Hijjah are days that are truly special and virtuous. They are more glorious compared to other days throughout the year. Righteous deeds that are performed in these first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are truly beloved to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

This is based on the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَا مِنْ أَيَّامٍ الْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ فِيهَا أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ هَذِهِ
الْأَيَّامِ يَعْنِي أَيَّامَ الْعَشْرِ، قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَلَا الْجِهَادُ فِي



سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: وَلَا الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، إِلَّا رَجُلٌ خَرَجَ
بِنَفْسِهِ وَمَالِهِ، فَلَمْ يَرْجِعْ مِنْ ذَلِكَ بِشَيْءٍ

“There are no days during which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these days,” meaning the (first) ten days of Dhul Hijjah. They said: “O Messenger of Allah! Not even Jihaad in the cause of Allah?” He said: “Not even Jihaad in the cause of Allah, unless a man goes out with himself and his wealth and does not bring anything back.”

(Abu Dawood)

These are the days that are truly meaningful and glorious. All of the righteous deeds performed in these days are more beloved to Allah ‘Azza wa Jalla. Al-Imaam al-Haafizh ibn Hajar provided the justification by stating:

وَالَّذِي يَظْهَرُ أَنَّ السَّبَبَ فِي امْتِيَّازِ عَشْرِ ذِي الْحِجَّةِ
لِمَكَانِ اجْتِمَاعِ أُمَّهَاتِ الْعِبَادَةِ فِيهِ وَهِيَ الصَّلَاةُ وَالصِّيَامُ
وَالصَّدَقَةُ وَالْحَجُّ وَلَا يَتَأْتِي ذَلِكَ فِي غَيْرِهِ

“That which is apparent is that the reason for the distinguished nature of the ten days of Dhul Hijjah is due to the fact that it is the place where the main forms of worship come together; and they are: prayer, fasting, charity, and hajj – and that does not appear in other than them.”

(Fath al-Baari)



Respected audience,

How many times have we encountered the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah throughout our lives? What was our status when wading through those days? Was it filled with righteous deeds? Or it went by just like that?

Indeed, they are days that are far better than the days of Ramadaan. Moreover, they are even better than the last ten days of Ramadaan that are void of *Laylat al-Qadr*, according to some scholars. This is based on the swearing of oath by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verses 1-2 of soorah al-Fajr:

وَالْفَجْرِ ﴿١﴾
وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ ﴿٢﴾

"By the dawn. And [by] ten nights."

Al-Imaam ibn Katheer *Rahimahullaah* explained in his *tafseer* (exegesis) that what is meant by *وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ* in this verse is the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah.

Dearest noble guests,

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are truly exclusive and limited in its duration within a year. They make up only 2.8% from the total of 360 days in a year. However, their impact is truly tremendous. Its duration is only a brief moment but its rewards are multiplied. However, let us not commit disobedience at all, for it will incur sins that will defile the glory of those days.



Let us dedicate these ten days all for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us fill those days with various righteous deeds and obedience. And that we abstain from even one tiny act of disobedience.

Among the deeds that can be indulged in this period (the 1st until the 9th) is supererogatory fasting. It was narrated from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiallāhu 'anh* that the Prophet ﷺ said:

مَنْ صَامَ يَوْمًا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، بَاعَدَ اللَّهُ بِذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ
النَّارَ مِنْ وَجْهِهِ سَبْعِينَ خَرِيفًا

"Whoever fasts one day in the cause of Allah, Allah will keep the Fire away from his face the distance of seventy autumns (years) for that day."

(ibn Maajah)

Moreover, do not miss out fasting on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, which is the Day of 'Arafah, for its virtue is the expiation of sins for two consecutive years from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, meaning this year and the previous year.

Aside from that, let us increase in our *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) with *tasbeeh*, *tahmeed*, *takbeer*, and *tahleel* during the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah. On the authority of ibn 'Umar *radiallāhu 'anhuma*, the Prophet ﷺ said:



مَا مِنْ أَيَّامٍ أَعْظَمَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَحَبُّ إِلَيْهِ الْعَمَلُ فِيهِنَّ
مِنْ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامِ الْعَشْرِ، فَأَكْثِرُوا فِيهِنَّ مِنَ التَّهْلِيلِ وَالتَّكْبِيرِ
وَالتَّحْمِيدِ

"There are no days greater in the sight of Allah and in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Him than these ten days, so during this time recite a great deal of tahleel, takbeer, and tahmeed."

(Ahmad)

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the sermon this time, I would like to implore fellow audience to take the following guidelines:

1. It is *waajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that every act of obedience and disobedience will be recompensed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must seize the very opportunity to immerse in righteous deeds during the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, and abstain from any form of disobedience.
3. The Muslim *ummah* should continue to indulge in *dhikr*, beseeching and pleading to Allah so as to be spared from any disease outbreaks and natural disasters.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا ﴿٤١﴾ وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً
وَأَصِيلًا ﴿٤٢﴾

"O you who have believed, remember Allah with much remembrance. And exalt Him morning and afternoon."

(al-Ahzaab 33:41-42)

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 الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوَنَ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ



عُمْرُهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ 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 (*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).

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 ﴿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.